

Zick & Sharp was an American architectural firm from Las Vegas, Nevada, from 1949 to 1980; headed by Walter Zick & Howard Sharp. Walter Frederick Zick was born in New York City on May 2, 1905. He was educated at the University of Southern California, obtaining a Bachelor of Architecture in 1928 and a Master of Education in 1932. Zick was hired originally by the office of Richard Stadelman & Associates, of Las Vegas. Zick grew to love the valley, and remained for the remainder of his career¹. Harris Perry Sharp was born in El Paso, Texas on September 2, 1919. He was educated at the University of Arizona (1937–1938), University of New Mexico (1938–1940), and the University of Southern California, where he received a Bachelor of Architecture in 1943¹. Sharp became a partner in the office of Las Vegas architect A. Lacey Worswick, who was formerly the city's leading practitioner. Sharp left Worswick's office in 1949 to partner with Walter Zick. Zick & Sharp remained in business until Zick's retirement in 1980².

Zick and Sharp are credited with changing the look of post-war Las Vegas. They designed hotels like The Moulin Rouge, The Mint, and the Union Plaza; office buildings like Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital (now UMC), the Flora Dungan Humanities Building at UNLV, and the Twin Lakes Shopping Center; and schools like Hyde Pary Jr. High School, John C. Fremont Jr. High School, Western High School, Valley High School, and Clark High School². One of the first school built by Zich and Sharp was the Lomie G. Heard Elementary School on Nellis Air Force Base. In 2017, the Nevada Senate Committee on Judiciary recognized Zick and Sharp as “Renowned architects” who built 200 homes in the Paradise Village in the early 1950’s originally for the workers on the Las Vegas Strip³.

Union Plaza ⁴



Clark High School ⁵



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The Mint Hotel ¹



Maude Frazier Hall- UNLV ⁶



Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital ⁸



Moulin Rouge Hotel ⁷



Bonanza High School ⁹



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