

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2015**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky Called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** also present were Commissioners Balcazar, Hoopes, King and Roberts.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** the Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** there were none.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Action Minutes: 9-17-2015 DC Meeting. M/S/C Hoopes/King to approve as submitted. Unanimous 5-0.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** there were none.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Design Review 15-16; C2 Education; 522 Foothill Blvd.; new wall sign.

Planner Gjolme gave an overview of the proposed sign, which consists of face and halo lit letters and a fanciful logo comprised by intersecting letters and numbers. He regarded as tasteful and efficient and consistent with other signs in the center. He noted that several vinyl window decals also proposed constituted excess signage and could not be approved as part of the request. He felt the sign could be revised to include a light bar with the subordinate copy and suggested incorporating this possible revision into any approval action, subject to verification by staff. Positive findings and approval of the sign was recommended.

Commissioner Hoopes asked about the overlapping of the background raceway/box and confirmed it would serve as the sign's border.

Applicant Louis Lee stated that other illuminated signs within the center are similarly composed. The box against the wall houses the electrical circuitry and is constructed of aluminum, and is contoured to match the sign lettering.

Commissioner King liked the sign as proposed, but agreed with staff that the decals were excessive and should not be included as part of the approval.

Commissioner Hoopes questioned the allowed square footage of the sign.

Planner Gjolme noted that 22 sq. ft. of area was allowed and with a precise recalculation of the proposed sign area, the resulting surplus could be applied to tasteful window signage.

Commissioner Roberts had no objection to a thin strip of permanent window signage, visible to pedestrians. He preferred to control approved signage at this point, rather than to allow temporary signs or banners.

The Commission discussed and formulated a condition to allow surplus sign area to be utilized by permanent window signage if the applicant choose to do so, subject to review and approval by staff.

M/S/C Hoopes/King to approve the sign as submitted subject to the following additional condition: total sign area shall be recalculated by staff, with the resulting surplus available for a single line of white window signage. Said window signage shall be contained within a blue band (matching the color of the approved wall sign) atop the door that extends across the storefront windows. Band height shall not exceed 8" and letter height shall not exceed 6". Font style shall match the serifs shown on page 3 of the approved plan. The exact layout and composition of said window signage shall be shown on a revised plan subject to review and approval by staff prior to installation. Unanimous 5-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: there was no other business.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner King asked if the La Canada Imports sign is allowed to be lit at night.

Planner Gjolme noted that external lighting is in place and allowed by code. Said lighting was initially installed without permits, which have since been obtained.

Commissioner Hoopes asked about the status of the pole sign.

Planner Gjolme responded that the property owner was granted one year by the City Council to remove the sign. A formal submittal for a new sign has not been received, though staff has seen conceptual ideas.

Commissioner Roberts felt that it is up to the Chamber of Commerce to take up these issues and help facilitate progress.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Planner Gjolme confirmed that a quorum would be available for the October 15 meeting, at which time canopy and station remodeling at Unocal would be reviewed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C Roberts/Hoopers to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 a.m. Unanimous 5-0.