



City of Ridgecrest General Plan Update Community Workshop #2 Summary

Opportunities, Challenges, and a Vision

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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

On March 29, 2007, over 50 people met at City Hall and participated in the second of two community workshops designed to give the community opportunities to be involved in shaping the City of Ridgecrest General Plan. The purpose of the second workshop was to explore policy choices related to future land use concepts for the City of Ridgecrest. At the beginning of the workshop, participants were asked to join the same group they were with for Workshop #1. New attendees were divided into the five groups. Working as members of these groups, participants developed concepts for Ridgecrest's future. Their charge was to map out a future for the City that addresses the issues and opportunities identified in Workshop #1.



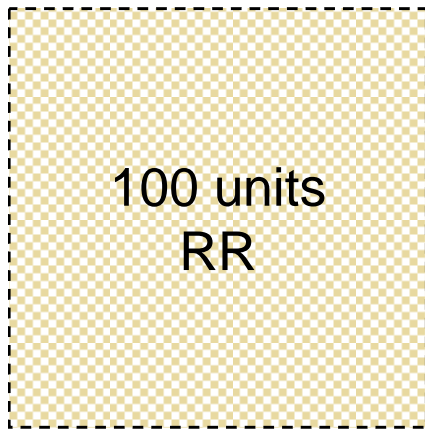
Each planning team used colored paper representing a variety of residential development, employment generating land uses (industrial and commercial), and public facilities. Their objectives were to accommodate the estimated 2030 population, while balancing the needs for housing, new employment, parks and other quality of life factors.

WORKSHOP ASSUMPTIONS

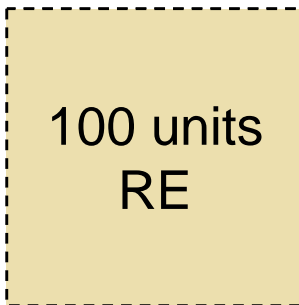
Growth of ~ 20,000 persons
Population per household 2.72
Homes needed ~ 7,300
Each game piece represents 100 housing units
Residential Game Pieces to Use = 73

SAMPLE GAME PIECES

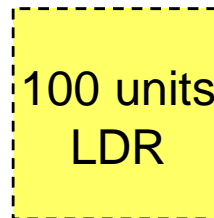
Rural Residential
(1 du/ac)



Rural Estates
(2 du/ac)



Low Density Residential
(4 du/ac)



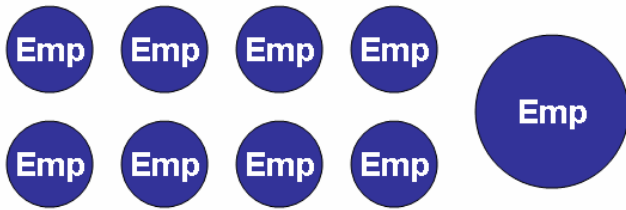
Med. Density Residential
(6 du/ac)



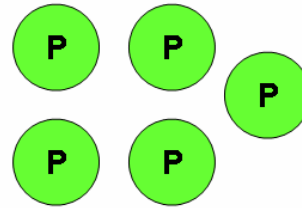
High Density Residential
(14 du/ac)



Employment
Centers



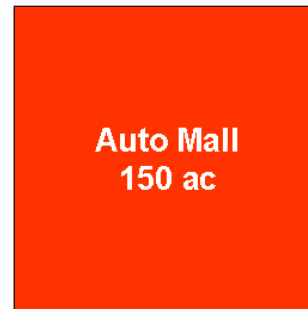
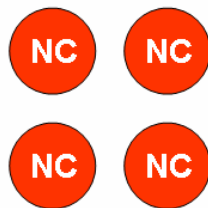
Community Park



