

**ACTION MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:31.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Tobias, Hoopes and Roberts, Director of Community Development Stanley and Planners Gjolme and Clarke. Commissioner Vavoulis was absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Minutes – 7/24/2013 meeting. Approved 4-0.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
  - A. **Design Review 13-12;** Foothill Blvd. at SR-2; City of La Cañada Flintridge; new City monument sign.

Continued to the next Commission meeting. 4-0.

- B. **Design Review 13-10;** 502-522 Foothill Blvd.; McKently/Cabriloff; façade remodeling and parking lot upgrades.

Planner Gjolme spoke about five components of the remodel for the shopping center: New signs, landscaping, new trash enclosures to rear, parking lot restriping, and façade remodeling.

Ken McKently spoke as architect for the project. New owner inherited requirement to restripe the parking lot. No square footage was proposed to be added. Project evolved into an attempt to clean up the shopping center and create conformity across its front elevation.

Commissioner Tobias asked if there was any proposal to change the low front street wall.

Mr. McKently said that the proposal was to clean and maybe lower the height of the wall. They will increase the size of an adjacent planter area by a foot or so.

Commissioner Tobias asked why the proposal does not have the roof line step down more at the corner (Round Table Pizza).

Mr. McKently said that they were trying to maximize the corner piece with a raised element.

Commissioner Hoopes asked if there were returns at the end of the wall.

Commissioner Tobias said it was a great job but the Roundtable Pizza component drops too suddenly.

Commissioner Roberts asked if a range of heights can be allowed so the applicant can decide what works best.

Commissioner Tobias asked about the City's façade improvement program.

Commissioner Roberts suggested removing existing street trees and replacing them with 3 new Public Works trees in front of the wall breaks.

Community Development Director Stanley said they would need a Public Works encroachment permit to saw cut the wall and sidewalk to create the needed planters.

Commissioner Tobias asked why there was a low wall to begin with. He had a preference to remove it entirely.

Mr. McKently said they will restripe the parking lot but he was not sure what will happen to the surface.

Commissioner Roberts asked about the internal planter and if it has irrigation. He preferred eliminating the planter in exchange for the new trees.

Planner Gjolme said that the center was already deficient in terms of landscaping. It cannot reduce existing planting.

Commissioner Roberts discussed the "no entry" sign on Foothill.

Motion: Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the project with the following Conditions of Approval: 1. Parapet height can be adjusted to screen equipment. 2. Parapet ends to return a minimum of five feet. 3. Lightening fixtures approved as submitted with size to be confirmed by staff. 4. All landscaping shall return for further review, including the monument sign. 5. Low street wall recommended to be removed. 6. Recommendation for three Public Works trees

to be installed partially on public/private properties (same as Ralph's). 7. Bollards recommended to be removed. 8. "Do not enter" sign be addressed.

M/S/C Roberts/Tobias to approve the project with the above conditions. Unanimous 4-0.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:** None.

**X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.