



Minutes City of Sacramento Design Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Edmonds Chandler
David Nybo, Chair
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James Fong, AIA, NCARB
Brian Sehnert, AIA, LEED, Vice Chair

Hideki "Kit" Miyamoto, SE
Todd Rudd

CITY STAFF:

William Crouch, AIA, FRAIA, NCARB, Urban Design Manager/Design Director
Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect
Sheryl Patterson, Senior Deputy City Attorney

New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chambers

April 16, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.

The City Design Commission was created by the City Council. Its powers and duties include: to develop and recommend to the City Council policies and programs in support of the urban design program, including but not limited to urban design policies appropriate for inclusion in the General Plan and other regulatory plans and programs of the City; develop and recommend standards for review of development projects in addition to those standards set forth in Title 17, Chapter 17.132, of the City Code, and forward the recommended policies and standards to the City Council for the City Council's consideration and adoption; evaluate and submit comments and recommendations on proposed plans, public and private development projects, and environmental reviews that are not subject to review under Title 17, Chapter 17.132 of the City Code and that may affect the physical development of and urban design in the city, in coordination with the review and action by the City Council, Planning Commission, or other public agencies on the plan, project, or environmental review; to review and approve design projects of major significance and appeals of the Design Director decisions per the Design Review Chapter, Title 17, Chapter 17.132, of the City Code.

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You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Design Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call- All commissioners present.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

1. **Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2008**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission Minutes from February 20, 2008

Contact: William Crouch, Urban Design Manager, (916) 808-8013

Action: Voice vote all in favor (6:0:0) to approve minutes.

Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Chair at the discretion of the Commission. If you challenge the decision of this Commission you may be limited to raising only those issues that are raised in this hearing or in written correspondence received by the Commission prior to the hearing.

None

Staff Reports

Staff reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

2. **DR07-350 Meridian Plaza Phase II Office Tower** (noticed 04/03/08)

Location: 1112 15th St; Council District 1

Recommendation: Receive and Provide Direction; Item A: Environmental Determination: TBD; **Item B:** New-Commercial Applicant proposes to construct a twenty-four-story commercial building.

Contact: Matthew Sites, Associate AIA, 916-808-7646; Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect 808-5957

Action: No public comment. Received and direction provided. Commissioners Chandler and Rudd recused themselves.

3. **M07-016 Monthly Design Review Activity Report**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect, 808-5957

Action: Received and filed.

4. M07-050 Design Commission Follow Up Log

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect, 808-5957

Action: Received and filed.

Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda

5. None

Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members

- 6. Staff member Matt Sites brought up the new staff report format and asked for the Commissioners comments. Commissioner Miyamoto asked that important items be bolded. Commissioner Sehnert asked for additional examples. Chair Nybo stated that the consensus was in favor of the new report.**
- 7. Commissioner Sehnert requested additional clarification on the Green Building Advisory Committee enacted by City Council and an update from the Building Official Bob Chase and staff member Jamie Cutlip on Development Services' Green Building Program. Commissioner Chandler agreed with the need for more information on green building programs and policies.**
- 8. Chair Nybo spoke about the conflict associated with not being able to have Commissioner Chandler speak to and answer the questions of the commission in his role as the landscape architect for the Meridian Plaza Project due to his to recusal. The City Attorney gave clarification that in the future he can come in to answer direct questions.**

Adjournment- 8:32pm