

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON MAY 17, 2012**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Vavoulis, Planners Gjolme and Clarke. Commissioners Moldafsky and Tobias were absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no comments
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - A. Minutes - April 5, 2012 meeting: Continued to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. Design Review 12-03; Melby & Anderson, LLP; 1060 Valley Sun Way; new wall signs.

Planner Clarke outlined the request to install two new wall signs composed of brushed aluminum; the signs already exist and are simply being moved from the existing offices to the new location in LCF.

The Commission had no questions of staff.

Commissioner Roberts asked if the fascia would be patched and painted before the new signs were installed.

Commissioner Hoopes noted that the address numbers would be moved slightly.

Planner Clarke responded that a condition requiring patching and painting of the fascia would be added.

Commissioner Vavoulis noted that the condition should be included with all approvals.

M/S/C Hoopes/Vavoulis to approve the sign as submitted with the added condition. Unanimous 3-0.

- VII. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Budget;** Fiscal Year Budget 2012-2013.

Planner Gjolme explained that the Council will be holding budget hearings next month and this is the Commission's opportunity to make special requests that require funding beyond normal Dept. operations. Staff favored a request for consultant funding to assist with revising the Sign Ordinance.

Commissioner Vavoulis felt that better parameters for the scope of request were needed prior to an endorsement of the request from the Commission.

Commissioner Hoopes questioned whether \$5,000 and 2 weeks of work would be enough time for a consultant given the issues and complexities of the Sign Ordinance. He felt an assessment meeting with the consultant would help.

Commissioner Roberts felt that consulting planner/architect Cantrell was best suited for the task given his experience and familiarity with the City.

Commissioners Vavoulis and Roberts thought the approach / scope of the request needed to be readdressed and more detail/information provided.

Planner Gjolme responded that the issue could be discussed again at the next meeting, which precedes the June budget meetings with the Council.

The Commission agreed that budget items from 2011 should again be requested.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Vavoulis commented about the bright LED no-right turn signs at the Angeles Crest/Foothill intersection which he regarded as the worst eyesore. The Commission spent so much time on the gas station's design and then it gets these awful signs that ruin the look of the intersection. He was disappointed about the lack of oversight for the signs.

Director of Public Works Hitti spoke to the necessity and effectiveness of the signs.

Commissioner Hoopes inquired about the 7-11 pole sign.

Planner Gjolme explained that the sign was allowed temporarily through a legal agreement between the City and 7-11 and would be removed when the new monument sign for 7-11 is approved by the Commission.

IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: There were no comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.