

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held September 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL (Piva, Chair)

In Attendance:	Torry Brean	Jim Cooper	Scotty Ensign
	Barbara Jensen	Kristi Mansolf	Jim Piva
	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel	Richard Tomlinson (Arr 7:15)
	Kevin Wallace		

Excused Absence: Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Donna Myers

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

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING 8-7-14.

Mr. Sprong said the minutes of August 7, 2014, reflected that he arrived late to the meeting. He was on time.

Ms. Mansolf said that Torry Brean was shown as secretary of the meeting, but Ms. Mansolf acted as secretary.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Barbara Jensen, the motion **passed 10-0-1-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Donna Myers and Richard Tomlinson absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Ms. Mansolf announced that regarding the cell site proposed for Cedar Street, it was pulled from the agenda by the applicant due to issues that came up in the County scoping letter that may affect location. The project will come back once these issues have been resolved.

The RCPG asked the County about the telecommunications tower at the Creelman Substation. SDG&E responded that the tower was paid for with a Department of Energy grant. No review or notification was required. SDG&E usually will send out notification to property owners, but regrets it wasn't done. Anymore work to be done has been put on hold for further study and outreach.

County Traffic Engineering has updated the County of San Diego Traffic Guidelines. The document is available for review.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda.

Speaker: Bob Romeo, Ramona Resident

Mr. Romeo talked about the condition of the Creelman Substation and the solar project proposed for the site. The neighbors still want Creelman paved. SDG&E said they would pave from San Vicente Road to the project site. The County is only requiring the road to be paved to Ashley. The neighbors will continue to push for the paving of Creelman. The lines are too low at the beginning of Creelman. AT&T asked SDG&E to raise the lines. Per PUC specifications, the GEO 95 Tariff, line heights are regulated. SDG&E doesn't follow their own specifications. The neighbors have retained a lawyer who is also a neighbor. They are concerned with the destroyed value of the property by the dust, dirt, etc.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action) – *No changes were brought forward*

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

- 7-A: The public is invited to a presentation on the San Vicente Road Improvement Project, Warnock to south of Wildcat Canyon Rd, by M. Long, Project Manager. Questions/concerns will be documented 9-4 and answered at a follow up community forum on 9-8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at OPMS, 1521 Hanson Ln**

Michael Long is the new project manager for the San Vicente Road Improvement Project, replacing Steve Ron who recently retired. Mr. Long said the goals of the project are to straighten the curves and fix the site distance issues. The project has been defined and the costs have been determined.

Outreach was done with the RMWD. They will be doing outreach at OPMS for the public on September 8. People will be able to ask questions on comment cards and a notification list will be established. They want to address concerns including traffic concerns. Construction will not occur on red flag days. Should there be an evacuation, construction will stop. Message boards will be up on all main access points to San Vicente Road approaching the site.

Speaker: Gail Arndt, Ramona Resident

Ms. Arndt is a SDCE resident. She would like to know the number of deaths in the last 30 years for the section of road to be worked on, their ages and causes of death. She is concerned with the location of the staging area for construction due to visibility on a double blind corner.

Speaker: Lynn Hopewell, Ramona Resident

Ms. Hopewell said that about 150 trees are going to be removed. Will replacement trees be planted for the ones being removed, and if so, where will they be planted?

Mr. Long said starter trees will be offered to groups, like the Boy Scouts, who can offer them to residents. There is no plan to plant replacement trees for those removed. Mr. Long said the separation of the road from the trail will be accomplished by putting up a rope barrier, so the trail will be safe for all that use it. Construction will begin on September 15. They would like people who put up the memorials to their loved ones to claim the memorials, or they will be removed and

taken to the construction trailer at the staging area for people to claim. The Cedar Dog tree will be saved.

Mr. Ensign spoke to Steve Ron in the past about there not being any construction activities on the 3rd Street end of the SDCE while the San Vicente Road construction is going on. He wanted to be sure this was still the case. Restriping or resealing would make a big impact during road construction.

Mr. Long said he will work with the maintenance people to be sure no other projects are planned during construction. However, he could not speak for the utilities and the RMWD.

Mr. Hickman asked Mr. Long to clarify the project limits. The signal at Wildcat Canyon and San Vicente can be modified during construction, if necessary.