Regional
Commercial



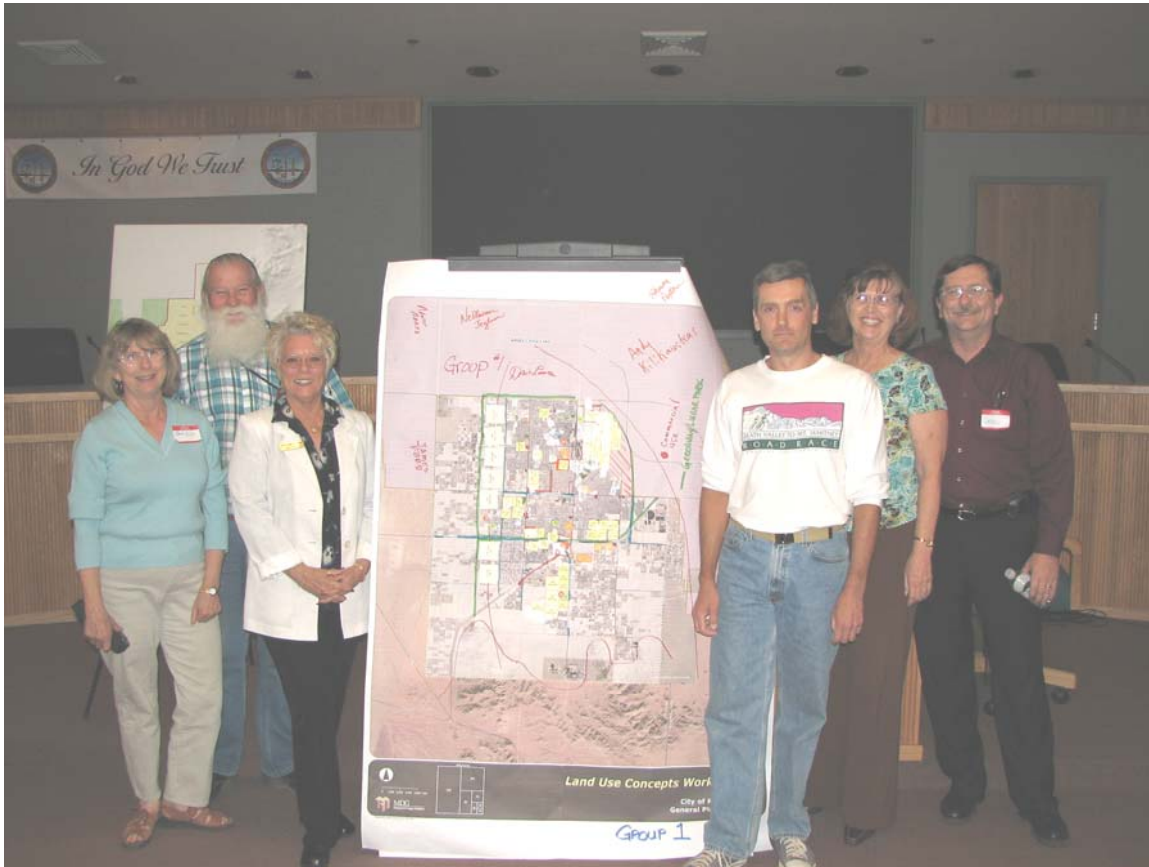
Neighborhood
Commercial
(1/10,000 pop)



At the end of the workshop, each group was asked to present their map to those in attendance. As part of this presentation, each group highlighted the key attributes of their land use concept.

A picture of each group's map and their key features are summarized on the following pages. Larger versions of the map photographs will be posted to the website (www.westplanning.com) for review.

BREAK-OUT GROUP #1



1. Rural transition to County
2. Relocate housing to work locations
3. High density close to shopping
4. Supports the Base mission
5. Commercial development in appropriate areas
6. Encircled most of the City in linear parks

BREAK-OUT GROUP #2



1. Multi-use (commercial/residential – with residential over commercial uses)
2. Center of town (Ridgecrest/Balsam/City Hall – all connect)
3. Schools – Neighborhood – Walkable (new high school)
4. Senior housing – walk to stores
5. Performing Arts Center
6. Linear parks with drainage

BREAK-OUT GROUP #3



List of features was not left after meeting. The key features will be obtained from the video of the meeting and added to the final minutes when available.

BREAK-OUT GROUP #4



1. Schools are located off the base
2. Higher density units "downtown" near shopping
3. Lower density on outskirts of the City – "rural transition"
4. Numerous parks around town
5. Gradual transition from lower density (south) to higher density (north)
6. Apartments near the new 4-year college
7. Adult retirement center
8. Require every developer to include park
9. Plan is lacking space for new business, economic development

BREAK-OUT GROUP #5



1. Mission compatibility insured through rural interface
2. Future commercial corridor through joint Kern, San Bernardino County annexation
3. Flagpole annexation to Hwy 395 via China Lake Blvd and Bowman Road
4. Educational strategic plan
5. Al Huey Performing Arts Center
6. Linear Bowman Park connectivity