

**County of San Diego**  
**Ramona Community Planning Group**  
**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 6, 2013**  
**7:00 PM @ Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held June 6, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library.

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

In Attendance:	Torry Brean (Arr. 7:10)	Jim Cooper	Matt Deskovick
	Scotty Ensign	Carl Hickman	Eb Hogervorst
	Barbara Jensen	Kristi Mansolf	Donna Myers (Arr. 7:10)
	Jim Piva	Paul Stykel	Richard Tomlinson
	Kevin Wallace		

Excused Absence: Chad Anderson, Dennis Sprong

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 OF 5-2-13**

Mr. Cooper made a correction to page 9, Design Review Report, 8-A-2, that he reported the mural reflected "free puppies" and the minutes say "3 puppies." One member objected to the mural. He will send Ms. Mansolf the exact wording.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2013, WITH THE CORRECTION BY JIM COOPER.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Donna Myers and Dennis Sprong absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

Ms. Mansolf announced the Project Report for the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 Intersection is now available. She has an electronic version and will be receiving a few hard copies in a day or two. If anyone wants to look at it, please let her know. Representatives from Caltrans plan to attend the RCPG meeting July 11, 2013, to present and discuss the plan. They need to finalize it by the end of their fiscal year, or June 30. However, they will take input at the July 11 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 the posted agenda.**

Speaker: David Stone, Ramona Resident

Mr. Stone spoke regarding the San Vicente Road Improvement project. He suggested the County survey for left turn lanes along San Vicente Road.

**ITEM 6: Presentation by Steve Ron, County CIP Projects, on San Vicente Rd. Project – Rumble Strip Down the Center Line of San Vicente Rd., and a Turnout at Gem Lane (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Steve Ron, DPW Project Manager, said they had been asked to investigate left turn lanes and adding an additional yellow line in the center of the road as part of the project. After investigation, they found a left turn lane was warranted at Warnock Drive and Wildcat Canyon Road. The turn lane volumes at the other intersections don't justify a left turn lane, as they are all under 300 ADT's an hour in a day. They are putting a turn lane at Deviney Lane because they feel horse trailers will be going into the Barnett Ranch Preserve. There is not room for a double, double yellow line in the middle of the road. If a double, double goes in the speed limit will increase to 65 mph because the road will have become a divided highway.

Mr. Rayback, CIP Project Manager, said they have all the parcels needed for acquisition except 2. The SDG&E pole relocation is almost complete. Mr. Trejo, SDCE General Manager, asked them to do another presentation as the contract for the project is being put together. The speed limit is 50 mph now and will stay at 50.

Mr. Hickman said there are many styles of rumble strips. A centerline 1 foot wide with the rpm on either side would take up 2 feet total. This would create 2 feet of separation. There are going to be 2, 13 foot wide lanes with a center line. He wants to maintain the separation and try to avoid drivers going over the line.

Mr. Ron said he did what Mr. Hickman had requested. There will be rumble strips on either side of the yellow line installed between reflectors that will be outside of the lines. Two yellow rumble strips go beyond what is needed for the project.

Mr. Hogervorst asked about property acquisition?

Mr. Rayback said they will continue to negotiate until the next step. The two parcels are very minor acquisitions. They are going to the Board of Supervisors June 26 so they can consider taking the next step for the 2 remaining parcels. Mr. Rayback said the project could be delayed to the first of 2014 rather than fall of 2013 due to complications with parcel acquisitions.

Mr. Brean asked if the volumes on San Vicenter matter when considering putting left turn lanes along San Vicente Road?

An engineer said putting in left turn lanes is based on turning volume. Once the project is built they will monitor collision history.

Mr. Brean said the RCPG sees a problem at Gem Lane with not having a left turn lane.

Mr. Stykel said he hoped that for acquisition of the parcels from the property owners, the County is looking at fair market value today and in the future.

Mr. Rayback said the Department of General Services has real estate standards based on law. They will continue to try to work out any differences.

Mr. Deskovick said he knows it is easier to put in a turn lane now. He doesn't care about the numbers.

The Chair said he understands that when the warrants are not there, a turn lane won't be added. For example, at the Highland Valley/Dye/Hwy 67 Intersection, Caltrans will be adding pavement but they won't be calling it a right turn lane. The County is bound to make sure the warrants are met due to public money being used. The Chair asked the County if a little pavement could be added at Gem Lane? It won't be a turn lane. It would be a compromise. It would be convenient to do when widening the road.

