

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held February 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL (Piva, Chair)**

In Attendance:	Jim Cooper	Scotty Ensign	Eb Hogervorst
	Barbara Jensen	Frank Lucio	Kristi Mansolf
	Elio Noyas (Arr 7:10)	Jim Piva	David Ross
	Dan Scherer	Paul Stykel	Rick Terrazas
	Richard Tomlinson		

Excused Absence: Torry Brean, Donna Myers

Jim Piva, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Scotty Ensign, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as 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 1-15-15.**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015, MEETING.**

Upon motion made by Frank Lucio and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Donna Myers absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair announced that the Kahoots Feed Store would be back on the agenda in March for a final vote. Caltrans has requested to make a presentation in March on the progress of the Highland Valley/Dye/SR-67 Intersection Project.

Ms. Mansolf announced Supervisor Jacob would be in Ramona on February 27, from 8:30 to 10:30 at the Ramona Town Hall for Coffee with the Constituents.

On February 11 and 21, Planning and Development Services (PDS) will be hosting 2 workshops on “Thriving – Livability, Sustainability and Healthy Communities.” Both will be held in Kearny Mesa.

**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: Sharon Pritchard, Ramona Resident

Ms. Pritchard has concerns about the Ramona Mobile Home Park. Someone she knows lives there, and she received a letter and a bill telling her there were too many RV’s at the site and a couple

were not permitted. The mobile home park is now looking like a manufactured home park. The name has changed twice recently. Now the owners want a vineyard. Residents were not told there was a new owner and they haven't been notified of any change. Power went out one day due to construction, and then the propane went out. Electricity and propane are included in the tenants' rent. No notice was given that either the electrical or the propane would be going out. She wants to know what is going on there and why the owners are not communicating with the residents. The name of the facility has changed twice, but the original name is still on file with the County. No formal name change has been done.

The Chair said there would be consideration of this item going on a future agenda.

Speaker: Rick Morgal, Ramona Resident

Mr. Morgal is an electrical engineer. He has concerns over the plans to store the nuclear waste from the San Onofre facility in the ocean in casks that are 5/8 inch thick. He does not think these casks are suited to contain nuclear waste for a long time period. Cracks have occurred in these types of casks in the past. The casks would have to last 62 years according to the current plan to store the nuclear waste. Mr. Morgal asked if he could make a small presentation at the next RCPG meeting to ask the RCPG for a referendum or letter from the RCPG on this issue. He thinks thicker casks are necessary.

The Chair said he will contact the County and ask for clarification of the RCPG purview for this issue. Mr. Morgal is welcome to speak on this issue in the future, but the information may be better served elsewhere.

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brennecke handed out a report on the Ramona Street Extension project to the new RCPG members. He said that there are 3 road projects proposed for Ramona that are not in the best interest of the community of Ramona. One is the Ramona Street Extension project, the second is the proposed 4 segment South Bypass, which includes the third project – the Dye Road Extension. Development of these road segments are overly expensive and they all have technical difficulties that may not be solvable. The Ramona Street Extension project report was given to the SANDAG Board when road items came up for a review due to a discussion on roads to be funded in the future. Mr. Brennecke reminded the RCPG that they representing the people of Ramona and are not there to rubber stamp projects

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini asked the RCPG to agendaize the following 3 items in the future:

- 1) Request the RCPG Chair to organize a group of all of the Planning and Sponsor Group Chairs and Vice Chairs to communicate on planning issues whereby neither the County Planning Commission nor the Board of Supervisors can adversely affect the individual planning areas. Planning Groups keep getting reminded that they are only advisory.
- 2) Planning for Highway 67 widening east of Highland Valley Road needs to be started now. Caltrans is not working on it at all.
- 3) Regarding telecommunications transmitting sites – the RCPG needs to advise the County to change the Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance whereby no transmitting site would be located within 1,000 feet of a residence. It would be better still if these facilities were limited to installation on commercial and industrially zoned property.

**ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action) – *No Changes Were Brought Forward***

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:**

**7-A: Presentation on Ramona Airport Issues and FAA, by Mike Harrison, Deputy District Director for Congressman Duncan Hunter**

Mike Harrison of Congressman Duncan Hunter's staff made a presentation on the FAA and airport issues. He has worked on transportation issues for over 20 years. In 2013, Congress passed Sequestration where Federal spending was cut back. One airport tower considered for cut backs was the Ramona Airport, which is County run but depends on the Federal government for funding. Mr. Harrison said the Ramona Airport is a vital part of the community especially when fires are burning because CAL FIRE and the USFS run an aerial attack base there. Congressman Hunter's office brought attention to the necessary functions of the Ramona Airport and the Ramona Airport was taken off the list of airports to be cut.

