

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Also present were Vice Chairman Hoopes, and Commissioner King. Commissioner Balcazar was absent.
- III. **SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER FUELLING:** Commissioner Fuelling was sworn in by Deputy Director Susan Koleda.
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- V. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
  - A. **Minutes** – 5/5/2016, 5/19/2016, 6/2/2016 and 7/21/2016 Meetings - M/S/C King/Hoopes – Approved 3-0-1. Commissioner Fuelling recused himself as he was not present at the meetings listed above.
- VII. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
  - A. **Design Review 13-11 (amendment);** Office services building; 4537 Indianola Way.; amendment to existing approved project to extend project approval for an additional 12 months.

Planner Gjolme gave a brief overview in accordance with the staff report. He suggested revising a condition of approval to extend the project approval an additional 12 months. The project will be kept active to October 17, 2017 and staff can extend this an additional year, if necessary, beyond that. M/S/C – Hoopes/King to approve the requested amendment. Approved 4-0.
- VIII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
  - A. **Design Review 16-11;** A+ Appliance; 823 Foothill Blvd.; exterior facade changes and associated signage for new appliance business.

Consultant Roger Cantrell gave a presentation in accordance with the staff report. He showed a rendering of the proposed sign, exterior façade and window treatment, cornice improvements, and possible extension of the window base. Mr. Cantrell also showed a City alternate design that had changes to the signage including an extension of the aqua bar underneath

the word “appliance,” and fascia to the west as well as the extension of the base element to possibly include a planter. He suggested that all aluminum surfaces to be utilized in the design be of a matte finish and that the aqua strip that is placed around the storefront window be removed. Mr. Cantrell recommended approval of the project.

Vice Chairman Hoopes and Commissioner Fuelling asked staff about the aqua color sample that was presented.

The Commission was concerned about the aqua color and indicated that they preferred it to be a lighter aqua color.

The applicant, Vartan Yaphdzhyan, said that he is concerned about a lighter color and indicated that he would talk to the applicant.

Mr. Cantrell suggested removing the aqua accent stripe on the storefront window.

Chairman Moldafsky said that he agreed with staff that the accent on the storefront detracts from the rest of the building and that he prefers the staff alternate.

Commissioner King asked the applicant if the building would be painted.

The applicant said that the building would be painted gray.

Chairman Moldafsky asked if the side of the building design is proposed to be changed. The applicant said that only the storefront will be changing.

Commissioner Fuelling asked the applicant for clarification about the color of the gray on the aluminum sample and confirmed that it is the same as what the applicant submitted for a sample.

The applicant said that there would be a halo-like effect around the A+ portion of the sign.

The applicant said that he accepts staff’s recommendation. He was concerned with the fascia extension that staff suggested on the west portion of the building.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. Seeing that there was none, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner King expressed that she liked the sign content and staff’s recommendations. She referred to the last page of the plans and the fact that she likes the wrapping of material around the building. She is neutral

to the installation of a built-in planter at the front of the building. She did indicate that she felt that the aqua-blue color that was submitted is too strong and that she believes that a cleaner more muted color would work better. She agreed with staff that the window should not be outlined and that possibly one aqua line across the bottom of the window might work well.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he liked the design and that it correlates with the product that is being sold. He believed that the extension of the cornice and eyebrow around the west elevation is good. He did state that he believed that the color proposed around the window does not work and that the aqua colored elements are too strong. He did not feel that the planter is necessary.

Commissioner Fuelling said that he liked the design and staff's recommendations. He said that he believed that wrapping the cornice on both east and west elevations would tie the building together. He did not care for the aqua color around the window. He was not in favor of the planter in front.

Chairman Moldafsky said that he did not have anything to add. He asked the Commissioners how they would like to address the outlining of the windows.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve and then after further discussion with the Commissioners amended her motion as follows: M/S/C - King/Hoopes to approve the project per City Option #1 with colors, materials and samples to be brought back to the Commission for review and approval; a colored window band up to 4" in height shall be allowed along the bottom edge of the front window; fascia edge shall wrap on the west side of the building with a finished column look to the extent possible; matte finish for the sign and aluminum panels. Approved 4-0.

Planner Gjolme said that he could figure out the column depth. He clarified that on page 3 of the plans that the panels themselves wrap around per the Commission's request.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS:** There was none.

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:**

The Commissioners welcomed new Commissioner Tom Fuelling to the Commission. Director Robert Stanley was welcomed back from his leave.

**XI. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Staff welcomed Commissioner Fuelling.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.