

EAST SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
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RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA
June 1, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:08

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Consideration Will be given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership.

Members Present: Dan Scherer, Chair; Kristi Mansolf, Kevin Wallace

Members Absent: Jamie Holabird

Guests: Don Kohorst, Jim Cooper

4. Corrections/Approval to the Minutes 10-7-13, 4-28-14, 9-29-14, 5-4-15

The Chair said that since he was not present at the 10-7-13, 4-28-14, and 9-29-14 meetings, he had no knowledge of what happened.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 5-4-15 meeting.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Dan Scherer, the motion passed 3-0-0-0-1, with Jamie Holabird absent.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mansolf said a lot split will be on the next East Subcommittee agenda. It came too late to get on the agenda and be advertised in the paper. The lot split is approved and now they want to ask to waive the project requirement of the undergrounding of utilities. They have been working with the County on this.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

7. Telecommunication Facility Proposed for 615 Highway 78. 45 Foot Faux Monopine with 12 Antennas and 1 Microwave Dish (approximately 385 feet from Highway 78) plus Concrete Block Equipment Shelter and Concrete Block Enclosure for Emergency Generator

Ms. Goodman presented the project. The faux tree will be north of the residence and down a hill. The faux tree will be 66 feet from the property line to the north. She presented a coverage map of the area that showed what coverage is now and how it will be approved with the installation of the cell site.

Mr. Wallace asked what the setback requirements are?

Ms. Goodman said the setback requirement is 50 feet. The faux tree will be 400 feet from the edge of the highway. The block buildings will be visible from the highway but will be mostly be

shielded from the highway with trees on the site. The faux tree will be visible but will blend with the existing, mature trees.

Ms. Mansolf said the threshold of the scenic highway corridor is 1,000 feet.

Speaker: Jim Cooper, Ramona Resident

Mr. Cooper has concerns with a lot of these cell sites being in Ramona.

Speaker: Don Kohorst, Ramona Resident

Mr. Kohorst resides on the property directly across the highway. He has a guest house on the property, which he estimates will be 425 feet to the faux tree. There is also the main house, which will be 800 feet from the faux tree. He is concerned the cell site will substantially decrease his property values. He asked if a cell site is a disclosure issue when the property is sold?

Ms. Goodman said a cell site is not a disclosure issue.

Mr. Kohorst said he has been doing research on the internet and presented his findings. The International Association of Fire Fighters put a moratorium on installing cell sites on buildings in 2004. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 says it is illegal to cite health concerns when considering cell sites. Germany and Israel have more restrictions on cell sites than the U. S. The City of Glendale, California, has an ordinance that says if a cell site is proposed less than 1,000 from a residential zone, other locations must be considered. He thinks it is wrong to install cell sites where there are a lot of residences around. Cell towers put out radiation

Ms. Mansolf said the County will not consider health issues when considering cell site locations. She will ask the County planner to confirm the distance of the tower from the residential structures on Mr. Kohorst's property. She will also ask about getting a new map that shows preferred cell site coverage locations. They provided the RCPG with a similar map in 2010 or so. She asked Ms. Goodman what entity measures radiation emitted from a cell site?

Ms. Goodman said the FCC regulates emissions. The cell site provider has to report emissions, and there are certain restrictions.

There was discussion on tracking the project in the future, comment opportunities, and on the potential of health issues occurring as a result of the installation of cell sites.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THIS CELL TOWERS AT THIS LOCATION AND SEND CONCERNS TO THE RCPG.

Upon motion made by Dan Scherer and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **failed 2-1-0-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace voting no and Jamie Holabird absent.

8. Adjournment – 7:05

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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