

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Roberts, Vavoulis, Planners Gjolme and Clarke. Commissioner Tobias was absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:** Tabled until the next meeting.
- V. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Minutes - 2/6/2014 Design Commission meeting. Approved 3-0-1. Abstain - Commissioner Roberts.
- VII. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
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  - A. **Design Review 14-02;** Crystal Vapor; 2259 Foothill Blvd.; new internally-illuminated wall sign and unlit monument sign panel.

Planner Clarke gave an overview of the request for a new wall sign that utilized red/blue letters in a stylish font. A new tenant panel for the center's monument sign was also proposed. Staff supported the request and noted the sign's consistency with other blue and red signs in the center.

The Commission had no questions for staff.

Applicant Egiche Sahakian presented an alternate sign design and was available to answer questions.

Commissioner Hoopes confirmed that white returns were proposed the sign. He also inquired whether the letters included black borders as shown on the plans.

Mr. Sahakian stated that there would be black outlines on the faces of the letters.

Commissioner Hoopes asked what the 'real' colors were, noting that printed colors are often different from the actual colors. Colors were confirmed through review of the business card.

Business owner Romie Galbraith stated the business card and sign colors would be identical.

Commissioner Hoopes liked the first sign version the best. He thought it was much more stylish.

Commissioner Roberts really liked the business card design and thought the sign as proposed was just 'ok'. He would like to see the graphics that go with the text on the business card incorporated into the wall sign, but not to the point where an approval condition would be required. He also stated his preference for reverse channel letters.

Mr. Galbraith clarified that the letters would be both halo and face lit.

Commissioner Roberts did not like the white returns. He preferred black returns. He also preferred a white field for the panel on the monument sign.

Commissioner Vavoulis agreed with Commissioner Roberts' comments and thought the original submittal was preferable.

M/S/C Vavoulis/Hoopes to approve the original submittal. Unanimous 4-0.

**B. Design Review 14-03; Sport Clips; 890 Town Center Drive; new internally-illuminated wall sign.**

Planner Gjolme gave an overview of the new wall sign, which would employ black and red channel letters and a subordinate light bar. The building's location at the far end of the Town Center warranted use of channel letters for visibility. He invited the Commission's input as to whether the light bar constituted a 'can'-sign element and if it needed to be revised.

Robert May, applicant, and Adam Ralphs, business owner, were available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Hoopes asked if the sign was a corporate trademark.

Planner Gjolme responded that it was. He researched dozens of logos online and noted that they were all the same as the sign currently proposed.

Commissioner Hoopes thought the light bar would dominate the sign at night. An increase to the stroke width in the "Haircuts" copy would help reduce the lighting.

Mr. May added that a partially opaque acrylic face (spec. 73/28) could be used to diffuse the light bar.

The Commission did not regard the light bar as a 'can'-sign element and was amenable to the more opaque face.

M/S/C Vavoulis/Hoopes to approve the sign with an increase to the opacity of the (73/28) light-bar face. Unanimous 4-0.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no other business.

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Hoopes stated that he attended Tuesday's City Council meeting where the City's new Tree Guidelines were discussed. He felt the Commission should have copies of the final Ordinance and Guidelines when completed.

Planner Gjolme responded that the Ordinance was complete and recently adopted and minor revisions were needed for the Guidelines.

**XI. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** Staff had no other comments.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m.