

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE  
HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2016**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Hoopes called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Also present were Commissioners King, Balcazar, and Fuelling. Chairman Moldafsky was absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A. Minutes - 9/15/2016 Meeting. – M/S/C – Balcazar/King to approve the minutes. Approved 4-0.
  - B. **Design Review 16-11;** A+ Appliance; 823 Foothill Blvd.; final color and material review.

Planner Gjolme provided color samples of the project for the Commission to view and described what was submitted. He explained that if the Commission was happy with the colors, they could approve as submitted or if they have concerns, they can pull the item for discussion.

M/S/C – King/Fuelling to approve the colors and materials. Approved 4-0.

**VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Design Review 13-11 (Amendment); 4537 Indianola Way; Mercado/Herrera; design revisions to a previously approved 2-story 3,100 sq. ft. office-services building in the Mixed-Use 2 zone.

Consultant Roger Cantrell provided a staff report. He explained that significant changes are proposed which warrant an amendment. He showed the site to the Commissioners.

The new proposal would cause a loss of square footage for parking. Massing of the project is significant and the level of detail provided is not enough to carry the project forward at this time. Staff recommended that the project be continued. Staff alternates are not necessarily fully developed and are meant to only be used for conversation purposes at this time.

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Mr. Cantrell showed elevations to the Commission which contained symmetrical elements with anomalies. Proposed is a tall, narrow entry, the design of which is concerning to staff. As a remedy, Mr. Cantrell presented a City alternate design which proposes a wider and lowered entry. The alternate design contains bays with more continuity. Mr. Cantrell suggested that the cornice bays could be brought up more and that mansard roofs are typically discouraged by the City.

The public hearing was opened.

Commissioner King asked for clarification on the proposed material for the exterior.

Speaker, architect Ludi Cruz-Herrera, explained that stucco and a light-weight concrete tile roof was proposed. He showed the Commission samples of the tile.

Commissioner King asked Mr. Cruz-Herrera if the proposed building design is intended to be Spanish or Mediterranean style.

Mr. Cruz-Herrera said that the roof design would be S-style. He explained that the fire code dictates this.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked if the design was proposed to be more Mediterranean or another design.

Mr. Cruz-Herrera showed samples.

Vice Chairman Hoopes indicated that he would like to discuss the design rather than the material samples.

Mr. Cruz-Herrera explained that the roof is what he focused on.

Commissioner Fuelling indicated that he felt that the City alternate is better from a massing perspective.

Mr. Cantrell said that the City alternate redesign could cause an adjustment to the floor area.

Commissioner Fuelling said that the City's suggested design changes are an improvement.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that the City alternate elevation looks good.

The Commission, staff, and Mr. Cruz-Herrera discussed a sloped design to the roof.

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Vice Chairman Hoopes explained the difference between northern and southern Italian design and described a six-to-one slope as being more southern Italian and that a northern Italian slope contains more severe slopes. He believed that the staff elevation alternate is more in line with what the City prefers. He suggested that Mr. Cruz-Herrera go back and work on this element more.

Mr. Cruz-Herrera asked for clarification about the south elevation and the City alternate design with regard to the parapet.

Mr. Cantrell explained to Mr. Cruz-Herrera that this is staff's first attempt to review and suggest changes. He advised Mr. Cruz-Herrera to work more on altering the design with the changes that have been recommended by staff.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked Mr. Cruz-Herrera about a problem with closure at the eave.

Mr. Cruz-Herrera explained that 1/8 to 1/16 of an inch is allowed by code for a tile opening for Spanish barrel tile, S tiles.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he is aware of a conflict between manufacturers and the Fire code.

Mr. Cantrell indicated that he believed that the Commission typically discourages the use of S tiles.

Commissioner Fuelling said that he does not have a problem with the use of S tiles.

Planner Gjolme added that the current design is larger than the existing design by 90 square feet and there are parking implications. A portion of the second floor could be exempt from parking requirements. The building could end up being slightly smaller in order to meet parking requirements.

Commissioner Fuelling asked for clarification of the Commission whether they prefer that S tiles be used.

Commissioner King stated that elements of the building need to flow with the roof in order to simplify it into one style.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he would need to leave the meeting early. He asked if there was any further discussion on this item.

M/S/C- King/Balcazar to continue the project to a date uncertain. Approved 4-0.

Vice Chairman Hoopes thanked Mr. Cruz-Herrera for the material samples.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **Design Review 16-14;** La Canada Hearing Aids & Audiology; 1434 Foothill Blvd.; new wall sign.

Planner Gjolme gave a brief staff report and explained the logo and the sign. He indicated that staff regards the sign as simple, attractive, and consistent with the architecture of the building. He explained that the sign might be similar to another sign approved a while back by the Commission.

Mr. Gjolme stated that the logo is off-set and that staff likes the color and the alignment. The blue logo has changed to a green logo.

Commissioner King asked if there was a sample of the color of the green.

Staff confirmed that the green is similar to Forest Green.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that staff can verify the green color.

Commissioner Fuelling said that off-setting of the logo is similar to the recently approved A+ business sign and that he finds both to be interesting.

Commissioner Balcazar asked if the logo could be made a little larger.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he liked the proposed design as submitted.

M/S/C – Balcazar/King to approve the project. Approved 4-0.

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

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

**X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Mr. Gjolme said that the next meeting might be cancelled.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked if the Commission would be notified in writing of a cancelled meeting.

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Mr. Gjolme replied, "yes."

Commissioner Balcazar asked staff about retaining plans for future meetings.

Mr. Gjolme indicated that he preferred the Commission to retain their plans and reports on continued projects. Doing so would lighten the burden of the applicant who would otherwise have to assemble a large amount of plans and paperwork.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.