

CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

City Council Conference Room
100 W. California Avenue.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Tuesday July 11, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Chairman Steve Morgan; Members Duke Martin, Jim Smith, Lois Beres, CM Harvey Rose, DCM Jim McRea, CE Joe Pollock, public, media

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was approved with the addition of Bowman Channel Park as the first item for discussion
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 13, 2006**
The minutes were approved.
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
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5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - a. Bowman Channel Park (added item) – The committee discussed the concept and integrating it into the General Plan and Master Drainage Plan. A resolution of intent could go to Council with modifications to follow on the update of the General Plan and Master Drainage Plan.
 - Jerry Schultz, S. Sanders – idea good, traffic problem with Mariposa, who maintains?
 - John Siegel – agree with idea, what's the overall width, consider how side
 - Tom Fallgatter – What is the width of the right of way.
 - CE Pollock – width varies, specifications are in Master Drainage Plan
 - Marjorie Schultz, S. Sanders – would like a walkway.
 - Doug Cowan, Mariposa – Concerned houses will flood
 - Derryl Whitton – Maintenance cost for irrigation huge, development fee does not pay for maintenance
 - Duke Martin – need to look at Xeriscape
 - Dale Howard – City maintains all drainage channels

Action taken: Resolution of intent to be presented to the City Council. Motion by Duke Martin and seconded by Lois Beres; 4 ayes.
 - b. Bowman & Sanders – Developer presented original and revised map. CE Pollock indicated there is little circulation in area, would like Sanders and Alvord to go through. Bowman will remain a 2-lane road. Circulation is needed.

- Jerry Schultz, Sanders – There's a lot of traffic, adding more cars, will need 4-way stops. Would like 2 access roads to Bowman. Warner and Helena make sense to go through. Not keen on blocking off.
- Doug Cowan, Mariposa – Asked if new development could be isolated. Is there access to China Lake Blvd.
- Patricia Mauer, Mariposa – Can tract be kept to itself and not connect roads.
- Rebecca Hodginson – Would like new development not to use Sanders
- John Siegel – Would like at least one access road, preferable 2, to Bowman. Fire Dept. will have better access.
- Skip Gorman – Bowman road is a vein supporting more traffic; should be 4 lanes. CE Pollock comment that it will have 4-lanes from China Lake to Sunland; China Lake to Norma will be 2 lanes.
- Dale Howard, Mayo – Portion of Bowman on county property.
- Walt Mauer, Mariposa – Prefers subdivision be isolated, concerned with Sanders going through. There is a safety issue if Sanders goes through; would like a speed bump and corner trimmed. If isolation causes issues with police and fire, would like only one entrance.
- James Bell – Multiple exits on Bowman without stop signs will result in accidents.
- Clark? – Is for Sanders going to Bowman with access to existing El Dorado tract.
- Tom Fallgatter- Suggested putting a fire access gate on Sanders.
- Member Beres – don't like the delineation in street. Send to fire and police for input.
- Chair Morgan – Concerned with creating safety problems.
- Member Smith – Close off; work with police and fire
- Member Martin – Close off; work with police and fire

Action taken: The committee agreed subdivision could be isolated with police and fire approval. If fire and police oppose bring back to committee.

- c. Walmart traffic study – CE Pollock presented an overview of the traffic study and recommended a few changes including analysis on the corner of Bowman/Norma, Rader/China Lake, Bowman/Downs, Downs/Upjohn, China Lake/Norma, and Dolphin/College Heights. The committee and public discussed the street design. CE Pollock commented that nothing is set in concrete. CM Rose reviewed the EIR process with the committee. No action taken.
- d. Intersection of Church and Downs - Development agreement requires Church be improved to Downs. There's a power pole that needs to be moved; it would cost \$100K plus if it can be moved. There are drainage issues, will flood little league field and electric would need to be underground for improvements. Mr. George Bertrand requested that Church be realigned. CE Pollock has no problem with the request; it won't line up for about 20 feet. Mr. Bertrand requested a letter stating the development would not be responsible for flood water and presented a proposal; suggesting the City consider purchasing the lot north of the fields. CE Pollock commented that we could purchase land with developers paying the cost. Mr. Bertrand requested a reimbursement agreement for Church improvements. Member Martin asked if

we could bond the improvement with the understanding that if and when the utilities were underground, Church would be fixed.

Action taken: The committee recommended looking into buying the property N. of the fields. Flooding fields is not an issue, will need City attorney to look at.

- e. Bowman & Norma - continued
- f. Proposed agreement with Kern County Sheriff's Department for Work Release Labor – CE Pollock mentioned this service was available
- g. Bataan & College Heights Intersection (continued item)
- h. Alley paving - continued

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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DRAFT Minutes

Present Chairman Steve Morgan; Members Duke Martin, Jim Smith, Lois Beres

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with the arrival of Chair Morgan at 4:08 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Minute for May 8, 2006 was added to item 3
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 9, 2006**
Minutes for May 8 and May 9, 2006 were approved.
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
Lewis Wincn, Sonja – Thank Engineer Pollock for his help with nuisance water. Shared pictures showing pool water being drained. Water is going under driveway and its buckling. Member Martin asked Mr. Wincn to get city staff addresses so that a letter could be sent to them. Engineer Pollock indicated he is currently getting bids to address this matter. Hope to have response within 10 days.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - c. Bataan & College Heights Intersection (referred from Planning & Zoning) – Engineer Pollock presented an overview of the original plan (4-lane road). City may want to consider removing road; this intersection is going to be a nightmare. What happens here depends on what Walmart does.

Chair Morgan - Terminating Bataan would force the use of Sunland and Bowman.

Member Martin – Don't put Bataan through. Would like to see traffic engineer study.

The Committee unanimously agreed they didn't want Bataan hooking into College Heights.

Action taken: Engineer Pollock to provide more information including options from traffic engineer.
6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Committee discussed Warner and Franklin. City Council decides on Warner for Neil Christman's tract. Need to look at Warner to Dolphin and figure how to get drainage to Bowman. Getting Norma to China Lake is hard to do. Engineer Pollock has spoken with developer and will bring what's been discussed to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.