

**ACTION MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2014**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Roberts, Tobias, Vavoulis, Director of Community Development Stanley, Planners Gjolme and Clarke.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Minutes - 12/19/2013 Design Commission meeting. Approved with changes. 5-0.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **Design Review 13-15;** Orchard Flats Cold Pressed Juicery; 838½ Foothill Blvd.; façade changes and new wall sign.

Planner Clarke gave a brief overview of the project and new information since the last meeting.

Commissioner Tobias liked the project but noted the entirety of it should have come to the Commissioner prior to construction.

The Commission agreed that the changes were attractive and well thought out.

M/S/C Roberts/Hoopes to approve the project as submitted. Unanimous 5-0.

- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **Design Review 13-16 & 13-17 (final);** Gelson's Market; 635 Foothill Blvd.; new internally-illuminated wall signs and outdoor furniture.

Planner Gjolme noted revisions to the project that the Commission had suggested in December had been made to the west wall signs. He also explained that final Design Review approval would precede Variance review by the Planning Commission, which was delayed due to a legal noticing mistake by the newspaper.

The Commission appreciated removal of the "Super" copy from the main wall sign, which was awkward and did not fit with the rest of the sign.

M/S/C Vavoulis/Roberts to approve the revised signs and outdoor furniture. Unanimous 5-0.

**B. Design Review 13-20;** Grandpoint Bank; 964 Foothill Blvd.; new wall signs.

Planner Gjolme outlined the request for new corporate signage for Grandpoint Bank, which has acquired Gilmore Bank. In general, the request was well regarded, with exception of the main wall sign along Foothill Blvd., which included considerable white field area on the ends, which staff regarded as distracting and unnecessary.

The Commission agreed and felt the white field color was too strong and detracted from the overall look of the main wall sign.

Commissioner Roberts suggested several alternative designs, which the applicant agreed to discuss with bank representatives.

M/S/C Vavoulis/Roberts to continue the item to explore alternate designs for main wall sign. Unanimous 5-0.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. Design Review 10-04;** Zentmyer Building; 1434 Foothill Blvd.; review of rear parking lot light standards.

Director Stanley explained that light standards for the rear parking lot have been required for the project as part of the plan check process. Said standards were not reviewed as part of the project originally and the Commission's input was sought at this time.

The Commission had no major issues with the lights as proposed given their location, and preferred use of the dark bronze fixtures.

M/S/C Tobias/Vavoulis to approve the lighting as proposed. Unanimous 5-0.

**B. Discussion on joint Planning Commission and Design Commission meeting to discuss Electronic Message Centers.**

The Commission's consensus was for an evening meeting in February.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:** There were none.

**X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 a.m.