

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2011**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Tobias, Director of Community Development Stanley, Planners Gjolme and Clarke. Commissioners Roberts and Vavoulis were absent.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no comments.
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** There were no items.
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. **Design Review** 11-29; Platinum Energy; 1001 Foothill Blvd.; fountain in landscaped area. Plans not submitted in time for distribution. Continued accordingly. Unanimous 3-0.

B. **Design Review** 11-31; Drummond; 711 Foothill Blvd.; new wall sign.

Planner Clarke outlined the request for a compliant wall sign on the fascia above the entry in accordance with the staff memo.

The Commission had no questions for staff.

Gary Swanson - Dimensional Graphics - commented on the simple yet effective design and was available to answer questions.

Commissioner Hoopes inquired how the sign would be internally illuminated.

Mr. Swanson responded that the sign consisted of an aluminum panel with routed letters and a logo that would illuminate.

Commissioner Hoopes asked if the letter faces would be opaque.

Mr. Stewart responded that the letter faces would employ a translucent paint that would allow illumination.

Commissioner Hoopes confirmed that the sides and front of each letter would illuminate consistently and that the seam between the field panel and each letter would be so small that light would not escape from within the cabinet.

Commissioner Tobias noted that the material sample for both the letter and background field was acrylic.

Planner Clarke responded that the panel would be aluminum and that the routed letters would be acrylic as allowed by code.

Commissioner Hoopes questioned the accuracy of the sign plan.

Mr. Stewart noted that the plan was scaled and fairly accurate.

Commissioner Hoopes stated he was under the impression that the sign was proposed for a different bay within the center.

Mr. Stewart clarified the subject bay and reaffirmed the accuracy of the plan.

Chairman Moldafsky felt the sign was well-designed and appropriate as submitted.

Commissioner Tobias confirmed that the sign's colors were fairly consistent with the "Kobeissi Properties" sign adjacent to the east.

M/S/C Tobias/Hoopes to approve the request as submitted. Unanimous 3-0.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Tobias commented on the need for a special meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss and improve coordination between the two Commissions.

Commissioner Tobias noted that the conditions of approval imposed on the Sprout's signs by the Planning Commission had restricted the options of the Design Commission. He felt that sign size should be solely within the purview of the Design Commission.

Director Stanley responded that this issue could be addressed as part of staff's review of the Sign Ordinance.

IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Director Stanley reminded the Commission that the Sprout's appeal would be heard by the City Council at their next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 a.m.