Mr. Rayback said that was a lot of discussion at the beginning of the project. There is a complete EIR for the project now. Adding pavement may trigger more right of way requirements.

The Chair said the original proposal was for a 2 way left turn lane all the way from Warnock Drive to Wildcat Canyon Road. We were told we didn't need to worry about left turn lanes.

Mr. Brean asked the County to make an exception similar to Deviney Lane and put in a left turn lane at Gem Lane.

**MOTION: ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT MEET MUTC REQUIREMENTS, WE ASK THAT A 2-WAY LEFT TURN LANE IN FRONT OF GEM LANE BE PURSUED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REFUGE FOR VEHICLES TURNING LEFT FROM GEM LANE ONTO SAN VICENTE ROAD, AND TO PROVIDE SAFE HAVEN FOR VEHICLES TURNING LEFT FROM SAN VICENTE ROAD ONTO GEM LANE.**

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 11-1-1-0-2**, with Carl Hickman voting no, Richard Tomlinson abstaining, and Chad Anderson and Dennis Sprong absent.

(Mr. Deskovick left the meeting at 8:20)

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:**

**7-A: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Business)**

**7-A-1: Consideration of Review for Site Distance Visibility of Steffy and Ashley**

Mr. Hickman looked at the intersection of Steffy and Ashley. There are oleander bushes and plants on the corners of the street that are obstructing driver visibility. He has talked to people at the County who handle these issues, and a letter will be sent out to property owners asking them to trim back the vegetation. He doesn't feel the RCPG should take any action at this time.

**7-A-2: Create a Top Ten Priority List of Flood Control Projects Using the List Presented by County Flood Control on 10-20-12. New Projects Where Flooding Occurs May be Considered. County Flood Control Will Come to a Future Meeting To Review the List with the RCPG**

Mr. Hickman gave the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee report. The exclusion of the Denny's area from the top 10 list was noticed. Kelly Street should be at the top of the list.

Mr. Ensign said he is concerned with the culvert that goes under Highway 67 near Etcheverry. The yard at the house on Highway 67 is always flooded when it rains. He would drainage in this area to

be considered to see if an improvement can be made. He wants the County to look at putting Kelly and Raymond Streets on the top 10 list.

The Chair said the County has done the calculations and determined a top 10 list using specific criteria. The County said we have influence in determining the priority of the list, so we can put Kelly Street higher on the list. We need to represent our constituents.

Mr. Hickman asked when the County came and presented the original top 10 list?

Ms. Mansolf said it was in October, 2011. She emailed someone in Flood Control prior to the RCPG meeting to ask for cross streets because it is not clear where the projects are along the road alignments in the powerpoint presentation the County gave in 2011. As of the meeting, she had not received a response.

Mr. Stykel said he thought Pamo should come off the list and Kelly Street put on.

Mr. Cooper said Etcheverry, Kelly and Rowley have a lot of water when it rains. There is major flooding throughout this area. There is a 6 foot chain link fence on the ground by Rowley and you can't see the bottom of the fence after it rains. This is a whole watershed area that extends to Highway 67.

Mr. Tomlinson said if we look at the list of 85 projects in Ramona the top 10 list was derived from, we will see ponds when it rains in these areas. Drainage is not handled by pipes but by channels. When an area is fixed, water will run faster to the next pool. There is no provision to fix the channels.

Mr. Hickman said we want to make sure water flows properly through town. Now it is backing up by Denny's.

Mr. Hogervorst said there is a back up on Rangeland to the Highway 67 bridge.

The Chair said we should hold off taking any action until Flood Control comes to our meeting.

Ms. Mansolf said when she went to the look at the flooding by Denny's one year (including Kelly and Raymond Streets), there was flooding all along Hunter in front yards. The whole area up to Boundary has flooded areas. She looked at it a couple of days after the rain stopped and it still hadn't drained or soaked into the ground. She recently heard that a property on Hanson, between San Vicente Road and Barnett is flooded when it rains.

