

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Hoopes called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

II. ROLL

Also present were Commissioners King and Fuelling. Chairman Moldafsky and Commissioner Balcazar were absent.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was recited.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes – 10/5/2017 meeting
M/S/C - King/Fuelling to approve the minutes. Approved 3-0.

VI. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **Design Review 17-16**; McDonald's; 449 Foothill Blvd.: reface existing monument sign.

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

The Public Hearing was opened.

Applicant, Jesús Muro, said he was available for questions.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Fuelling said he liked the proposed change and the tan base.

Commissioner King said she liked the darker sign and the golden arches sticking out. She preferred the lighter beige color option.

M/S/C – Fuelling/King to approve the sign request and allowing for sign base color of beige to be chosen by the applicant. Approved 3-0.

VII. 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 recommended positive findings subject to revisions to the sign as currently installed. He did present a design alternative which included 4 dark scalloped shapes that help to draw attention away from the business of the proposed design. He explained that the applicant was not present as she has property in the existing fire evacuation zone. She is amenable to the staff's alternative, he said.

Commissioner Fuelling and Vice Chairman Hoopes discussed the recommended scallops. Mr. Hoopes said that he found the dark scallop colors to be distracting. Mr. Fuelling suggested that a new sign be required as the existing sign was installed without approval. He felt that the existing sign is too busy and unpleasant. Possibly the indoor playground portion of the sign could be refabricated. He prefers a more elongated sign. Commissioner King agreed with Fuelling. She felt that the existing sign is too compact. She did like the logo and felt that it could be worked with. Mr. Hoopes agreed with the comments.

The Public Hearing was opened for comments. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. King said that she agreed with staff's recommendation for the monument signs. She felt that staff could handle the review of the final sign in the field.

Mr. Fuelling recommended that the logo for the monument sign contain only text and no graphics.

Mr. Hoopes found the existing monument sign to be good and the proposed panel ruins the whole of the sign.

M/S/C – King/Fuelling- to continue the item to a date uncertain with recommendation as given by the Commissioners. Approved 3-0.

- B. **Design Review 17-17**; Cocoa Noir; 711 Foothill Blvd. Unit H: new internally-illuminated wall sign.

Planner Gjolme gave a presentation in accordance with the staff memo. He recommended approval of the sign.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Speaker, Armen Markuzian explained that the new business will feature chocolate and other specialty candies.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Fuelling complimented staff on an excellent staff report. The sign is very appealing and the type that he would like to see, regularly in the City

Ms. King said that it will look very attractive in the shopping center.

M/S/C - King/Fuelling to approve the sign as submitted. Approved 3-0.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Ms. King said that she was happy to see the new Arco sign installed. Staff explained that the City granted an encroachment permit and the new monument sign installation is underway.

Ms. King asked is Roses Hair Studio's sign was approved. Mr. Gjolme said that he did not believe it was approved.

Mr. Fuelling asked for an update on the LC Imports sign. Mr. Gjolme explained that the building permit was extended. The customization and fabrication of the sign has been difficult. It should be complete soon.

Ms. King asked if Hill Street Café's remodel was on schedule. Staff indicated that the project is coming along well and will be completed in a few months. Chris clarified colors for the Commission. He said that final colors were chosen by a Design Commission subcommittee. There has been a recent minor color change. He asked the Commissioners if they liked the change and indicated that staff likes the brown stain color. The Commissioners agreed that they do as well.

Mr. Fuelling asked about the status of the Union 76 Station located off of Alta Canyada. Director Stanley said he met with the owner and discussed the new corporate logo design that they wish to install. Mr. Gjolme explained that a color change is proposed and that he believed the new colors are more appealing.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Mr. Gjolme explained that a good refurbishment of the monument sign at 707 Foothill Blvd. has been completed.

Mr. Gjolme clarified the light gray color signage that was installed at Bank of America. He said that he looks white, but it is in fact a light gray.

Mr. Stanley informed the Commissioners that a preliminary review of Target signage and building colors will be coming before the Design Commission for their review the second meeting of January 2018. Target would like to fast track the project.

Mr. Hoopes said that he may not be able to make the Design Commission meeting of January 4, 2018 as he will be out of town. Ms. King and Mr. Fuelling confirmed that they will be in town on that date.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C – Fuelling/King to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 a.m. Approved the 3-0.