

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON JULY 28, 2011**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-chairman Hoopes called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Moldafsky, Roberts, Tobias, Planners Gjolme and Clarke and Director of Community Development Stanley. Chairman Vavoulis was absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no comments offered.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A.** Minutes - June 16, 2011 Meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Design Review 11-12; Printsmith/Sossi Jewelry Collection; 837-839 Foothill Blvd.;** new awning and relocation of existing signs.

Planner Clarke gave an overview of the request and color revisions made to the project since the last meeting.

Applicant Paulette Geragos confirmed that the Commission had a rendering for color option #2. She clarified that a colored rendering for the initial proposal was not provided at last week's meeting.

Co-applicant Mike Geragos stated he did not like the original Kale green proposed for the brick column. A darker more appropriate green is now proposed. He felt that color option #2 was appropriate as proposed.

Mrs. Geragos mentioned she wanted to tie the colors of other awnings across the street into proposal for her building. She distributed additional color samples for the Commission to review.

Mr. Geragos clarified the differences between the two options - the main difference being the darker green color for the brick column and a darker brown for the new awnings.

Commissioner Hoopes liked color option #2 in the context of the building's location on the Blvd. He was somewhat troubled by the dark green proposed for the brick and felt painting it might be problematic. He further noted that the awning height reduced the sign-band area and would compress the signage.

Mr. Geragos responded that the awnings could be lowered slightly to increase sign-band area if necessary.

Commissioner Hoopes felt an additional 6"-8" would be adequate.

Commissioner Roberts stated that it might be necessary to specify an overall height for the sign-band area at this time, and allow for the configuration of signage as needed at a later date.

Commissioner Tobias commented that it was more important to specify the sign band borders than the overall sign-band area; that way signage can be configured to work within specified borders.

Commissioner Moldafsky stated that perhaps the precise awning configuration should be determined prior to allowing relocation of the existing signs.

Commissioner Roberts thanked the applicants for their efforts and for providing color samples. He felt the original awning color was very challenging and that extracting building colors from it would be challenging. Future signs could be difficult to approve based on option #1 colors. He thought color option #2 worked much better.

Commissioner Tobias was concerned with the proposed brick color. He preferred to sandblast and cleanup the existing brick.

Commissioner Hoopes responded that he would never sandblast brick given the potential for dramatic changes to texture, color, etc.

Commissioner Roberts noted that the existing brick could be polished.

Commissioner Tobias added that acid washing is also an option.

Mrs. Geragos stated that she appreciates mid-century and traditional styles and was trying to incorporate that 'look' into her building.

Commissioner Hoopes summarized the Commission's preference for color option #2 and felt a motion could be in order, which he summarized.

M/S/C Moldafsky/Tobias to approve color option #2 - Parade Oak (4869) for the awning color, Chester Town Buff (HC-9) for the stucco color, Spice Berry (DEA149) for the brick color, Bittersweet Chocolate (2114-10) for the trim and canopy underside color; sign-band to be sized relative to existing Printsmith plaque and to allow for one additional foot of vertical space in relation to the vertical dimension of said plaque. Staff can allow for minor adjustments to the final awning size; Tiella lighting fixture (800FM90-small) to be used for the underside of the canopy. Bronze housing painted to match Bittersweet Chocolate; Gooseneck lighting fixtures shall be mounted above the existing parapet. Tube bracket (2LSA30) with bronze finish; Shade shall be model RE10. 3-0-1. Abstain - Commissioner Roberts.

- VII. OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no other business.
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:** None
- IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.