**7-A-3: South Subcommittee Request from 5-2-13, to Incorporate the Concept of the AHOPE Subcommittee into the other Geographic Subcommittees**

Ms. Myers said the South Subcommittee discussed incorporating the AHOPE Subcommittee concepts into the other geographic subcommittees of the RCPG. The South Subcommittee members felt that AHOPE was important for all of the areas it represents: archaeology, history, agriculture, open space and the environment. Agriculture should be included as it is an important part of Ramona's history and everyday life.

The Chair said a sentence could be added including these areas of concern into each geographic subcommittee of the Standing Rules.

Mr. Brean felt it should be left entirely out of the Standing Rules.

Ms. Mansolf said the West Subcommittee always looks at all of these elements. The problems with the AHOPE Subcommittee was when there wasn't an expert on these issues leading the subcommittee.

Ms. Myers said the values of AHOPE could have helped with the solar farm on Warnock Drive.

The Chair said he felt the values of AHOPE were used in the argument against the solar farm.

Mr. Tomlinson said the environment is often looked at as being without true monetary value. A balance is needed. There is a high value to clean air. The value of the environment is rarely looked at, but he feels the environment needs to be valued.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THAT THE AHOPE CONCEPT BE INCORPORATED INTO OTHER GEOGRAPHIC SUBCOMMITTEES.**

Upon motion made by Donna Myers and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 10-2-0-0-3**, with Torry Brean and Charl Hickman voting no, and Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Sprong absent.

**7-A-4: Report of Meeting Regarding Santa Maria Creek Cleanup 5-22-13 Presentation of Letter(s) to Send to Wildlife Agencies and Consideration of a Permission Form/Right of Entry for Working on Private Property**

A copy of the Santa Maria Creek letter drafted by the County that would be sent by the RCPG was reviewed. The Chair said the cleanup of Phase I would begin after bird nesting season ends September 15, 2013. Phase I will be cleaned up using hand clearing methods to pull and/or eliminate invasive, non-native plants.. As this section runs through RMWD property, the RMWD will do the work on Phase I. Phase II will be 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The County would prefer not to be the lead agency as they will be held to more stringent requirements. The County will support the RCPG and we will be the group requesting the project.

Ms. Mansolf said the project is being modeled after the one that was done in 1998 where only hand clearing was used to remove pre-determined/approved invasive plants. No permits were required, but a biological monitor was on site when the work was being done. The letter is a proposal to the wildlife agencies. The RMWD will also be sending a similar letter. The wildlife agencies have to agree to the proposal before work can begin. Periodic maintenance will be built into the project.

Mr. Tomlinson noted that on the letter, an addressee was the Department of Fish and Game, which is now the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Tomlinson asked about legal responsibility. Are we indemnified is people working in the creek, like volunteers, are hurt or if someone pulls the wrong plant?

Ms. Mansolf will check with the County to see if RCPG members can be sued if someone gets hurt or if the wrong plant gets pulled.

The Chair said that the Ramona Fire Marshal will work with us on the project as the RMWD representative.

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

**8-A: Subcommittee Reports (Possible Action)**

**8-A-1: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meeting Business –  
Update on Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) (current list  
dated April 13, 2012)**

Mr. Cooper gave the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee meeting report. There are 9 projects that may be ready to be on the list by September. Seven projects have champions. There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 27, 2013.

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

Mr. Cooper gave the Design Review Board report. They are still waiting to hear back from Saul Valdez regarding the signage violations letter that was sent to him a month ago. Signage and lighting was reviewed and approved for Subway. Chris Anderson was voted to fill the vacant seat on the Design Review Board.

**8-A-2-A: Ramona Design Review Checklist Update**

Mr. Cooper said the Design Review Checklist was brought up for discussion at the Design Review Board meeting. The County will wait a month for the Design Review Board's comments since there was no quorum at the last Design Review Board meeting where this issue came up (April, 2013). Mr. Cooper will distribute his list of comments to the Design Review Board members for review and comment. The item will then be discussed at the June Design Review Board meeting.

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

The Village Design Committee met the evening of May 28 and also all day on June 5. Mr. Brean and Mr. Stykel were unable to attend the all day meeting with County staff at the Community Center. Mr. Cooper was able to attend, and gave a report. Each section of the Village Plan was discussed. The Colonnade trees will be protected, but there would also be support for future property uses if alternative access is not possible. The Paseo section will have a defined parking area. Old Town was reviewed and there was discussion on creating a Main Street Association that could take the lead on monitoring and enhancing the area. A color palette was adopted for Old Town and parking options discussed.

