

CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Thursday August 3, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Revised Agenda

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Red curb – IWV Water District was added and the agenda approved
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 11, 2006
The minutes were approved
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
None
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Bowman & Sanders – CE Pollock presented an overview of the police departments comments; barricades don't work, need to be able to patrol neighborhood. The committee discussed several options, received public comment unanimously voted (4 ayes) to have Warner go through.
 - b. Bowman & Norma – 4 way stop will be installed.
 - c. City Corp Yard design – CE Pollock presented the concept phase of the City's corporate yard; location unknown. Chair Morgan asked for a report from each department. Mr. Dale Howard commented that the building size would be ridiculous on Ridgecrest Blvd.
 - d. Paving vs. Manholes – As of 3:30 p.m. yesterday Caltrans indicated they will raise manholes on China Lake. City to raise the ones on Inyokern.
 - e. Proposed agreement with Kern County Sheriff's Department for Work Release Labor – this item was continued.
 - f. Bataan & College Heights Intersection (continued item) – CE Pollock recommended the City stay with what we have; Bataan not intersect with College Heights. The committee unanimously agreed.
 - g. Alley paving – CE Pollock informed the committee there is no answer for this because there is no funding. Member Martin suggested allowing tenants pave if they want to. **Action Taken: explore financing of alleys**
 - h. Red curb for IWV Water District – CE Pollock indicated there is a request from IWVWD to paint about 50ft. of curb in front of their building on

Ridgecrest Blvd. red. The committee unanimously agreed (4 ayes) to painting the curb red.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Next meeting will be in September. Kern COG mailer handed out. Caltrans will be paving at night, there will be a few changes. There will be a dedicated left turn pocket at Coso, no left at shopping center, and double yellow on several other streets.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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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)**
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - i. 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 wide
 - 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.
 - j. 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