

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held September 6, 2012, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

In Attendance: Chad Anderson Torry Brean Scotty Ensign
 Carl Hickman Eb Hogervorst Kristi Mansolf
 Jim Piva Dennis Sprong Richard Tomlinson
 Kevin Wallace

Absent: Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel, Angus Tobiason

Jim Piva, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Torry Brean, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (Mansolf)

The Secretary determined a quorum was present.

ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING: Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes

Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason had an excused absence.

ITEM 5: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)

ITEM 6: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – *No Items Brought Forward*

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 7-12-12 and 8-2-12 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2012, MEETING.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 9-0-1-0-5**, with Dennis Sprong abstaining, and Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2012, MEETING, AS CORRECTED, PAGE 7, LAST SENTENCE, FIRST PARAGRAPH, ADD (AFTER ‘INTERSECTION HAS THE MOST COLLISIONS IN THE COUNTY’) ‘OF ANY INTERSECTION ON THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY LIST.’

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 8-0-2-0-5**, with Scotty Ensign and Dennis Sprong abstaining, and Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)

Speaker: Patricia Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Ms. Brennecke requested the RCPG to reconsider the previous decision to approve the proposed Ramona Street Extension project. She doesn't understand why the project is going forward because the plan is flawed. When Ramona Street residents bought their property, those who agreed on having an easement agreed to a future rural 2 lane country road – not a Scripps Poway Parkway with so much of the residents' land being taking over. The County keeps spending more money on this flawed project because the RCPG hasn't told them to stop. The RCPG is elected to help Ramona remain safe, rural and carefully planned. The residents have followed the protocol of speaking to the RCPG about the problems with the project. The plan should be dropped now and another project selected that will better serve the community.

Speaker: Jim Cooper, Ramona Resident

Mr. Cooper said the Public Speaker slips are labeled either “for” or “against.” This limits the public on making a statement or comment on a topic.

Regarding the proposed Ramona Street Extension project, Mr. Cooper has been asking for 2 years what problem is the project solving? The Director of the Department of Public Works for San Diego County responded in a letter regarding the project that the project is not being undertaken or caused by a specific problem. Mr. Cooper wants to know why this project is still on our top 10 list? The Traffic Impact Analysis for the project, December 6, 2007, states that there is very little difference in the calculated travel times and speed with and without the project extension for any of the timeframes analyzed – so there is no benefit for the project.

ITEM 10: Second Dwelling Unit Proposed in Scenic Corridor of the Old Julian Highway at 18663 Oak Ridge Ln, Freiser Residence (Scenic Waiver Request); Derek Berg, Representative (Action)

Ms. Mansolf said this item had been on the August agenda, but the RCPG did not have the applicant's correct contact information. This has been corrected, and the applicant's representative was at the meeting. The request is for a second dwelling unit 976 feet from the Old Julian Highway. The scenic corridor goes back 1000 feet, which is why a waiver is required.

Mr. Berg said they are requesting to build a guest house. The pad was graded when the original house was built. The home in the front has a higher elevation. For the second structure, it will be 20 feet below the main house in elevation and 100 feet above the Old Julian Highway.

Mr. Berg said people traveling on the Old Julian Highway will not see the second dwelling unit for very long due to topography and vegetation in the area.

The Chair asked if owners around the property had been notified?

Ms. Mansolf said she thought surrounding property owners were only notified when the request was for a discretionary permit.

Mr. Tomlinson looked up on the internet to see if public notification was a requirement for a waiver request, and it was not.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SCENIC WAIVER REQUEST (OLD JULIAN HIGHWAY) FOR A SECOND DWELLING UNIT AT 18663 OAK RIDGE LANE.

Upon motion made by Chad Anderson and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 11: AD 12-027, Administrative Permit to Add an Additional Story to the Main Residence to Allow an Increase in the Number of Stories from 2 to 3, not to Exceed 35 feet; Garage to be Below the 2 Story Addition with Remaining House Stepped up Hill, 16219 Highland Mesa Dr, by Starvation Mt. Rd. Previously the Project Was Approved as AD 08-041, but the Permit Expired in 2011 (Action)

Ms. Mansolf said the project was approved by the RCPG in 2008. The applicant lost the house on the property in the 2007 fires. The project went all the way through the approval process, and then the plan expired. The applicant is requesting approval for the same plan that was approved in 2008.

