

DESIGN COMMISSION MINUTES
May 14, 2015 Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Also present were Commissioners Balcazar, Hooper and Roberts. Commissioner King was absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Minutes: 4-30-2015 DC Meeting. Approved as submitted. 4-0.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There were none.

A. Preliminary Design of the **Foothill Boulevard Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project** from Leata Lane to Glendale Freeway (SR-2) at Hilliard Avenue.

Planner Gjolme advised that the City Attorney has recommended continuance of the item in order to re-notice the public hearing.

M/S/C Hoopes/Balcazar to continue the item to a date uncertain. Unanimous 4-0.

- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There were none.
- VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. **Discussion:** 2015-2016 Budget requests

Director of Community Development Stanley gave an overview of the upcoming budget process and informed the Commission that certain requests can be made and possibly budgeted for the next fiscal year. As the Commission is aware, travel requests are typically approved for in-state activities only.

Commissioner Hoopes was disappointed that out-of-state requests were routinely denied. He mentioned the annual ICSC conference in Las Vegas and its myriad of topics and information potentially applicable to the City. He felt

that if a request were made in writing and properly detailed/justified, perhaps it might be approved.

Director Stanley mentioned the applicability of local conferences as well, noting one he attended that dealt with private outdoor dining and gathering uses within the public right-of-way, commonly referred to as 'street platforms'.

Chairman Moldafsky reaffirmed his interest in the subject and reminded staff to schedule a future study session for further review.

There was Commission consensus to request funding for in and out-of-state conferences. Commissioner Hoopes would prepare a summary and cost approximation so the City Council would be better informed when reviewing the request.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hoopes gave an overview of the follow-up Oakmont project meeting, noting that it was productive and the project applicants were responsive to staff's input.

Director Stanley expanded on Commissioner Hoopes comments and noted that there was a lack of interaction between the applicant and staff prior to the Commission's initial review of the project. He apologized for this and felt staff and the applicants were now on the same page.

Commissioner Hoopes commented that he did not understand the economics of the project. He has personally researched and is familiar with several similar facilities. It seems that the worst facility is the priciest while the best facility seems to be the most affordable.

Commissioner Roberts left the meeting at 7:57 a.m.

Planner Gjolme noted that expanding the project's footprint might alleviate the floor area at the 3rd-floor level. This could still require a lot coverage variance, but would negate the height variance and likely diminish opposition to the project.

Chairman Moldafsky agreed with the comment and stated that most people at the meeting favored the facility. The size and design of the building was the issue, not the proposed use.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Planner Gjolme confirmed the availability of the Commissioners for the next meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C Hoopes/Balcazar to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 a.m. 3-0.