Mr. Long said the construction will go from Warnock Drive to 1000 feet east of Wildcat Canyon Road. The total length is about 2.25 miles. The site distance corrections in Phase I of the project are imperative.

7-B: (West Subcommittee Project) Request by Ramona Acres Resident to Consider Removing the Floodplain Designation from the Acres in the Vicinity of Durgin St

Ms. Aney requested the RCPG to inquire if her property is still in the floodplain at the August meeting. She remembers work being done along time ago in that area that appeared to be drainage work, and she wondered if it changed the floodplain status of her property.

A letter was sent to the County, and per the County, the property is still in the FEMA Designated Floodplain. There is no record at the County of improvements being done that would have changed the floodplain status of the property. The County provided direction and information in case Ms. Aney wants to contact FEMA.

Ms. Aney thanked the RCPG for considering her request. She watched the stream flow through there in 1980 when the dam broke upstream, and the creek was 18 feet across. She remembers work being done after that, but she tried to find records of this work herself but was unsuccessful.

7-C: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Project) Consideration of Removal of a Dead Oak Tree in the Road Right of Way on Archie Moore Rd, South of Rancho De La Angel Rd

Mr. Hickman gave the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting report. The subcommittee voted to remove the dead oak.

Mr. Ensign confirmed that the oak was dead and should be removed.

There was some discussion on the Gold Spotted Oak Borer that is know to be in the vicinity of Mt. Woodson. It was suggested to request the County to look for the bug in the trees, and treat the wood according to best management practices should it be found in the tree.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY REQUESTING REMOVAL OF THE DEAD OAK IN THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY. PLEASE INSPECT OAK WOOD FOR

THE GOLD SPOTTED OAD BORER, AND IF FOUND, PLEASE DISPOSE OF ACCORDING TO BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Donna Myers absent.

- 7-D: (Parks Subcommittee) Update PLDO Priority List Projects: 1. Amphitheater Fencing; Sod and Seed (Approved for \$27,500) ; 2. Ramona Soccer League Field Expansion (Approved for \$150,000); 3. Skateboard Park Development (Approved for \$90,000); 4. Girls Softball LED Scoreboards (Approved for \$40,000); 5. Boys & Girls Club Tennis Court Conversion to Basketball Courts (Approved for \$70,620); 6. RHS Baseball/Softball Fencing and Dugouts (Approved for \$100,000); 7. Community Athletic Complex (Approved for \$250,000); 8. Barnett School Playground Project (Approved for \$75,000)**

Mr. Brean gave the Parks Subcommittee report. There is a balance of \$824,000 in the PLDO account for Ramona not including deductions for the Boys & Girls Club Tennis Court and RHS Baseball/Softball Dugouts. The Tennis Court and Dugout projects have been approved for funding and no longer need to be included in the list, which brings the current available fund balance down to \$653,819. Mr. Brean heard from everyone on the project list reaffirming their interest in remaining on the PLDO list except for the Community Athletic Complex.

With all of the requirements that need to be done to bring a project to completion, project costs jumped. Engineering fees must be paid, where applicable, and some of the projects are part of properties with Major Use Permits. The County charges an annual maintenance fee. It is best to spend money in the account and not keep it for year after year.

The latest cost for the Ramona Soccer project is \$220,000, due to an increase in required engineering work. This amount should bring the project to completion.

For the Ramona Girls Softball project, the cost has been revised to \$128,500, which should complete the project. Again, the increase in cost is due to increases in required engineering work.

For the Ramona Amphitheater project, the project name has changed to Wellfield Recreational Park, and will provide active recreation space, disk golf, and integration with equestrian and hiking trails. The plan would not automatically allow for amphitheater style events, but would allow for those events to be permitted individually when required. The latest cost estimates bring the project's funding request to be \$157,000, which should bring the project to completion.

For the Barnett Elementary Playground Project, the latest cost estimates bring the revised project funding request to \$92,000. The remaining balance of the project costs of about \$50,000 will be provided through other sources.

Although there was not a representative present at the Parks meeting for the skate park, the group is still interested in staying on the priority list as they further develop their plans.

The Parks Subcommittee discussed the Community Athletic Center and agreed that it should not be included in the 2014 priority list.

Mr. Tomlinson asked if there were an attempt to get more projects?

