



# Minutes City of Sacramento Design Commission

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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*James Fong, AIA, NCARB  
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*William R. Crouch, AIA, FRAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager  
Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect  
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*New City Hall  
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chambers*

***April 15, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.***

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# MINUTES

## April 15, 2009

*New City Hall  
915 I Street – First Floor, Council Chambers*

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

### Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call – All commissioners present except for Miyamoto.**

### 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 25, 2009**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission Minutes from March 25, 2009.

**Contact:** William R. Crouch, AIA, FRAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager

**Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Rudd/Fong; 5:0:1 Abstain-Newton) 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.

#### 2. **DR09-008 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral** (Continued from 3/25/09)

(Noticed on 3/06/09)

**Location:** 2620 Capitol Avenue, District 3, 007-0166-014-0000

**Recommendation: Approve- Item A:** Environmental Impact Report; **Item B:** Mitigation Monitoring Plan; **Item C:** Rehabilitation-Non residential request to develop a 70,000 square foot 4 story church previously approved by the Design Review and Preservation Board.

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

**No public comment. Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Nybo/Newton; 5:0:1 Recusal-Chandler) to approve staff recommendation with amended conditions.**

#### 3. **M05-084 Recommendation of Design Commission that the City Council adopt the Sacramento Central City Urban Design Guidelines Sections 1-3**

(Noticed on 4/03/09)

**Location:** Central City (Districts 1, 3 and 4)

**Recommendation: Forward Recommendation of Approval to City Council- Item A:** Environmental Exemption (Per CEQA 15061(b)(3)); **Item B:** Adopt the Sacramento

Central City Urban Design Guidelines Sections 1-3 to be applicable to the Central Core Design Review District.

**Contact:** Greg Taylor, AIA, Senior Urban Designer, 916-808-5268; Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, Senior Architect, 916-808-5957; William R. Crouch, AIA, FRAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager, 916-808-8013

**No public comment. Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Chandler/Fong; 6:0:0) to forward recommendation of approval to City Council.**

### Staff Reports

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

#### **4. M09-017 Merger of Planning and Design Commission**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation: Review and Comment-** on the proposed merger of the Planning and Design Commission.

**Contact:** Matthew Sites, Associate AIA, Design Review Staff, (916) 808-7646; William R. Crouch, AIA, FRAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager, (916) 808-8013; David Kwong, AICP, Planning Manager (916) 808-2691

**Action: Bill Thomas, Director of the Development Services Department, asked that the commission continue this item so they can provide more information at a later date. Moved, seconded, and carried (Nybo/Chandler; 6:0:0) to continue this item.**

### Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda

#### **5. None.**

### Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members

**6. City Staff, Bill Crouch, asked if the commission would like him to provide a detailed staff report regarding Citywide Design Review, possibly at the next meeting. The report would show how staff sees this process working and the possibility for a joint Ad Hoc Committee with Planning and Design Commissioners. He also talked about support from City Council for Citywide Design Review.**

**7. Commissioner Newton asked about the status of the Downtown Plaza project. Bill Crouch said he has not received any updates on this project but will report back to the commission when he receives information.**

**8. Chair Sehnert noted that the commissioner comments documented in the minutes are helpful for consistency and tracking purposes.**

### Adjournment – 7:15 pm