The Chair said there was a presentation from a concerned Ramona resident about the possibility of the Ramona Airport growing in a way that was not compatible with the community. We want to be sure we are notified about future changes being considered for the Ramona Airport.

Ms. Mansolf said that she contacted the Deputy Director of Transportation at the County who forwarded her request for information to Pete Drinkwater, Director of County Airports. After our questions were answered, a letter was drafted asking the County to keep us in the loop for changes occurring at the Ramona Airport. The letter hasn't been sent yet, because we would like someone to review it with knowledge of airport issues.

Mr. Harrison said he would be happy to review the RCPG letter and also to send a supporting letter from Congressman Hunter's office.

**7-B: Informational Presentation on the Retrofit of Existing 250W HPS Street Lights with more Modern LED Fixtures. Presentation by Murali Pasumarthi and Carl Hickman.**

Mr. Hickman said that the County is replacing their street lights with LED street lights. LED cost less to run than the high pressure sodium lights that are in place now. Already the County has switched out lights at the 4S Ranch, Spring Valley and Bonita. There are about 131 in Ramona, and these will be switched out in the near future.

The Chair asked Mr. Hickman about the future timing of the traffic signals on San Vicente Road once the traffic signal at 10<sup>th</sup> and H is installed.

Mr. Hickman said all lights will be synchronized between Wildcat and D Street. If people drive the speed limit, they should not have to stop. They want to tie in with Caltrans synchronization for Main and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**7-C: Consideration of the RCPG Writing a Letter of Recognition for Mark Baker, Light of Lamb Ministry, for Work Done in the Community**

Mr. Ensign asked Mr. Baker what was the trigger that caused him to come to the RCPG asking for assistance?

Mr. Baker said he helps the homeless in the community by offering them shelter and food when they need it. There was a misunderstanding in the past with him knowing how to have his church property listed with the County Tax Assessor. He has tried to correct the way the property is included in the tax rolls but because it was not considered to be a non-profit in past years, there are problems with back taxes being owed. Mr. Krysak is on the board for his church. Other churches in the community do not take in the homeless. Mr. Baker asked the RCPG to write a letter of support for the work he has done in the community.

The Chair says he wants a cooling off period so that everything works out. If the RCPG writes a letter to the wrong entity asking for the wrong thing, more harm will be done. He asked Mr. Baker to check with Mr. Krysak about how best to go about this so that we can do the most good. If necessary the RCPG could hold a special meeting on this issue, but the Chair would like some direction before proceeding. At this time with the tax issue being part of the picture, he doesn't see it falling under the RCPG purview.

**7-D: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Project) 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project and Inclusion of Trails as Part of Project**

Mr. Ensign said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee had some discussion on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge item, and how trails would be integrated into the project. The subcommittee tabled the item due to not having the plans from the County on the project.

One seat is vacant on Transportation/Trails, but no one applied for the seat at the meeting.

The Chair said that Rick Terrazas has agreed to be the Vice Chair for Transportation/Trails. Mr. Terrazas could fill the vacant seat.

**ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**

**8-A: Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs (CUDA, West, South, East, Parks, T&T) for 2015 and Design Review Board Representative**

The Chair said he would like to put forward the following appointments in the form of a motion:

**MOTION: TO APPOINT FOR SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2015: PAUL STYKEL FOR CUDA, TORRY BREAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, JIM COOPER FOR SOUTH, SCOTTY ENSIGN FOR TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS, DAN SCHERER FOR EAST, KRISTI MANSOLF FOR WEST, SCOTTY ENSIGN AS THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE RCPG AND JIM COOPER AS THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ALTERNATE.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Richard Tomlinson voting no, and Torry Brean and Donna Myers absent.

**8-B: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Update**

Ms. Mansolf was in contact with the wildlife agencies to see about the cleanup of select invasive plants on the property from which the trash was cleaned off of in January. The State Water Quality Control Board suggested for future invasive plant cleanups, an online permit be applied for from the Army Corps of Engineer. It's less than \$200 and will define the scope of work for the project and facilitate the coordination of information through the wildlife agencies. As the beginning of

bird nesting was coming up, it is unlikely any more work would be done in the Santa Maria Creek before September or October.

**8-C: Ramona Airport Issues – Please See Item 7-A**

**8-D: RCPG Standing Rules**

The Chair asked the status of the RCPG Standing Rules? They were sent to the County for review.

Ms. Mansolf said County PDS reviewed the RCPG Standing Rules, and sent them on to County Counsel for review before the first of the year.