Mr. Brean said no more came up this year. Mr. Brean said he is working to get the projects completed.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RCPG PLDO LIST AS PRESENTED:

1. **Girls Softball LED Scoreboards (Approved for up to \$128,000)**
2. **Ramona Soccer League Field Expansion (Approved for up to \$275,000)**
3. **Wellfield Recreational Park Project (Approved for up to \$157,000)**
4. **Barnett School Playground Project (Approved for up to \$92,000)**
5. **Skateboard Park Development (Approved for up to \$90,000)**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, With Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Donna Myers absent.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Update

The Chair said Lt. Rich Williams is replacing Lt. Hank Turner at the Ramona Sheriff's Substation. The Chair said he will be inviting Lt. Williams to the RCPG meetings in the future.

8-B: RCPG Member Absences

Mr. Tomlinson asked for this item to be on the agenda due to RCPG meeting absences by some members. He said that the Standing Rules talk about members forfeiting their membership for having a set number of absences, and being reconfirmed by the RCPG to continue serving on the board. Two members who miss frequently are not running in the election. Should there be excessive absences in the future, the absences should be considered by the board.

The Chair said excused absences do not count.

8-C: Ramona Community Planning Area – 7 Seats (Even Numbered Seats) Up for Reelection.

The Chair announced that 15 people were running in the election for 7 RCPG seats.

8-D: Committee Reports (Possible Action)

8-D-1: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Cooper gave the Design Review Report. He said the Dunkin Donuts/Baskin-Robbins project wants to have a monument sign. The Design Review Board (DRB) tried to discourage the monument sign, but currently the plan is to put one up. The Mountain Valley Church wants to be a part of the community and to listen to the community. They seemed receptive to the DRB comments. For the new Tractor Supply Company building – there was discussion on one sign in the front and one along Main Street that the DRB felt did not comply to the standards. The signs were supposed to come back to the DRB for review, but never did. The small signs along the building follow the Form Based Code.

8-D-2: VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT (Brean, Stykel)

Mr. Stykel said there had been no meeting.

Ms. Mansolf was in contact with Mr. Llewallen regarding the RCPG keeping the item on the agenda in the future. Mr. Llewallen said the RCPG could take it off the agenda for now until such time in the future when there is a related issue to discuss.

8-E: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-E-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Sprong said he would like to see the County work with the utilities on a utility pole cleanup in Ramona. Utility poles are upgraded and unused poles are not always removed.

Mr. Hickman suggested contacting Lawrence Hirsch at the County about this issue.

Mr. Sprong asked why the items tabled from last month (August) were not on the September agenda? The items were the crosswalks on Main Street, the right turn lane from 10th to Main Street heading south, and the senior housing along A Street.

Ms. Mansolf said Lynn Hopewell asked to have the crosswalk issue and right turn lane taken off the agenda until a future date. Mr. Tarr had something come up in August and was unable to make the RCPG meeting. He will let us know when he wants the item to be back on the agenda.

The Chair suggested Ms. Mansolf ask the County if the trees removed for the San Vicente Road Improvement project have been checked for the Gold-Spotted Oak Borer.

8-E-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Sprong said he has a concern with signs on private property – such as along Mussey Grade Road and Highway 67 – that are up for a long time.

Mr. Cooper felt this item could be considered by the Design Review Board.

Mr. Wallace said he felt the cell site companies always have the location selected before they come to the RCPG. He would like the RCPG to have some say in where cell towers are to be considered.

The Chair said the item could be put on a future agenda.

8-E-3: New Disclosure Language for Agendas, Subcommittee Members and Meeting Participants

Ms. Mansolf said all planning and sponsor groups have been asked to add the new disclosure language to all agendas. Any and all correspondence between group members and the public on devices such as computers are considered public record and can be requested to fulfill public record request act items.

8-E-4: Addition and Confirmation of New Subcommittee Members

The Transportation/Trails Subcommittee voted to add new members. Mr. Hickman said he learned after the meeting that the protocol for voting on adding new members was not completely followed, and he planned to have this item on the next T&T agenda to complete the process. He would bring new members forward to the RCPG at the October meeting.

8-F: Meeting Updates

8-F-1: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings

Mr. Tomlinson announced a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for September 12, 2014, for the Zoning Ordinance Cleanup.

8-F-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 10-2-14 at the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf