



CITY OF RIDGECREST
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST PLANNING COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:00**
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Beres, Commissioners LeCornu, Sanders & Pope
Absent: None
Staff Present: Matthew Alexander, Loren Culp, Ricca Charlon
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – APPROVED**
Motion to approve Agenda as written by C. LeCornu, seconded by L. Beres
None opposed
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 27, 2011 PC Meeting – APPROVED**
Motion to approve Sept 27, 2011 Minutes by C. Pope, seconded by C. LeCornu
None opposed
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None**
7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

CUP 11-02, a request to build a one story steel 2400 sq. ft. building, on a 13,500 sq. ft. vacant lot located at 230 W. Wilson Avenue. If approved, this building will function by providing physical, emotional, and spiritual outreach to people in the community. APN: 478-054-14-00-7, Applicant: Old Town Mission, Owners: Matthew and Lisa Jorgensen

- **Matthew Alexander gave staff report.**
- **Matthew Jorgensen gave a report on the project.**
- **L. Beres is concerned about the responsibility factor in keeping the property up, concerned about having enough parking,**
 - **Mr. Jorgensen said this will be his responsibility to maintain. As far as the parking- he is hoping for a phase two and this is an efficient use of space in preparing for additional growth.**
 - **M. Alexander says that 8 parking spots is meeting the requirement.**
- **J. Sanders likes the idea and commends the group on their project.**
- **C. Pope concerned about the parking being in front due to visual appeal.**
- **Fire Marshall Brickey notified patrons that if food is cooked/distributed sprinklers will be required.**

Public Comment:

John Dolman – 241 W. Wilson –neighboring property - parking is not an issue for him and he welcomes them. He thinks they will be an improvement to the neighborhood.

Motion To Approve Resolution 11-14 Made By Committee Member J. Sanders, Second By Committee Member L. Beres. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM

Vacation of Excess Property located on Downs Street, The City Engineer is requesting the Planning Commission to recommend that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the vacation of a portion of excess street right-of-way along Downs Street at Bataan Ave. The Planning Commission is requested to affirm that this proposed street vacation is consistent with the Ridgecrest General Plan.

- **City Engineer Culp gave staff report.**
- **L. Beres – will they be buying it as it will increase their property value.**
 - **No money as this will fall under the state highway reversion.**

Motion to recommend to City Council for further review made by C. Pope, seconded by C. LeCornu. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

9. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

a. Report from Committees

City Org – have not met.

CDC – Nov 3, 2011 @ 5:00

OTAP – Nov 1, 2011 @ 6:00

QOL – Special meeting Nov. 15, 2011 @ 5:00pm

Infrastructure – Discussed priority of PMS and funding and forwarded to Council.

Next mtg - Nov 9, 2011 @ 5:00pm

- b. Commissioner Contacts** – C. Porter – met with Mr. Jorgensen regarding above topic.
- c. OTAP Committee update** – need business/community members for the committee.

10. STAFF ITEMS

M. Alexander introduced Planning Intern Kelly Hubley

Regular meeting of Nov 8, 2011 – CANCELLED

Regular meeting of Nov 22, 2011 – Code Enforcement wants to present issue.

11. ADJOURN 7:15pm