



CITY OF RIDGECREST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021
5:00PM
REGULAR MEETING

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Kyle Blades, Chairman; Solomon Rajaratnam, Vice Chairman; Bernie Mondragon, Commissioner; Bill Farris Jr., Commissioner

Staff: M. McKenzie, Analyst; R. Strand, City Manager

CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Blades, Rajaratnam, Mondragon, Farris

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S Rajaratnam/Farris to approve agenda. Motion carried by a roll call vote of: 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

~~1. Approval of draft minutes from the regular meeting dated 04-15-2021~~

Previous meeting notes not available for approval; Voting bypassed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Opened: 5:01 PM -No Public Comment- Closed: 5:02 PM

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. R.A.C.E. Update

R. Strand presented update

2. Social Media Update

Staff report made by M. McKenzie

Committee Comment:

- Rajaratnam asked about Blades' role in coordination; Blades responded that City staff have taken lead on coordination but he will be involved in the process/vision
- Blades asked about public survey timeline
- Rajaratnam asked about survey source; Strand commented on initial outreach survey by Lew Edwards & clarified current survey scope
- Blades asked about Chamber of Commerce E-sign outreach; McKenzie commented design in progress

3. ICSC Conference Information

McKenzie presented conference information

Committee Comment:

- Blades and Farris expressed interest in attending
- Strand directed staff to make reservations
- Blades inquired about preparation for conference; Strand responded that HdL consultant will assist in identifying opportunities and making appropriate connections
- Blades asked about list of vendors

4. Staff Update

- Strand provided update on current developments; Panda, Chipotle, Starbucks, Dutch Bros on track; Town Suites extended building permit 180 days
- RACVB CalTrans sign program to go thru appeals process, City will assist; Blades offered to assist with this process
- Oasis Development: 6 lots available; Strand mentioned hospital may be interested
- McKenzie shared commercial property listing for 930 N. Norma St.
- McKenzie presented WebCor event information
- McKenzie shared SCE Charge Ready Program information

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT – 5:30 p.m.