

**ACTION MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2010**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Vavoulis called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Present were Commissioners Hoopes, Moldafsky, Roberts, Director of Community Development Stanley, and Planners Gjolme and Clarke. Commissioner Tobias was absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Pat Anderson was in attendance representing the Chamber of Commerce.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
A. Minutes - 10/21/2010 & 11/18/2010 meetings. Both sets of minutes were approved 4-0.
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
A. Design Review 10-22; Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse; 1010 Foothill Blvd.; new wall signs.

Planner Gjolme gave an overview of the signage request and complimented the applicant on a thorough and well-done submittal. He explained that excess ledge signs could be accommodated by a 'flexibility' provision in the Sign Ordinance if the Commission could make required findings. This seemed reasonable given the size of the building, surplus of available sign area, and limited scope of the existing Ordinance.

Commissioner Roberts confirmed that the ledge sign lettering would be finished on both sides. He also wanted to acknowledge that the excess signage was approvable in this instance given the tasteful design and configuration employed and exception provision in the Sign Ordinance. Future tenants/owners, however, would not necessarily be afforded the same amount of signage.

Planner Gjolme stated that any future sign proposal for the building would be subject to formal Design Review, and that approval of the current sign package does not ensure future approval of a new submittal with the same number/sized signs.

Color/material samples were provided and endorsed by the Commission.

M/S/C Roberts/Hoopes to approve the signage as submitted noting the exception provision in the Sign Ordinance and that said approval would not be binding for future applicants. Unanimous 4-0.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Roberts informed staff that orange sign band stripes had been painted on the buildings at the Trader Joe's center.

Planner Gjolme noted that this could constitute a violation of the original color palette or sign approvals, depending on the spatial relationship between the stripes and signs. Staff would investigate the issue further.

Commissioner Hoopes commented on the Unocal Project and the difficulty with the canopy design and thought some 'forward thinking' on the matter at this point could be beneficial to the applicant.

Planner Gjolme noted that consulting architect Cantrell and the applicant have been in contact to discuss and hopefully resolve the issue.

There was Commission consensus that the Chevron station was an example to possibly follow.

Commissioner Roberts acknowledged efforts by Director Stanley and Margaret Pankratz in removing a pole sign from the Ross center.

IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Director Stanley stated that the Arco pole sign had been removed and replaced without City approval and that a new monument sign would likely be reviewed by the Commission at some point in the future. He and staff wished the Commission a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.