



Minutes City of Sacramento Design Commission

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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

*Edmonds Chandler, Chair
David Nybo
Phyllis Newton, Vice Chair*

*James Fong, AIA, NCARB
Brian Sehnert, AIA, LEED*

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Todd Rudd*

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*William R. Crouch, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager
Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, LEED AP, Senior Architect
Sheryl Patterson, Senior Deputy City Attorney*

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

March 16, 2011 – 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 for inclusion in the General Plan; develop standards for review, evaluate and submit comments on items that are not subject to review under Title 17, Chapter 17.132 of the City Code and that may affect the physical development of urban design in the city; to approve design projects of major significance and appeals of the Design Director per the Design Review Chapter, Title 17, Chapter 17.132, of the City Code.

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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 Rudd.

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 from January 12, 2011**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission Minutes from January 12, 2011.

Contact: William R. Crouch, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager, 916-808-8013

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Newton/Fong; 5:0:0) 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.

2. **P10-058 2500 R Housing Project** (Continued from 1/12/11)

(Noticed on 3/04/11 & 12/21/10)

Location: 1/2 block on R Street between 25th and 26th Street, District 4, 010-0043-001-0000

Recommendation: Approve - Item A: Environmental Exemption (Per CEQA 15332);
Item B: Design Review for the development of 34 detached single family residential units in the Central City Design Review District.

Contact: Elise Gumm, LEEP AP, Associate Planner, 916-808-1927, Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, LEED AP, Senior Architect, 916-808-5957

Public comment made by Peter Manston and Karen Jacques.

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Nybo/Fong; 5:0:0) to approve staff recommendation with amended conditions.

3. **P10-089 Courtyard Condominiums** (Noticed on 3/04/11)

Location: 1918 24th Street, District 4, 010-0036-011-0000, 010-0036-012-0000

Recommendation: Approve - Item A: Environmental Exemption (Per CEQA 15332);
Item B: Design Review for a 6-unit multi-family development with separate 5-car garage building in the Central City Design Review District.

Contact: David Hung, Associate Planner, 916-808-5530; Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, LEED AP, Senior Architect, 916-808-5957

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Fong/Sehnert; 5:0:1, Recuse- Chandler) to continue item to April 20, 2011.

Staff Reports

Staff reports include oral presentations including those recommending Receive and File.

4. **IR11-041 The Gateway on Fremont Park** (Noticed on 3/04/11)
Location: 1601 16th Street, District 3, 006-0293-001-0000, 006-0293-002-0000, 006-0293-026-0000

Recommendation: Review and Comment- Design Review for a residential mixed use project consisting of 30 residential units with ground floor retail in the Central Core Design Review District. This is a Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) project and is only subject to review and comment.

Contact: Evan Compton, Associate Planner, 916-808-5260; Luis R. Sanchez, AIA, LEED AP, Senior Architect, 916-808-5957

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Sehnert/Nybo; 5:0:0) to support this project with the additional comments provided.

5. **Recognition of Chair** (Oral)

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Recognition of outgoing chair, Brian Sehnert.

Contact: William R. Crouch, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Urban Design Manager, 916-808-8013

Action: Received and Filed.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

6. **None.**

Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members

7. **Vice Chair Newton discussed the design standards regarding neighborhood character and concerns. Commissioner Sehnert discussed that there should possibly be discussion at a higher level, such as Council and staff. Bill Crouch noted that staff has already met with the AIA at their request and will meet again to talk about the process in general and how to improve things. He also mentioned that they could invite the AIA to one of their meetings for further discussion. There is a possibility of forming a subcommittee to participate in these discussions with the AIA when they come up. Chair Chandler discussed the original charges of the Commission and providing citizens a voice about design issues.**
8. **City Staff, Bill Crouch, updated the commission on the status of Commissioner Miyamoto's position. The Mayor and council have made a recommendation and**

will make the appointment before the next meeting. They hope to have his position filled by the next Design Commission meeting in April.

9. Commissioner Sehnert confirmed that there will be an April Design Commission meeting, as the Courtyard Condominium item was continued to that date.

Adjournment – 7:34 PM