

**ACTION MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Roberts, Tobias, Director of Community Development Stanley and Planner Gjolme. Commissioners Hoopes and Vavoulis were absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Pat Anderson commented on the candidate's forum and the traffic complaints from the public.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
A. Minutes - January 3, 2012 Meeting. Said minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to the lack of a voting quorum.
- VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
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A. **Design Review 11-07 (amendment);** Ankor Realty; 737 Foothill Blvd.; request to amend conditions of approval to allow installation of gooseneck lighting.

Planner Gjolme gave a brief overview of the amendment request.

Commissioner Roberts agreed that backlighting of signs can prove ineffective.

M/S/C Tobias/Roberts to approve the request subject to staff confirmation of the fixtures. Unanimous 3-0.

B. **Design Review 13-01;** Giuseppe's Pizzeria; 456 Foothill Blvd. #D; new internally illuminated wall sign.

Planner Gjolme outlined the request to install a new illuminated wall sign.

Applicant Arbi Manukian explained the options available to revise the sign's composition per staff's direction.

Commissioner Roberts felt the broken font could be difficult to read with individual push-through letters. He suggested an irregular backdrop for the letters to ensure better contrast and legibility.

Commissioner Tobias agreed and felt that the unique typeface/copy style warranted use of a surrounding field, the result of which would be a partially acrylic sign face.

Planner Gjolme noted that the metal returns and wrapped portions that would blend into the sign's field were adequate and disqualified the sign from being considered a 'can' sign.

Commissioner Tobias stressed that the partial acrylic face was validated by the originality and style of the copy and would not normally be allowed. He also preferred use of a darker red for the copy where proposed.

M/S/C Roberts/Tobias to approve the sign subject to: the sign's returns shall be dark bronze or matte black and shall wrap around the sides to form a partial sign field with a 3"-4" border from the copy/logo. Said copy and border shall be allowed to be composed of translucent acrylic with a matte finish in a lozenge shape that ties into the metal field in accord with the sketch provided by Commissioner Roberts and incorporated as part of Design Review 13-01; approved colors shall be dark red, green and a non-white ivory. Color samples shall be provided for staff verification prior to issuance of permits and installation of the sign. Unanimous 3-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Design Review 11-04; Wing Stop; 1975 Verdugo Blvd.; discussion of amendment to prior sign program to allow internally-illuminated channel letter wall sign(s).

Planner Gjolme explained that this was an informal request to garner the Commission's opinion on modifying the approved sign program to allow a channel letter wall sign at Wing Stop.

The Commission's strong consensus was to retain the existing sign program and not allow new channel letter signs.

Planner Gjolme stated he would pass along the Commission's opinion to the applicant/owner.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Roberts noted that the annual flowers at the Unocal 76 Station at Foothill Blvd./Angeles Crest Highway are dead and need to be replaced.

Commissioner Tobias commented on the lack of traffic light coordination at the intersection of Commonwealth/Foothill. The time cycle for the signalization is way off and needs to be fixed. He asked if staff could look into the matter and consult with Edward Hitti, the Director of Public Works, to resolve the problem.

X COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Director Stanley informed Commissioner Roberts that the streetscape plan needed to be completed prior to mid-year budget.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09.