



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

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST PLANNING COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:10pm
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Vice Chair Scott Davis, Commissioners Cecil Yates, Solomon Rajaratnam
Absent: Chairman Matt Baudhuin, Commissioner Warren Cox
Staff: City Planner Matthew Alexander, Planning Intern Paul Leonard
Recording Secretary: Ricca Charlon
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to Approve Agenda by S. Rajaratnam, Seconded By C. Yates
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, and 2 Absent
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2016**
 - Rajaratnam – noted in item 7a ‘CEQA’ is misspelled*Motion to Approve February 23, 2016 Minutes as amended by C. Yates, Seconded by S. Rajaratnam*
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, and 2 Absent
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None**
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
8. **DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**
 - a) **Consideration of Minor Amendments to Comprehensive Sign Permit CSP 11-01 (Eastern Sierra Marketplace)**, Walmart Stores are requesting modifications to the signs approved in 2011.
 - City Planner Alexander reviewed staff report
 - Rajaratnam – are we violating anything by going larger than the sign ordinance?
 - City Planner Alexander – no, the comprehensive sign permit allows for the variance.
 - Rajaratnam – this was approved in 2011, is it expired?
 - City Planner Alexander – no, I do not believe the sign permit requires an extension, but if it does this would effectively extend them another 18 monthsPublic comment - none
Minute Order to APPROVE THE REQUESTED MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO CSP 11-01 BY AMENDING PC RESOLUTION 11-07 made by C. Yates, Seconded by S. Rajaratnam.
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, and 2 Absent
 - b) **Consideration of Extension for Conditional Use Permit CUP 15-01 (Desert Area Resources & Training Expansion)** a request to add an 8,000 sq. ft. building at the existing DART facilities located on a 2.8 acre lot located at 216 N. Gold Canyon Drive.
 - City Planner Alexander reviewed staff report
 - Rajaratnam – what is the reason for the extension?
 - Ginny DeAngelis – there was a delay at the County, as well as Banking issues/loan documents were delayedPublic comment - none
Motion to Approve Extension for Conditional Use Permit CUP 15-01 made by C. Yates, Seconded by S. Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, and 2 Absent

c) **Consideration of Revised Building Elevations for Site Plan Review SPR 15-03** - the existing McDonald's located at 150 N. China Lake Blvd., (APN 396-020-13).

- City Planner Alexander reviewed staff report
- Rajaratnam – what is the proposed start date?
- City Planner Alexander – believes it is imminent

Public comment – none

d) **Consideration of Prioritizing General Plan** Implementation Measures by Planning Commissioners - Discussion and possible action per Commissioners' priorities.

- City Planner Alexander and Planning Intern Paul Leonard reviewed staff report
- City Planner Alexander noted that the Commissioners review the scoring and come back with comments. Plans are to update the City Council about the report.

Public comment – none

9. **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

a) **Committee Reports**

- Water Conservation – Davis – No meeting
- Bowman Business Plan – Davis - No meeting
- City Org – Rajaratnam – Discussed Broadband; next meeting tomorrow
- Median Art – Yates – No meeting

b) **Commissioner Comments**

- Yates – thanked Paul Leonard for his 1st report
- Rajaratnam – thanked staff for keeping the commission updated
- Davis – echoed comments by Yates and Rajaratnam

10. **STAFF ITEMS**

- Reminder 3 median art projects are going up on China Lake Blvd this Friday

11. **ADJOURN - 7:00pm**