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Chandra Moore is the Director of Design and Founder of coG-studio LLC. She grew up in California where she began her experience working in Architecture firms when she was a student in high school. This experience provided the foundation for her working in established Architecture firms around the world. She received her Bachelors and Masters of Architecture from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2000, with a focus in Digital and Community Visualization. This degree culminated in a design thesis which focused on the meaning and the mechanics of Youth and their Environment. In addition to analyzing Urban Communities like Detroit, Chandra was given the opportunity to practice in the United States, and abroad including China, London, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Tennessee, Washington DC, Minneapolis, and San Francisco where she worked on a joint venture with London's Architecture firm Zaha Hadid.

As a Lead Designer within a variety of Architecture Firms, she has had the opportunity to design 34,000 square foot Therapeutic Wellness Center for The Saben Center in Los Angeles; the child-parent rooms at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis Tennessee; and provide both design and construction administration services for the Detroit Riverwalk Pavilions. With her vast experience, she continues to push design forward within Urban communities. In addition, she has served as a Professor at the University of Detroit Mercy-School of Architecture; Lawrence Technology University-School of Architecture; and has served as a guest lecturer at The University of Michigan-School of Architecture.

With over twenty years of professional experience in all aspects of Architectural Design, Construction Administration, and Community Development, in 2011 she started coG-studio. She continues to push design within her team as they provide unique opportunities and solutions for working families, young professionals, and developers. As she has worked on a variety of projects from the 20 acre Detroit Medical Center Courts, to the Detroit Future City, her passion remains in revitalizing Urban Communities. In 2019, she was awarded the Spirit of Detroit Award, and in 2018 the National Design Award. She is on a variety of boards for youth in Detroit, where she resides with her husband and two children. Her work has been published in Interior Design Magazine, The Plan Magazine in Milano, Habitat for Humanity, and Positive Detroit. coG-studio is currently revamping the way families live, while improving the return on investment for Real Estate Developers across the country and Fortune 500 Companies.



AWARDS | HONORS

Spirit of Detroit Award – ('19)
National Design Award – ('18)
AIA Detroit Honor Award – ('18)
Detroit Home Award – Retail ('18)
Detroit Home Award – Residential ('18)
Detroit Home Award – Commercial ('18)
40 Under 40 – Michigan Chronicle ('18)
People's Choice Winner AIA Detroit Honor Awards – Sugar Hills Arts District Development ('17)
Entrepreneurs of Color Fund – Sankofa
Black Business Awards Gala – ('17)
Designing Stars– Best of Michigan Business Awards – ('17)
Interior Design Magazine – 10 Questions with Chandra Moore
Detroit Home Award ('15)
Enterprise Woman of the Year Award ('15)
Associate Director of Detroit AIA ('15)
"[re]vitalizing Architecture in an Urban Community ('10)
20/20 Vision – NOMA Detroit Recognition
Mackinaw Policy Conference - W.F Kellogg Foundation Early Childhood Education ('15)

SELECTED PROJECT PORTFOLIO

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Lead Designer for the retail portion at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra working with Midtown Detroit, Inc. coG-Studio was asked to create an ambassadorial concierge space in a prominent street level corner of the DSO's historic facility on Woodward Ave. in Detroit. On a quick time line, coG transformed the corner of Woodward and parsons into a chic, luxurious gathering space for symphony patrons to meet, mingle and shop rotation Midtown retail vendors before and after the performances at the DSO. This was completed 2016.

Medical Center Courts

Lead Designer for the 20 Acre mixed-use site. Medical Center Courts is the first low-to-moderate income housing in Detroit. The Plymouth Nonprofit Housing Corporation once again has a vision for the site what will significantly contribute to the future of the city. The organization is interested in creating a replicable, sustainable, mixed-use development on the site that will positively impact the lives of the people in the community. This project due to funding was never under construction.

Perimeter Circle

Lead Designer for 485 Units of a Multifamily Residential site. coG's work with a large multi-family residential developer has led to differential design within the Atlanta area. coG has assessed market standards for various demographics and the amenities that attract them. Perimeter Circle is geared toward younger professionals with fun, chic model materials, ample gathering spaces and shared business/ entertainment center at the leasing office.

Skygate Apartments

Lead Designer for 445 Unit Multifamily Living. coG-Studio redesigned their lobbies, leasing office, conference room, management office and pool area as well as stage two model units for showing to potential renters. In addition to bringing the spaces a more modern and clean appearance, coG-Studio added a fitness center and Wi-Fi café. As a result of these remodels and additional amenities, Skygate Apartments increased their occupancy from 80% to 95% by appealing to young professionals and families.

Detroit Future City

Lead Designer for the Youth Engagement section of the overall Masterplan for Detroit Future City Strategic Framework. Lead many workshops, community meetings and created detailed maps and renderings based on the community feedback. Detroit Future City is a comprehensive master plan that started in 2010. It is being used today as the start of transforming of Detroit.

Recovery Park

Lead Designer for the 180 Acre mixed-use site. SHAR (Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides a variety of substance abuse services in the in the Metro Detroit area. The scope includes retail, fish farms, walking/biking paths, and Multi-family living.

Skillman Foundation

Project Designer for the six-masterplans for the mixed-use Neighborhood. The Southwest Detroit Community has a population of nearly 88,000. Lead many workshops and produced visual representations of the dynamic visions planned for the six neighborhoods where The Skillman Foundation is focusing its efforts.

DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY (DEPSA)

Project Manager and Lead Designer for the one Acre mixed-use site. Lead stakeholders and the DEPSA board through a twelve-week workshop to create the Early Childhood Center. The center is designed with spaces such as a sensory garden, healthcare center, reading hill, community gymnasium, and a koi pond that would welcome and connect the surrounding community to the facility. In addition to the activity spaces, the center has a learning center for early childhood and adult training. The location is located within the Eastern Market District of Detroit.

PUBLICATIONS OF DESIGN WORK

Curbed Detroit – ('18)
Detroit USA – ('18)
910 AM Radio - ('18)
Model D – Detroit Architect ('18)
Neighborhood with Detroit – ('18)
Detroit Free Press –('18)
WXYZ Channel 7 – Hill Harper Foundation
"Filling the Void" – The Plan Magazine –
Milano, The Dense City Detroit. ('10)
"Shrinking Cities" – NPR Interview ('10)
"The Future Design of Detroit" – Positive
Detroit, ('09 article)
"Mobile Exposure" Habitat for Humanity San
Francisco – ('07)
"Molecular Foundry" – CCST Magazine
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