Mr. Roether said they were hoping the economy would improve with time so that it would have been easier to complete the project.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT.

Upon motion made by Chad Anderson and seconded by Eb Hogervorst, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

ITEM 12: Subcommittee Reports

- A. SOUTH (Hailey)(No Business)**
- B. WEST (Mansolf) (No Business)**
- C. EAST (Ensign)(No Business)**
- D. PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)**
- E. CUDA (Brean)(No Business)**
- F. Transportation/Trails (Hickman) (No Business)**
- G. DESIGN REVIEW (Chris Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board – No Report**
- H. Village Design Committee Meeting Report (Brean, Stykel) – No Report**

ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Having a Hwy 67 Traffic Safety Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Ms. Mansolf said this item was requested to be on the agenda last month to identify small solutions to traffic safety problems along Hwy 67, and it was suggested it be part of the focus of the Hwy 67 Traffic Safety Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

The Chair said he would like to see this item tabled until after the election.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A HWY 67 TRAFFIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE UNTIL FEBRUARY, 2013.

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 9-1-0-0-5**, with Torry Brean voting no, and Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

B. Discussion and Consideration of Approving the Letter Sent Commending Lt. Julie Sutton's Service to Ramona

The Chair said Lt. Julie Sutton retired, and a letter was written commending her for her service to the community. She worked on the Cedar Creek Falls issue, and also the Emergency Evacuation Route, and both issues are not completely resolved. He had hoped that she would be able to see them through. The letter lets her bosses know how much we appreciated her involvement.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE LETTER AS WRITTEN.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

C. Consideration of Approving Letter Sent 6-28-12 to Support HSIP Grant Funding Request for Signalization at Intersection of Tenth Street and H Street

The Chair said the County requested the RCPG to write a letter of support for a grant to fund a traffic signal at the intersection of 10th and H Streets. This intersection has a long history of collisions.

Speaker: Jim Cooper, Ramona Resident

Mr. Cooper said the issue of a traffic signal at this intersection confuses him. He looked for traffic studies and couldn't find anything. A traffic signal at this intersection will affect 500 to 800 of the public per day. He would like to see some documentation and get up to date on this issue.

Mr. Hickman said the intersection has had the most collisions of any intersection on the Traffic Signal Priority List. There have been 33 collisions in the last 5 years. The County will have word at the end of November on whether or not the project will be funded. All signals will be interconnected if the traffic signal is put in. Mr. Hickman suggested Mr. Cooper stop by his office if he is seeking information on the intersection.

The Chair said the Fire Department had put in a request for a traffic light at this intersection in 2005.

MOTION: TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE HSIP GRANT SUPPORT LETTER SENT TO THE COUNTY ON JUNE 28, 2012.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Chad Anderson, the motion **passed 8-1-1-0-0-5**, with Kevin Wallace voting no, Carl Hickman abstaining and Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Bob Hailey, Paul Stykel and Angus Tobiason absent.

**D. Ramona Community Planning Area – 8 Seats (Odd Numbered Seats)
Up for Reelection in the General Election 11-6-12**

The Chair asked the candidates for RCPG seats in the General Election that were present in the room to please introduce themselves. Robin Maxson, Kathy DaSilva and Jim Cooper introduced themselves. He announced current RCPG members who had filed papers to run in the General Election. The Chair thanked all candidates for running.

E. Meeting 9-27-12 To Discuss the Emergency Evacuation Route

The Chair said there was to be a meeting on the first Emergency Evacuation Route to be created in 30 years, in Supervisor Dianne Jacob's office on September 27, to work towards finalizing the Ramona project. He and Ms. Mansolf would be attending. He invited Mr. Sprong to attend. Representatives from the County, the RMWD, the Sheriff's Department and CAL FIRE/Ramona Fire Department would be in attendance

Mr. Sprong said the project was a huge win for the community. He gave the Chair credit for following through on this project.

ITEM 14: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)

A. Ethics Training Reminder

The Chair reminded all RCPG Members to complete their ethics training.

B. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action) – None

C. Concerns of Members

Mr. Wallace asked about how the public at large speaks outside of an agenda item, if they are making a comment and not speaking for or against a project?

D. Agenda Requests

Mr. Brean asked to have a discussion of modifying the speaker request form on the next meeting agenda.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf