

DESIGN COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES
August 20, 2015 Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Also present were Commissioners Hoopes, King and Roberts. Commission Balcazar was absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Minutes: 7-16-2015 DC Meeting. M/S/C Hoopes/King to approve the minutes as submitted. Unanimous 4-0.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There were none.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Design Review 15-14 / Tree Removal Permit 15-09; La Canada Retail, LLC; 965 Foothill Blvd. (Bldg. E); new outdoor dining patio and related improvements.

Director Stanley gave an overview of the request to convert the existing arcade between Sakura and Building "E" of the Town Center into a new outdoor dining patio for Luna Grill. Several trees, including a sycamore would be removed to accommodate the patio.

Commissioner Hoopes questioned whether the trees could be relocated.

Director Stanley felt this could be possible, though he was not certain.

Commissioner Hoopes noted his minor concern with the proposed location of the restaurant door.

Commissioner Roberts noted the absence of trees and wanted to see at least one new tree in conjunction with the project, ideally at both ends of the patio.

Charles Elliott - applicant - commented on the location of existing trees and opportunities for new trees.

Commissioner Hoopes felt the addition of more string lights would draw attention from the other eateries in the Town Center.

Commissioner Roberts noted the absence of shading for the patio and felt enhancement should be included as part of project approval.

In all, the Commission regarded the plan very favorably and looked forward to its completion.

M/S/C Roberts/King to approve the request as submitted subject to: additional shading for the patio shall be demonstrated on a revised site plan, with details/specifications provided as needed, subject to review and approval by the Director of Community Development or his designee prior to issuance of building permits, and landscaping shall be enhanced through the addition of two sycamores in the existing planters north of the dining patio and two Brisbane box trees along Foothill Blvd. to the south. Said trees shall be specified on a revised landscape plan subject to review and approval by the Director of Community Development or his designee and the Public Works Dept. prior to issuance of building permits. Unanimous 4-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: there was none.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Moldafsky thanked the subcommittee and staff for their work on the LC Imports sign.

Commissioner Hoopes and Chairman Moldafsky met with the City Council about the Link project and had a successful discussion about the importance of the bikeway issue.

There remained some concern that the Design Commission was not adequately involved with Public Works projects.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: there were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C Hoopes/Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m. Unanimous 4-0.