

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON MARCH 1, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

II. ROLL

Also present were Vice Chairman Hoopes and Commissioners King and Balcazar. Commissioner Fuelling arrived at 7:33 a.m.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was recited.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes: 12/7/2017 and 2/15/2018 meetings – King/Balcazar to approve the minutes of 12/7/2017. Approved 5-0. Balcazar/King to approve the minutes of 2/15/2018. Approved 4-0-1. Hoopes abstained as he was not present at the meeting of 2-15-18.

VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **Design Review 17-13**; Kidz Planet; 711 Foothill Blvd. Unit J: new wall sign and monument sign tenant panel.

Planner Gjolme gave a presentation in accordance with the staff memo. He explained that the new signage request contains all red lettering, two different fonts, and is much simpler than the previous proposal. Staff can make positive findings.

Vice Chairman Hoopes asked if the orbit ring that was suggested would be painted or constructed. Mr. Gjolme said that it should be constructed in a manner that is sturdy enough. He said that the applicant is available to clarify the materials to be used.

Mr. Gjolme showed the Commission a sample of the foam letters. He said that the returns would be black.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Speaker, Cici Bedagian showed a sample of the signage. She said that she prefers a simpler design than what was proposed a few months ago.

Commissioner Fuelling said that he found the font in the prior submittal to be easier to read.

Ms. Bedagian said she likes the new colors proposed, but would be amenable to additional colors if the Commission prefers.

Mr. Fuelling recommended using the font and colors from the prior submittal. Commissioner Balcazar suggested using two different colors and that a ring be placed around the word, "Planet." Mr. Gjolme said that he was all right with a ring being painted. Mr. Fuelling said he was open to color submittals. Ms. Begagian said she was open to the idea as well.

Mr. Hoopes said that he is all right with the applicant's request. If a ring is added, he prefers a smaller one. He felt that the ring should be optional. Ms. Balcazar agreed with Mr. Hoopes. Mr. Fuelling recommended that the prior color submittal be required and no graphics added.

Ms. King said she liked what has been submitted and did not support multiple colors being used. She suggested that a different color be used for the word, "Planet," however.

Mr. Moldafsky agreed with Mr. Hoopes and Ms. King and that the word, "Planet," should be a different color. Staff can review and approve the color and whether the sign be painted or made part of the signage.

M/S/C - Fuelling/Hoopes to allow staff to work with the applicant on final sign colors and font and allow for rings to be installed if the applicant chooses. Approved 5-0.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **Design Review 01-01 (Amendment);** St. Bede's the Venerable 215 Foothill Blvd.; revisions to a previously approved landscape plan to accommodate site accessibility improvements and two new ground/monument signs.

Mr. Gjolme gave a presentation in accordance with the staff memo.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Speaker, Sean Clerkin, is the project architect. He said that perennials will be planted in the area near the flagpole.

Ms. King asked what the reason was for the “U-shape” alcove where the flag pole would be relocated.

Speaker, Sean Clerkin, said it was to isolate for the flagpole area.

Sean Clerkin said that the text in the proposed ground monument sign would be back-lit.

Mr. Gjolme informed the Commission that a tree will be removed near the eastern portion of the south façade. Staff felt that the tree does not need to be replaced. The Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Hoopes said that he was not sure how the light proposed for the inside of monument sign would evened-out. He was concerned that a ring of light would exist. He believed that the landscaping design that was submitted is very good. The area near the flagpole is awkward and should be studied. Ms. Balcazar agreed with Mr. Hoopes. Ms. King agreed with the Commission. Mr. Fuelling liked the contemporary look that is proposed. He suggested centering the flagpole and removing the small area of landscaping within the alcove area. He was concerned about the signage and the font. Chairman Moldafsky had no concerns and liked what was proposed.

Mr. Gjolme said that he believed all of the Commissioners agreed with the project concept. He recommended that the final sign design be brought back for review and approval on Consent so that the applicant can begin work on the other components of the project.

M/S/C – Fuelling/Hoopes to approve the project subject to final signage review.
Approved 5-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

The Commissioners said they liked the La Canada Import monument sign. Commissioner Balcazar said that she had seen Shell Gas Station signage in other cities and the gray wainscoting still exists at the locations even with the new signage.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C - Hoopes/Balcazar to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m.
Approved 5-0.