

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON APRIL 18, 2013**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky convened the meeting at 7:30 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Moldafsky, Roberts, Vavoulis, Community Development Director Stanley and Planner Clarke. Commissioner Tobias was absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A.** Minutes –February 7, 2013 and March 7, 2013 meetings.
- 2/7/13 minutes continued due to lack of a quorum.
- 3/7/13 minutes approved Hoopes/Roberts 4-0.
- VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- A. Design Review 12-17;** Bank of America; 537 Foothill Blvd.; new ATM sunscreen.
- Director Stanley gave an update of the proposal.
- Eric Torres (general contractor) noted revisions on the plan submitted.
- Commissioner Vavoulis asked is the shed roof color could be changed.
- Mr. Torres said it matched the color of the shed roof to the right of the building entrance.
- Commissioner Hoopes asked if any sun studies had been completed to see if roof would provide shading.
- Mr. Torres said that sun would be issue in late afternoon – ADA issues.
- Commissioner Hoopes said that the proposal came out really nice.
- Commissioner Roberts asked if the wood would be stained. Tiles should be painted to match.
- Chair Moldafsky said that the proposal was a big improvement over the previous submission.

Commissioner Roberts asked if the footings would be painted.

Mr. Torres said that the footings would be covered.

Commissioner Vavoulis asked about the specs for the footings.

Mr. Torres said that he will be required to apply for permits from the Building Department and they will be checked at that time.

M/S/C Roberts/Vavoulis to approve the request as submitted with wood finish to be a dark stained color and all bases wrapped with ties to match the wood. Approved 4-0.

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

Director Stanley gave an update of the case. The Commission had wanted to see alternatives.

No questions were asked of staff.

Commissioners agreed that the new proposal was an improvement over what was previously submitted.

Dennis Stout was the applicant and represented the sign company.

Commissioner Vavoulis asked if the company was losing its logo. He liked the old logo.

Commissioner Roberts thought it was a bit of a disappointment. It is a charming building and a disappointing sign. It could have been more interesting. It was a bad corporate decision.

Commissioner Hoopes agreed with Commissioner Roberts. Better than before but it still was not interesting.

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. FY 2013/2014 Budget Requests/Discussion

Director Stanley spoke about budgets in the past and the current proposed budget. He gave a timeline for the budget process.

Commissioner Roberts spoke about the streetscape plan. He has some work done but it is in raw state and not finished yet. He needed graphics done.

Commissioner Hoopes spoke about sidewalks and replacing them with the right color. He also spoke about the hazards of tripping. He wanted to add sidewalk drawings.

Commissioner Roberts mentioned the rigidity of Public Works.

Commissioner Vavoulis asked if it was a budget item or a protocol issue.

Director Stanley said that they could have a subcommittee from the Commissions and hire someone to prepare manual later with details provided - DVSP Manual.

Commissioner Vavoulis asked if the Design Commission had got any funding in the past.

Director Stanley said he will put together a proposal for graphics.

Commissioner Hoopes said he can draw as can Commissioner Roberts. It is a big job covering the length of the entire boulevard.

Director Stanley agreed to research the hiring of a graphics person and will find out cost and time - maybe 40 hours.

Commissioner Hoopes thinks it may be more hours.

Director Stanley asked Commissioners Roberts and Hoopes to give him estimates and then he can go back for more funding.

Commissioner Roberts wanted the entire boulevard addressed and not just the DVSP.

Director Stanley asked if Roger Cantrell could do the work.

Commissioner Roberts said they needed a graphics person.

Commissioner Hoopes spoke about drawings - particularly critical areas.

Director Stanley spoke about details in the manual.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

There were no comments.

X COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Director Stanley said that the tree ordinance was going back to City Council with a deodar district. The Town Center subcommittee met with Matt Traino regarding new monument signs.

Commissioner Hoopes did not like the sign's lighting. He was in favor of external up lighting.

Director Stanley spoke about lighting that can't be moved and the sign as a structural element. Sign panels along Angeles Crest Highway - added rock on walls. Too much bare stucco walls, may need to add large boulders.

Commissioner Roberts spoke about landscaping and how they fought him on it.

Chair Moldafsky asked if any plantings on the boulevard had changed.

Commissioner Roberts said it was a stalemate and that there was no cooperation from the developer.

Commissioner Hoopes said that plans need to be approved by Commission.

Chair Moldafsky said it can be appealed to the City Council.

Commissioner Vavoulis spoke about the review process. The project will have to come back for final approval.

Commissioner Roberts said that the landscaping plan will not be coming back to the Commission.

Director Stanley said that Angeles Crest Highway was still open for landscaping review for the areas around the signs.

Commissioner Hoopes said they did not have a coordinated plan.

Commissioner Vavoulis asked for a memo from Commissioner Hoopes to Commission about the outstanding issues with the Town Center.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.