

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Commissioners Fuelling and King were also present. Both Vice Chairman Hoopes and Commissioner Balcazar were absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A. Minutes – 12/15/2016 DC Meeting – M/S/C – King/Moldafsky to approve the minutes with the minor change to remove “not” on page 4 of the minutes. approved 3-0.
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- A. **Design Review 17-04;** Anderson Ballard; 1313 Foothill Blvd.: new monument sign and wall sign in conjunction with building refurbishing. –

Planner Gjolme gave a presentation in accordance with the staff report. He explained that a multi-tenant monument sign and wall sign are proposed. The multitenant sign is proposed to be oriented perpendicular to the street. The wall sign is located above the main entry. Staff finds the proposed logo to be appealing and transitions to an easy-to-read copy below. Composite letters will be pin-mounted. The sign designs go well with the architectural style of the building.

Mr. Gjolme showed the Commission royal blue and tan color samples. The top cap of the monument sign is dark blue and the overall height of the sign is six feet tall. Staff feels that the vertical sign is good in proportion to the building. The siting and materials are appealing and staff finds the sign to be distinguishable and legible. It is proposed to be externally lit. At this time, the applicant is not sure how many tenant name slots will be needed on the monument sign. Mr. Gjolme informed the Commission that eight slots are allowed by code.

Mr. Gjolme explained that the sign is undersized and well-below code standards. He suggested to the Commission that ten tenant name slots be allowed as opposed to eight.

Mr. Gjolme said that he could make positive findings and recommended approval.

Speaker, Gary Swanson, the subject property owner, said that he was all right with eight tenant name slots being permitted. As to placement of the sign, he would like it to be placed near the first window to the right of the entrance.

Commissioner King asked if the sign will be placed in a planter or sidewalk.

Mr. Swanson said that it would be in the planter.

Director Stanley said that the existing Fichus tree would be removed. He explained that final placement would be subject to staff review. A condition will be added to reflect the position of the sign.

M/S/C King/Fuelling to approve the sign with the condition that the tenant identification slots be in compliance with the City standard of eight slots and final siting will be reviewed by staff and the Director to ensure that the sign is in line with the column. Approved 3-0.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Fuelling raised the issue of LED signs and that they are easier to read than non-LED signs.

Mr. Gjolme explained that both the Planning Commission and City Council do not support LED signage.

Moldafsky asked staff for clarification on procedures for removal of LED signs that are not allowed.

Mr. Stanley said that Code Enforcement would become involved.

Chairman Moldafsky asked what the fine was.

Mr. Stanley explained that the first violation is \$200, the next is \$500 on up to \$1,000. If compliance is still not gained, then a percentage is added on and ultimately, the City Prosecutor would become involved if compliance had still not been gained.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: There were none.

IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Gjolme explained that at the last Planning Commission meeting that La Canada Imports' monument sign was unanimously approved. The sign proposal would be going back before the Design Commission for final review most likely at the next meeting.

Mr. Stanley explained that a condition was included that the sign could be located within 30 feet of the existing pole sign on the site.

Commissioner Fuelling asked if the sign would be placed on the north side of the driveway.

Mr. Gjolme said that it would be placed on the eastern edge of the western driveway.

X. ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C Fuelling/King to adjourn at 7:59 a.m. Approved 3-0.