

**ACTION MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON JUNE 6, 2013**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Tobias and Vavoulis, Planners Gjolme and Clarke. Commissioner Roberts was absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no comments.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - A. Minutes - February 7, 2013 and May 16, 2013 meetings approved as submitted.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
- VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - A. Security roll gates. Discussion item.

Planner Gjolme spoke about Avanti jewelry store being burglarized and the owner's proposal for roll gates. He asked if the gate was located inside the building if could be exempt from Commission review.

Commissioner Tobias wanted the gate to be indoors. He noted that this was considered when Pinkberry was approved.

Chair Moldafsky wanted it inside - within 3 feet of the face of the building.

Commissioner Hoopes was concerned about what could happen in the future to other businesses if it was permitted without review.

Planner Gjolme said that building permits are required for the gates and there is a nexus for review.

Commissioner Hoopes asked if there were costs to the applicant for review by the Commission.

Planner Gjolme said that there was a fee of \$390 for Commission review. He said that the owner was not opposed to coming in for review. He is holding back for now until he gets direction from the Commission.

Commissioner Hoopes said that in the future a more elaborate gate could be proposed and that the Commission would not be able to review.

Planner Gjolme said that he will bring it in for the Commission to review.

There was a general discussion about the burglary by Commissioners.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hoopes spoke about the study session with the City Council and Planning Commission regarding drive-throughs in the downtown area. He noted a consensus having drive-through coffee service with some more review for other services.

Commissioner Tobias asked if they were permitted by code? (No.)

Chair Moldafsky said the same arguments were used and there was no consensus yet.

Commissioner Tobias said that some people wanted it.

Commissioner Hoopes said that the Council also spoke about reader boards. In the downtown and old town they were not appropriate.

Commissioner Tobias said that Councilmember Curtis came to him and wanted him at the meeting regarding this issue. He said that Councilmember Curtis told him that Director Stanley said that Commissioners were unqualified to review reader boards.

Planner Gjolme spoke about the Commission minutes reflecting the opposition of the Commission to reader boards. He noted that staff was aligned with the Commission on the issue and did not want the City to pursue it. The Council could direct staff to do it but that was not staff's position.

Commissioner Tobias suspected that reader boards would be approved at some point in the future.

Chair Moldafsky said issues isolated when presented to Council. Table showed focus. Enforcement issue also discussed.

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Commissioner Tobias asked if the Commission could lobby the Council and put it on a Commission agenda to discuss.

Planner Gjolme noted limited number of places in the city for reader boards.

Commissioner Hoopes spoke about reader boards located at cross walks.

Commissioner Tobias said that moving letters like texting was not permitted.

Planner Gjolme said it may need to come back to the Commission at a later date.

Commissioner Hoopes wanted to wait to see what happens at the Council.

Planner Gjolme said there was a limited time at the Council to make a case.

Commissioner Tobias spoke about dispensers along the boulevard.

Commissioner Vavoulis mentioned Vons - front area loaded up with items including water and firewood. This was an enforcement issue. Items were removed before and brought back.

Planner Gjolme said the next meeting was in two weeks with the IDS monument signs on the agenda. He asked if 11" X 17" sized plans were okay. He spoke about Commissioner Roberts wanting comprehensive sign/landscape plan.

Commissioner Hoopes asked to have one full-sized available at the meeting but not for distribution.

Commissioner Tobias spoke about the need to speak to Matt Traino and get plans.

Commissioner Hoopes was concerned about illumination coming from rock - external lighting almost required.

Planner Gjolme said that Commissioners can pick and choose what they want for lighting.

Commission Vavoulis may not be available for next meeting

X COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.