



CITY OF RIDGECREST
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Minutes

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST PLANNING COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:00 PM

Commissioners: Chairman Craig Porter, Vice Chair Lois Beres,
Commissioners Chris LeCornu, Carter Pope and James Sanders

Next Resolution # 12-01

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 p.m.**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
Present: Chairman Porter, Commissioners LeCornu & Sanders
Absent: Vice Chairman Beres & Commissioner Pope
Staff Present: Matthew Alexander
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve Agenda as written by J. Sanders, seconded by C. LeCornu
None opposed – APPROVED
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- January 10, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting**
Motion to approve August Minutes by C. LeCornu, seconded by J. Sanders
None opposed – APPROVED
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA-None**
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
None
- 8. DISCUSSION ITEM**
 - a. DoD Program for Construction, Renovation, Repair or Expansion of Public Schools Located on Military Installations**
NAWS China Lake Community Plans & Liaison Officer Tim Fox to present proposed plans. Public Works Officer Commander Rob Tribble presented progress on congressionally enacted Public Law 112-10 for \$250 million for construction, renovation, repair or expansion of public schools located on military installations nationwide. The plans Sierra Sands Unified School District and NAWS China Lake propose are to renovate and reorient Burroughs High School and construct a new Murray Middle School co-located with Burroughs High School, outside the secure perimeter of the military installation. Both Burroughs High and Murray Middle Schools are labeled as Tier-1 need schools. This grant is non-competitive and the funding amount will be determined by the Office of Economic Adjustments. All parties are excited about the possibilities. Commissioner J. Sanders stated he was happy to see the interaction and cooperation of the base, the school district and the community.
 - b. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance regarding the definition of Families**

The staff to present background information regarding the need to consider amendment of "Families" as defined within the Zoning Ordinance. The current definition of family is as follows:

"Family" shall mean an individual or two or more persons related by blood or marriage or a group of not more than five persons, excluding servants, who are not related by blood or marriage, living within a single dwelling.

It was proposed the Planning Commission consider amending the definition to replace "five persons" with "six persons". It would allow the City to operate within the provisions of the Fair Housing Laws and continue to be eligible for Community Block Grant Development Funds. The City Planner urged the Planning Commission to direct the staff to notice a public hearing regarding the definition of "family". The Planning Commission discussed the impact this amendment would have on Ridgecrest.

Minute Order: Planning Commission directs staff to notice a public hearing regarding the definition of family as well as the definition of a dwelling.

c. Kosmont Information

The staff to introduce retail trade background data gathered by city contracted consulting firm, Kosmont Companies.

9. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

a. Report from Committees

City Org – no meeting

CDC – no report

QOL – C. Porter Feb. meeting cancelled

Infrastructure – J. Sanders met Jan. 11, 2012 street funding priority Next Mgt. Feb.1, 2012 @ 5 pm

b. Commissioner Contacts - none

c. OTAP Committee update – no report

10. STAFF ITEMS

Received Negative Declaration from Southern California Edison and will make it available to commissioners online.

11. ADJOURN – 6:37 p.m.