Mr. Cooper said he would like to request a status report on the review of the RCPG Standing Rules from the County.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER REQUESTING THE REVIEW STATUS OF THE RCPG STANDING RULES.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Donna Myers absent.

**8-E: Consideration of a New RCPG Subcommittee for SDCE and Other Communities by SDCE**

Mr. Cooper said that in the last year, there were 2 major projects that involved the SDCE. For the CIP road list projects, 85 percent of the projects that were on the list were located in the SDCE. The Transportation/Trails Subcommittee reviewed the list and found roads in Ramona that had a greater need for improvement than the ones listed at SDCE. Next was the San Vicente Road improvement construction. The RCPG has been aware of the project moving forward for 1 to 2 years. SDCE did not want it and went into Supervisor Jacob's office to discuss it. The SDCE has their own board, but he is concerned they are not always informed about what is going on.

The Chair said he would like to put SDCE having their own subcommittee on the side for now. A survey was conducted in the SDCE to see what people wanted there with such items as baseball and soccer fields. Miniature golf has been considered. The SDCE Board is coming up with a master plan that will include amenities the residents want.

**8-F: Consideration of CUDA Subcommittee Being Included in the Form Based Code Area**

Mr. Stykel said a Village Design meeting was held recently, and several people who have been involved with planning the Form Based Code want to serve on the CUDA Subcommittee. There was some discussion on rewriting some of the language in the Form Based Code.

Mr. Tomlinson said that Mr. Blackson, who guided and worked on the Form Based Code, said he would come back a year after it was adopted to discuss it.

**8-G. Committee Reports (Possible Action)**

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

Mr. Ensign said the 16<sup>th</sup> Street apartment complex proposal, STP 14-034, was reviewed. The Board asked to see more undulation and more color on the buildings. The lot is lower than the drainage, and 5,000 cubic yards of fill will be brought in.

The Boulder Ridge Villas, TM 5587, project applicants attended, and the Design Review Board recommended changes to a few of the plants in the group open space.

The Sears sign proposal was approved.

Starbucks was on the agenda for their menu board. They will be adding computer hardware to the back of their menu sign for the Starbucks wifi.

Salerno Winery project representatives attended. The Design Review Board was not happy with the sign plans presented. The project is not in the Form Based Code Area, so the old Guidelines apply to the project site.

**8-H: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

**8-H-1: Concerns from Members – *None***

**8-H-2: Future Agenda Item Requests**

Mr. Cooper asked for an update on the overhead sign to go at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main.

The Chair said he will give an update at the next meeting. The sign will serve as a community monument sign at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main, taking the place of the banners that are not allowed to be hung over the road anymore.

Mr. Ensign said the landscaping at Warnock Drive and Ramona Street by the solar facility still needs maintenance and he would like an update.

Ms. Jensen said she would like to add the safety of Mt. Woodson hikers to the next agenda. People stop and back into spaces along SR-67 where the speed limit is 55 mph. Hikers open their car doors into the highway. She would like to find ways to make it safer.

A request was made for an update on the Emergency Evacuation Route through the grasslands.

Subcommittee chairs were asked to get a letter of interest from those who want to continue on their respective subcommittees.

**8-H-3: Addition and Confirmation of New Subcommittee Members**

Mr. Stykel made a motion to add 5 new members to the CUDA Subcommittee. Currently Steve Powell, Thomas Levin, Rochelle Hancock, Bob Hailey and Torry Brean are members.

**MOTION: TO ADD RON RODOLFF, BOB STOODY, JIM COOPER, CAROL FOWLER AND ROB LEWALLEN TO THE CUDA SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Donna Myers absent.

The Chair asked to add Rick Terrazas to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee to serve as Vice Chair of the Subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO ADD RICK TERRAZAS TO THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Torry Breaan and Donna Myers absent.

**8-I: Meeting Updates – None**

**8-I-1: Form 700 Reminder. Circulation of RCPG Member List**

The Chair reminded all RCPG members to complete the required, annual Form 700 filing.

Ms. Mansolf was updating the RCPG Member List with the new members' contact information, and she would send it around for review.

**8-I-2: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings – Nothing to Report**

**8-I-3: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 3-5-15 at the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.**

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

The RCPG is advisory only to the County of San Diego. Community issues not related to planning and land use are not within the purview of this group. Item #5: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the RCPG on any subject within the group's jurisdiction that does not appear as an item on this agenda. The RCPG cannot discuss these matters except to place them on a future agenda, refer them to a subcommittee, or to County staff. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes. Please fill out a speaker request form located at the rear of the room and present to Vice Chairperson.

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