The Village Design Plan needs to be compatible with the Ramona Design Review Checklist/Guidelines, and Mr. Cooper said more work is needed in that area. There may be another all day meeting at the end of July. Mr. Cooper asked to be added to the Village Design Committee as an added member.

Mr. Stykel said that there was a make up and composition of the Village Design Committee and we may want to check with Mr. Lewallen prior to adding a third RCPG representative, which would change the structure of the committee.

The Chair suggested that Mr. Cooper be added as an alternate to Mr. Brean and Mr. Stykel, the RCPG representatives, serving on the committee. That way, if they are unable to attend, Mr. Cooper can represent the RCPG at the meeting. Mr. Cooper agreed to do so.

**MOTION: TO HAVE JIM COOPER ADDED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Sprong absent.

**8-A-4: Ad Hoc Subcommittee for RCPG Standing Rules, General Review plus Review for Conformance with Newly Revised Policy I-1 – Update**

Mr. Cooper said he had updated the RCPG Standing Rules with the additional information of placing trails and pathways under both the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee and the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee. He will update the Standing Rules further for the July 11, 2013, meeting by adding the AHOPE language.

**8-B: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**  
**8-B-1: Concerns from Members**

Mr. Tomlinson has seen some conflicts of interest at RCPG meetings over the last several months. He reminded members that if there is an economic interest, step down.

Ms. Myers said senior housing is critical. Some seniors are going without the things they need, such as medication and meals. She would like to see senior housing pursued with developers. The affordability issue is really key. It concerns her that our rate for seniors in the community is 20 percent, rather than 24 percent, the criteria established that shows there is a recognized need for building senior housing.

The Chair said the RCPG pushed for it with the AMCAL project.

Ms. Myers asked what can be done to attract the developers of senior housing?

Mr. Cooper talked about the Revitalization Matrix for Ramona. He will work to conform the Parks and Recreation portion of the matrix with what is happening with the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of the RCPG. Mr. Cooper said there are entries under Parks that need updating.

The Chair said that Mr. Cooper being both the RCPG Parks Subcommittee Chair and the Ramona Revitalization Subcommittee Chair is advantageous to better coordinate paths between the 2 committees with regards to Parks issues. Better coordination between the RCPG and the Revitalization land use subcommittees is important if projects are to be completed.

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

Ms. Mansolf said the County will make a presentation on the Dye Road Extension project at the July 11, 2013, meeting. County Flood Control will make a presentation on the Drainage Facilities Master Plans as they relate to the recommended drainage facility improvements for each Special Drainage Area and how they may impact the Special Drainage Area Fee Program. A request has been received for a presentation for apartments on 16<sup>th</sup> Street south of McDonalds.

**8-B-3: Addition of New Subcommittee Members – None**

**8-B-4: Consideration of Developing an RCPG Website**

The Chair said it was recommended to him that the RCPG have a website with a message board. The Lakeside Planning Group has an informative website. He asked if there were any members who would be interested in making an RCPG website.

Ms. Mansolf said the County posts the agendas, minutes and a roster with general information on the Planning and Development Services website for all Planning and Sponsor Groups and Design Review Boards. Years ago when they created this on their website, they considered hosting a link to Planning and Sponsor Groups independent websites, but the 2 she is aware of, Lakeside and Alpine, are not linked with the County website. There is also the possibility of creating a facebook page for the RCPG.

As no one stepped forward to volunteer, the Chair asked the Ramona Sentinel reporter if she could put a brief article in the paper to see if there is a volunteer in the community who may be interested in making a website for the RCPG.

Mr. Brean noted that someone would have to approve everything posted by the RCPG.

**8-C: Meeting Updates**

**8-C-1: Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Hearings**

Ms. Mansolf said the Tiered Equine Ordinance would be going to the Planning Commission on June 14, 2013.

**8-C-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next Meeting to be 7-11-13 at Ramona Community Center, Due to 7-4-13 Falling on the First Thursday In July**

The Chair said the next RCPG meeting would be on July 11 at the Community Center at 434 Aqua Lane, at 7 p.m.

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT – 9:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf