

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held February 6, 2014, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL (Piva, Chair)

In Attendance:	Chad Anderson (Arr 7:35)	Torry Brean	Jim Cooper
	Matt Deskovick (Arr 7:10)	Scotty Ensign	Barbara Jensen
	Kristi Mansolf	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong
	Richard Tomlinson	Kevin Wallace	

Excused Absence: Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers, Paul Stykel

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 1-9-14.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 9, 2014.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Ms. Mansolf announced the RCPG received Caltrans response to our request to investigate the backup/congestion at Main and 13th Street in the morning at the Starbucks drive through. Work will be completed in 3 to 6 months.

Mr. Ensign had some concerns regarding the design and asked for the item to be agendaized for the next meeting.

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: Vicky Tate, Ramona Resident

Ms. Tate said SDG&E has not responded to the letter residents sent to them detailing their opposition and issues with the solar facility going in near the Creelman substation. There are dead palm trees on the property and piles of trash. SDG&E is planning on putting in a 50 foot tower on the edge of their property and they have graded a part of the road. The dust on Creelman caused by the project construction will be a health hazard. SDG&E is not working with the residents at all.

Speaker: Jim Tate, Ramona Resident

Mr. Tate said the residents want Creelman Lane paved. Through discussions with the County, they are in agreement with paving Creelman between San Vicente and Ashley, but not to the substation, although discussion continues on this issue. He was told they could appeal the project and the Planning Commission could override it. Then it would go to the Board of Supervisors.

The Chair said that Supervisor Jacob likes to make things right. He told the residents to keep up the good work.

Speaker: Bob Romeo, Ramona Resident

Mr. Romeo said the residents would like the project referred to the Ramona Design Review Board.

The Chair said the County makes that determination.

Mr. Romeo said they have asked SDG&E for a 20 year plan for the project. People can see the solar project right through the fencing on Warnock. There is no oversight in what SDG&E does. They put poles inches from the road with reflectors on them.

The Chair said we heard all of this a year ago with the solar facility on Warnock. He suggested the residents get everything in writing. Impacts can be mitigated. We will go to battle with them on this issue.

Speaker: Pan Ayers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Ayers said the road is in the wrong place and everyone is driving on the neighbors' properties. If fences are put up, some neighbors will be landlocked. The County needs to fix the road.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action) (*Not Addressed*)

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

- 7-A: (CUDA Subcommittee Project) ZAP14-001. Minor Use Permit for AT&T Mobility Project at 516 Maple St. 68 foot tall Mono Pine Pole with 12 Antennas and 24 RRU's behind Antenna, a Pre-Fab Equipment Shelter and Emergency Back Up Generator. Antenna Tip Height at 60 feet. Height Exception Request to Meet Coverage Objective.**

Mr. Brean gave the CUDA Subcommittee report. Originally the design was for a 60 foot high cell site tower. The project went to the Design Review Board, and they requested a pine tree design. In order to meet the project objectives with a pine tree design, 8 additional more feet is required, so the Design Review Board approved a 68 foot faux pine.

Tim Henion, project proponent, said there are 2 facilities currently on the property – an AT&T/Cricket flush mounted telecommunications tower and a 45 foot Sprint monopole.

MOTION: TO APPROVE WITH FULL BRANCH COUNT, SOCKS OVER THE ANTENNA, AND BRANCHES EXTENDED OVER THE ANTENNA.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chad Anderson, Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers and Paul Stykel absent.

7-B: Storm Slope Damage (2010) Repair along Mussey Grade Rd. Slope and Pavement Reconstruction at 6 Different Locations. Replacement of Damaged Concrete and AC Pavement with new AC Pavement. Slope Repair Includes Removal of Existing Unsuitable Materials. Installation of Erosion Control Blanket/Anchored Mesh Slope Reinforcement. Existing Drainage Facilities Repairs Include Installation of Oversize Drain and Flumes Including Installation of AC Apron as Required. Construction Will Take Place within the Public Right of Way and on Private Property. Construction is Scheduled to Start Late June – early July 2014 and last 4 Months.

Nael Areigat with the County Capital Improvements Project program made the presentation. The County has put together a project to repair the storm damage from 2010. Department of Public Works took immediate action after the December 2010 storm to minimize additional erosion resulting from rain events and to keep sediments off the roadway. The slope has been monitored regularly to insure its overall integrity is maintained. The project scope of work consist of slope and pavement reconstruction at six different sites/locations along Mussey Grade Road.

The road repairs include replacing damaged concrete and AC pavement with new AC pavement. The slope repair includes removal of existing unsuitable materials, installing erosion control blanket/anchored mesh slope reinforcement.

Repair of existing drainage facilities includes installation of overside drain and flumes including installation of AC apron as required.

During construction, traffic control measures will be in place to limit impacts to the community and the traveling public. Construction will take place within the public right of way and on private property.

Estimated construction time is 4 months. Construction is scheduled to start late June-early July of this year. The project will is scheduled to go out to bid in late May.

Mr. Brean asked how many residents will be affected?

Mr. Areigat said the project will involve 10 private properties and some public lands. Letters will go out to the residents from the contractor.

MOTION: TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the motion **passed 10-0-1-0-4**, with Kevin Wallace abstaining, and Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers and Paul Stykel absent.

7-C: Consideration to Make Recommendation to County Staff regarding the Ability to Change Parcels with 8 plus Acres to an “O” Animal Designator in the Upcoming Zoning Cleanup.

Mr. Deskovick said after the Equine Ordinance passed, only people with 5 acre parcels could be developed in accordance with the Ordinance. People with 8, 10 and 20 acre parcels could not

develop more than 5 acres of their properties. He tried to figure out where larger parcels could have more freedom. After talking with County staff, it was determined that an 8 acre lot would work. It would be confined to the same wastewater management standards but it would benefit more people to do more with their property. He was told the next Zoning Ordinance cleanup would be in the summer.

Speaker: Steve Dasher, Ramona Resident

Mr. Dasher said the “O” Animal Designator and the “L” Designator have been applied haphazardly on lands. It is advisable to change all of these Designators to the “O” Animal Designator. The animal use Designator is not as animal friendly. For example, now you can have 1 sheep per acre or 1 cow per acre. It would be advantageous to a lot of businesses in Ramona to change these Designators.

Mr. Deskovick put forth the following motion:

MOTION: TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THE ABILITY TO CHANGE CURRENT A-70 AND A-72 FOR ALL 8 PLUS ACRE PARCELS TO AN “O” ANIMAL DESIGNATOR. THIS IS TO ALLOW THE LARGER PARCELS TO ACQUIRE THE BENEFITS OF THE EQUINE ORDINANCE IN PROPORTION TO THEIR LOT SIZE RATHER THAN THE 5 ACRE DEVELOPING ENVELOPE.

(Discussion on the motion)

Mr. Sprong suggested requesting a change in the “L” Designator to be applied for larger parcels or to expand the Equine Ordinance. There could be a lot of unintended consequences down the road with the motion as it reads.

The Chair asked if we should request County staff to come to the next meeting before we make a recommendation:

Mr. Deskovick said he talked to County staff and suggested changing the Equine Ordinance. County staff said they would not change it. They suggested the change to the 8 plus acres. Mr. Deskovick tried to open up the discussion and tried to get more for the bigger parcels. The “O” Animal Designator is the best way to go. A lot of people were cut off with the Equine Ordinance and the 5 acre developing envelope.

Mr. Dasher said, from the audience, that the issue is livestock versus equine.

Mr. Deskovick said we could ask County staff to come to our next meeting to discuss.

(Voting on the motion)

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 10-1-0-0-4**, with Dennis Sprong voting no, and Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs (CUDA, West, South, East, Parks, T&T) for 2014 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 2014: TORRY BREAN FOR CUDA, TORRY BREAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, DENNIS SPRONG FOR SOUTH, SCOTTY ENSIGN FOR EAST, KRISTI MANSOLF FOR WEST, AND SCOTTY ENSIGN AS THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE RCPG.

(Discussion on the motion)

Ms. Mansolf said she believed 1 RCPG member could only chair 1 subcommittee, so she was going to abstain and she would check on that after the meeting.

The Chair said Mr. Cooper could still stay on the Ramona Design Review Board in another capacity.

(Voting on the motion)

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 9-1-1-0-4**, with Matt Deskovick voting no, Kristi Mansolf abstaining, and Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers and Paul Stykel absent.

8-B: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Update

Crissy Tobiason was in attendance. The Chair said Ms. Tobiason took on the task of the Santa Maria Creek Cleanup. He feels confident she can strongly head up this issue.

Ms. Tobiason said she has been busy with other issues and apologized for not moving ahead on the project. She asked if October 1 would be a good date to set as a deadline for the project?

The Chair said we will keep the item on the agenda in the meantime, but he asked Ms. Tobiason to do the letters now so the project can be ready to go in July, so we can be sure of making the October 1 deadline. The Chair said the RCPG cannot head up this project as the County said we would have exposure to liability.

8-C: Committee Reports (Possible Action)

8-C-1: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meeting Business – Update on Park PLDO Priority List Submitted August 2013 *Meeting Canceled*

The Chair said there have been some issues with Parks and Recreation projects moving forward due to RPRRA protocol with the RMWD. Some of the groups using the park lease with RPRRA. Mr. Jeff Moody is working on these issues so the projects can go forward with the RMWD. He asked Mr. Brean to have a Parks and Recreation Subcommittee in the near future to keep the momentum going that Mr. Cooper started with getting projects laid out and funded.

8-C-2: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Cooper) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board

Mr. Cooper gave the Design Review Board report. Some concerns with unauthorized signs were brought up – Mike’s Liquor at Kalbaugh and Main on the west side of the building and the Psychic sign at 5th and Main. There is a new landscape business on Main Street sign, and a developing “junk yard” on Black Canyon Road. Ramona’s County Enforcement person may have been recently replaced. This will be verified and then violations support from the County will be discussed.

For the Village Design Plan – 2 property changes are being discussed: deleting the property north of the creek on Montecito (Dasher property) and including Jim Hagey’s 20 acres at Elliot Pond within the Village Design purview area. The Village Design Plan may go to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval in the spring.

Membership was discussed, as was the Ramona Design Review Checklist. The County is now seeking a final review/determination regarding the checklist. The Ramona Design Review Board approved the Checklist in its final form.

8-C-3: VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT (Brean, Stykel)

Mr. Brean said there is no new information, and he confirmed the County is considering including Jim Hagey’s property behind Stater Bros. in the Plan, and also eliminating the Dasher property from the Plan (Montecito Road).

8-C-4: Consideration of Supporting \$5,000 Grant to Benefit the Community

Mr. Ensign said there is a \$5,000 grant that can be applied for that can benefit the community. He is looking into it. One thing he would like considered is putting information at trailheads in Ramona that could be educational and fun, creating an adventure for children on the trail. Most trailhead information is geared toward adults. Items that could be included could be what to bring on the trail, how to dispose of trash, and kids’ programs, such as Smokey Bear fire danger and history.

The Chair said to keep the item on the agenda.

8-D: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-D-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Cooper said he has 2 concerns. First is that members of subcommittees are not supposed to have more than 50 percent of their membership be RCPG members. Two subcommittees currently have more than 50 percent of their membership that are RCPG members.

The Chair said he has approached the Chamber Director and they are trying to recruit members from the Chamber to serve on subcommittees.

Mr. Cooper said his second issue is that Roberts Rules of Order specifically does not put abstentions in the vote count. When there is a vote, the chair would only recognize yes and no votes in the vote count and not call out abstentions. He would like to see the RCPG do this and the Standing Rules changed to not recognize abstentions.

Ms. Mansolf will check with the County on these 2 issues.

These 2 items will go on the next agenda.

8-D-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Sprong requested putting on the next agenda asking the County to look at the Creelman Lane realignment.

It was also suggested to ask County staff to attend the next meeting to discuss the “O” Animal Designator.

8-D-3: Addition of New Subcommittee Members

Scotty Ensign brought forward Robert Ahern as a member for the East Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO ADD ROBERT AHERN TO THE EAST SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Donna Myers and Paul Stykel absent.

8-E: Meeting Updates

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

8-E-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 3-6-14 at the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf