

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Vavoulis called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Moldafsky, Tobias, Hoopes and Roberts, Director of Community Development Stanley, Consulting Architect Cantrell, Planner Clarke and Assistant Planner Harriet Lang.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no comments.
- V. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:** Commissioner Tobias made a motion to nominate Commissioner Moldafsky as Chair with Commissioner Vavoulis seconding. Approved 5-0. The meeting was turned over to new Chair Moldafsky. Chair Moldafsky made a motion to nominate Commissioner Roberts as Vice Chair with Commissioner Tobias seconding. Approved 5-0.
- VI. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A.** Minutes - September 1, 2011 meeting. M/S/C Hoopes/Roberts to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved 5-0.
- VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- A. Design Review 11-19;** Michael Humphries Gallery; 829 Foothill Blvd.; new wall sign.
- Planner Clarke gave a presentation of the staff report.
- Commissioner Hoopes said that the sign was very tasteful, appropriate and a positive addition to the community. All the other commissioners agreed.
- M/S/C Roberts/Vavoulis to approve the new sign. Approved 5-0.
- Mr. Humphries spoke about how he is new to the community
- B. Design Review 11-17;** St. Francis High School; 200 Foothill Blvd.; new 3,900 sq. ft. classroom addition; final phase of approved master plan.
- Planner Cantrell gave a presentation of the staff report. He gave a brief history of the overall project. The school is proposing to complete the second floor classroom

wing on top of the locker room area which would match the height of the existing gym. He noted that you could see it from the 210 freeway.

The Commission asked to see the color samples and tiles.

Joe Serrar (DC Architects) presented the materials and colors and indicated that the proposal would match the existing finishes at the school.

Commissioner Hoopes asked about the possible adjustments to the covered trellis area.

Architect Serrar said that they might have to adjust the trellis to accommodate the elevator tower but they were unsure if that was necessary.

Commissioner Hoopes asked what kind of vine was growing on the trellis.

Architect Serrar said that it is a trumpet tree and that it minimally impacts the vine.

Commissioner Roberts asked what the timeline is for the project.

Architect Serrar said that they were moving forward with construction drawings and would start construction in a few months.

Commissioner Hoopes asked about the plans for the planter.

Architect Serrar said that are hoping to transplant them to another planter

Commissioner Hoopes offered suggestions for their relocation.

Architect Serrar agreed to look into it.

Commissioner Hoopes asked staff if it was necessary to review the landscape plan.

Architect Cantrell indicated that they are not protected trees and that the Commission has the option to review it if it decided to do so.

M/S/C Tobias/Hoopes to approve the project as submitted. Approved 5-0.

Commissioner Roberts suggested that the architect submit the project for awards.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Tobias thanked Chair Vavoulis for his service as Chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Hoopes noted that the Hello Pizza sign was still being displayed.

Director Stanley indicated a hands-off approach directed by the City Council unless the City gets a complaint. This was due to the economic climate.

Commissioner Tobias felt the Commission was business friendly and that La Cañada Flintridge shouldn't bend its standards

Director Stanley said that the City Council is aware of the policy

Commissioner Tobias recommended that the City continue sign enforcement to protect the quality of the community.

Commissioner Hoopes pointed at the jewelry store temporary banners for buying gold which were not attractive.

Director Stanley said that he would look into jewelry banners and that he would put the sign sweep on the next Commission agenda.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 a.m.