

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2017**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Hoopes called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Also present were Commissioners King and Fuelling. Chairman Moldafsky and Balcazar were both absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A. Minutes – 9/21/2017 Meeting- approved – M/S/C – King/Fuelling – to approve the minutes. Approved 3-0.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **Design Review 17-12;** Papa John's Pizza; 2222-D Foothill Blvd.: new wall sign and monument sign panel.

Planner Gjolme gave a presentation in accordance with the staff report. He expressed that the proposed fascia lettering is too small as compared to the proposed logo and believed it might be difficult to read at night. Mr. Gjolme provided an alternative with just lettering that is increased, and another where the logo is removed.

As to the monument sign, Mr. Gjolme recommended that the lettering be conformed to the existing font-size and style for other existing businesses in the center. He explained that with modest adjustments to the size of the logo that it would be reasonably consistent with others in the center. He explained that the color samples should be provided by the applicant and that the proposed color is the darker of the submitted red colors.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Speaker, applicant, Steven Siu, provided the Commission with color samples to view.

The Commissioners discussed the slightly larger, staff-recommended, sign proposal and consulted with the applicant about whether he believed that including the logo in the sign proposal was important. Mr. Siu indicated that it is important to include the logo. The Commission also talked about whether increasing the logo and not the lettering would be better as well as other alternatives such as including the logo and "Pizza," and not, "Papa John's." The applicant was concerned that Papa John's corporate office might have concerns.

The Commission and Mr. Siu discussed the size of the lettering as well as the amount of top and bottom border space that should be left. In addition, Mr. Siu said that the logo size could throw off the symmetry, which staff and the Commission further discussed. He liked what staff has proposed because of the distance of the building off the street. Mr. Gjolme said that the sign code findings would be easy to justify.

Mr. Siu said that he finds it acceptable to conform with monument sign standards as staff has recommended.

The Public Hearing was closed.

M/S/C – King/Fuelling to approve the sign with larger logo and white trim caps on the copy, per staff's recommendations. Approved 3-0.

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

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:** There were none.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Mr. Gjolme informed the Commission that the Kid's Planet monument and wall sign has been referred to Code Enforcement. He explained that the tenant may have installed the sign without the landlord's knowledge.

Mr. Gjolme explained to the Commission that the Arco pole sign could remain as the proposal to replace with a monument sign would result in the monument sign being placed in City public right-of-way, which the City would have to approve.

Mr. Gjolme informed the Commission that a bus tour to view past approved signs and projects will be delayed to the winter or spring, rather than fall, so that staff has adequate time to properly organize the tour.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** M/S/C- King/Fuelling to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m. Approved 3-0.