

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky convened the meeting 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. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A.** Minutes – January 3, 2013, February 7, 2013 and February 21, 2013 meetings. The January 3, 2013 and February 21, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted. The February 7, 2013 minutes were continued due to lack of a voting quorum.
- VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There were no continued public hearings.
- VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- A. Design Review 13-02;** Hill Street Café; 1004 Foothill Blvd.; 375 sq. ft. ADA bathroom addition.

Planner Clarke gave a brief overview of the project, which involved rear expansion of the existing restaurant to provide two new ADA bathrooms. The project was minor and to the rear and would be unseen from Foothill Blvd. Parking would not be affected though some landscaping would be removed.

The Commission had no specific questions other than noting that some parking lot landscaping would be lost to accommodate the addition. Although it would be desirable to restore the landscaping elsewhere on site, the Commission realized that there were no areas that could be utilized effectively for replacement plantings.

M/S/C Hoopes/Vavoulis to approve the project as submitted. Unanimous 4-0.

- B. Design Review 13-04;** Weightwatchers; 895 Foothill Blvd., Suite B; new wall signs.

Planner Gjolme outlined the request to install new internally illuminated cabinet signs with routed letters at the front and rear of the business. He noted that the signs were sleek and efficient and appreciated the dilution of the blue sign field. He questioned how well a metal cabinet sign would integrate with the subject building, but felt marginal approval findings were possible given the design and

character of Building "F" as a whole and the precedent of illuminated signs used by neighboring tenants.

Commissioner Hoopes felt the sign was very similar to a can sign and did not think it worked with the building.

Commissioner Roberts agreed and felt that externally illuminated individual letters were a better choice given the building's proximity to Foothill Blvd.

Applicant Dennis Stout noted that the installation of individual letters could be difficult considering the brick façade.

Planner Gjolme confirmed that the Commission's concern was mainly with the boxed form of the sign, not the varying blue field color.

The Commission felt a continuance was in order to explore more subtle design alternatives.

M/S/C Vavoulis/Roberts to continue the item for design revisions. Unanimous 4-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: There were no comments.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Planner Gjolme informed the Commission that the City Council would be discussing a draft reader board ordinance at the April 1, 2013 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m.