

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON MARCH 22, 2012**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Roberts, Tobias, Consulting Architect Cantrell and Planner Gjolme. Commissioner Vavoulis was absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no comments.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** No items.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Design Review 11-29; Unocal 76; 1001 Foothill Blvd.; new signs and landscaping for service station.

Consulting architect Cantrell updated the project since the last meeting, noting the landscape, canopy and signage revisions that have occurred since input/direction from the Subcommittee of Commissioners Roberts and Tobias.

Commissioner Tobias commented that pole lights are not needed adjacent to the driveways, but that ground lighting in the planters was acceptable.

Commissioner Roberts noted that the Brisbane Box tree in the planter along Angeles Crest Hwy. was incorrectly located on the plan and needed to be shifted to the south to enable reading of the price sign.

Commissioner Tobias stated that the back curb of the corner planter may need to be reconfigured to accommodate the required 60"-box oak tree to be planted.

Tony Mastrangelo - Promotion Plus Inc. - stated that the red field for the monument sign was not identified as an issue during the subcommittee site meetings and the preference was to retain the red.

The Commission noted that red is typically muted to burgundy but given the other concessions made, it was acceptable.

A mock-up of the canopy was presented to demonstrate the perimeter LED lighting, which was regarded as subtle and appropriate by the Commission.

The Commission confirmed that the signs would employ metal field with matte finishes.

The field color of the wall sign was discussed. The corporate green was unacceptable. The Commission endorsed the bronze field color as shown on the plans.

Commissioner Hoopes noted that the price sign field and cabinet colors were different shades of silver/gray.

There was Commission consensus to use the same field and cabinet color for the price sign and employ a matte finish as used for the monument sign.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned and moved upstairs to the Planning Department Conference Room.

The meeting was reconvened and remaining landscaping and building color items were discussed.

M/S/C Tobias/Roberts to approve the project with the following revised/additional conditions: The intensity of the illumination provided by the LED accent lighting strips along the top of the canopy shall be reviewed and approved on site by staff and a subcommittee member, with muting required if necessary to achieve the proper intensity, prior to occupancy clearance; The 76 signs on the canopy shall have perforated metal faces and matte finishes, subject to staff review prior to permit issuance; The price sign along Angeles Crest Highway shall employ a stone cap along the base matching the monument sign at the corner. Said sign's field and cabinet color shall be silver as indicated on the plans submitted as part of Design Review 11-29 and shall include a matte finish; A 60" box California live oak shall be installed in the corner planter, with the back curb of said planter adjusted as needed to accommodate the tree. Up-lighting of the tree shall be provided, subject to staff approval prior to occupancy clearance; Three pole lights shall be allowed; one at the northeast corner adjacent to the driveway along Angeles Crest Hwy. and one at the southwest corner adjacent to the west driveway on Foothill Blvd., and one new light along the west property line, with specific siting per the discretion of the applicant. Pole color shall be dark green to match nearby City pole lights; Lighting fixtures for the approved pole lights shall be subject to staff approval based on review of cut sheets; The 7-Eleven wall sign is approved in accord with the design and colors submitted as part of DR 11-29, except that the field metal color for said sign shall be light anodized bronze instead of green, no darker than the brown shown on the March 22, 2012 Design Commission drawing set, subject to staff confirmation prior to installation; (con't)

The price sign in the planter along Angeles Crest Hwy. shall be shifted approximately 10 feet to the north. The 24" Brisbane Box tree located in said planter shall be moved approximately 5 feet to the south. Staking of the tree's location shall be required prior to planting in order to ensure the price sign's visibility; The monument sign and price sign shall utilize metal fields with matte finishes, exclusive of the individual numbers inserted for price display; Sedum Red Carpet shall be used in the corner planter in place of Persicaria Microcephala; Primary colors for the building shall be Benjamin Moore HC-86 KINGSPORT GRAY (stucco) and Benjamin Moore 2108-30 BROWN HORSE (trim). Unanimous 4-0.

- VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There were no public hearings.
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:** None
- IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:** No comments
- X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** No comments
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.