

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2016**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.
- II. **ROLL:** Also present were Vice Chairman Hoopes, Commissioner Balcazar, and Commissioner Fuelling. Commissioner King arrived at 7:34 am.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** There was none.
- VI. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There were none.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. **Design Review 16-15;** Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union; 801 Foothill Blvd.; new wall signs and awnings.

Planner Gjolme gave a presentation in accordance with the staff report. He explained that the Commission had approved signage for the subject building in the past. Mr. Gjolme explained that the total sign area is less than the maximum allowed by code. The height of the sign is marginally above the maximum for individual letter height. The signage is proposed to be centered on the fascia. The existing burgundy-colored awnings will be removed and replaced with teal-green colored awnings. Proposed real estate loan verbiage will contain slightly larger letters than the remainder of the sign to focus on the new business use.

The west wall sign will be flush-mounted and patio wall signage will be pinned off and will not be lit internally. The flush-mounted signage will be lit by an overhead light bar and the patio wall signage will be ground-lit. Staff believes that the signage is attractive.

A condition of approval has been added requiring more detailed lighting specifications as the information that has been submitted to staff is not precise.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked if the other awnings around the building are proposed to match.

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Mr. Gjolme said that he did not have that information, but did confirm that the Wells Fargo awnings have been removed. Replacement of all the awnings was favorably regarded by staff.

Commissioner King asked about a white stripe on the awning.

Mr. Gjolme confirmed that what are perceived to be white stripes are actually gaps in the awnings rather than stripes.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked if two primary signs are allowed for the site.

Mr. Gjolme confirmed that the property is located on a corner lot which allows for up to 3 or 4 signs as the property fronts on two streets and is adjacent to a parking lot. He stated that he felt like an adequate amount of signage has been proposed.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant's representative, Johny Son-Son, stated that all awnings will be replaced with a proposed green-teal color.

Commissioner Balcazar asked to see the color samples.

Mr. Son-Son showed the Commission the color samples and explained that the material is acrylic and will be painted.

Commissioner Fuelling asked about the colors of the light bars.

Speaker Nicholas Ibarra said that the intent of the light bars is to minimize light, yet provide enough illumination. The two proposed light bars will be located far apart on the property and the intent is to work with staff on approving the finished materials and colors.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked if any new landscaping is proposed.

Mr. Son-Son said that the landscaping will be reinstalled and enhanced if/and as needed.

Chairman Moldafsky asked the Commission if they had any additional questions.

Vice Chairman Hoopes indicated that he believed the proposed lights and signage are fine and that they are less than the maximum allowed by code. He said that he liked the proposal as submitted.

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Commissioner Fuelling believed that the proposed elements fit the building.

M/S/C – Hoopes/Balcazar to approve the proposed signage and awnings.
Approved 5-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: There were none.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Gjolme informed the Commission that there will be a first meeting in November and there will be at least one set of minutes as well as the presentation of a City plaque to former Commissioner John Roberts.

Chairman Moldafsky asked for a status of the 76 Station project at 1540 Foothill Blvd.

Mr. Gjolme stated that the subcommittee had completed their assessment and the project has been submitted for plan check.

Director Stanley explained to the Commission that staff is working with The Baked Bear to remedy an issue involving interior restroom wall studs that are visible from the exterior of the building. The goal is for a permanent solution to screen the wall studs in a manner that is consistent with other nearby Town Center businesses such as Chipotle and Sakura.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C – Balcazar/Fuelling to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Approved 5-0.