

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held September 5, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

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

In Attendance:	Jim Cooper	Matt Deskovick (Arr 8:00)	Scotty Ensign
	Carl Hickman	Eb Hogervorst	Barbara Jensen
	Kristi Mansolf	Donna Myers	Jim Piva
	Paul Stykel	Dennis Sprong	

Excused Absence: Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace

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 OF 7-11-13 AND 8-1-13**

Ms. Mansolf said Mr. Brean got to the RCPG meeting August 1, 2013, late and missed the approval of the minutes. He had one correction regarding the apartment project on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. He said at the meeting he likes to see variation between the heights of the buildings, and the minutes said he liked the variation between the heights of the buildings – and he didn't see any for the project. Ms. Mansolf said she would correct the minutes and bring them back before the RCPG for approval.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING JULY 11, 2013, WITH THE CORRECTION BY MR. BREAN REGARDING THE VARIATION BETWEEN THE HEIGHTS OF THE BUILDINGS.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Dennis Sprong the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

The minutes of the meeting August 1, 2013, were brought forward for approval.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING AUGUST 1, 2013.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 8-0-2-0-5**, with Scotty Ensign and Paul Stykel abstaining, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair announced the Final Project Report for the Highland Valley/Dye/SR-67 intersection is completed.

**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: Vicki Tuberg, Ramona Resident

Ms. Tuberg was concerned with the impacts of the proposed Montecito Ranch project. Schools are overloaded and the increase in traffic will be horrendous. The project will turn Ramona into Poway. She is not against Poway, but loves Ramona.

**ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS:**

**6-A: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Business) Parking Prohibition I Street in the Vicinity of Day Care for Special Needs Children. Request for No Parking Signs for the Times of 7:00 A.M.-7:30 A.M. and the hours of 2:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M. to be posted at 715 I Street in Ramona**

Mr. Hickman said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee discussed the parking prohibition. One subcommittee member was against removing parking. The day care has special needs children and the bus often has to park on the center line to unload the RUSD bus with the special needs kids.

After some discussion on whether or not the bus could pull into the driveway to unload the children, it was mentioned that it was unsafe to back a school bus up.

Ms. Myers said she thought the 2:30 to 4 o'clock time frame seemed reasonable. Children with special needs can be unpredictable. She would support a parking prohibition.

Dennis Sprong said there could be more of an enforcement problem if the parking prohibition were in effect sporadically during the day. He would prefer a no parking zone in front of the parcel, and he would like to see it tied to a license.

Mr. Hickman talked about having the curb painted red. People don't know what the curb colors mean, so it is a compromise to paint the curb. The parking prohibition request is a safety issue.

There was discussion on the times the parking prohibition should be in effect. Mr. Hickman doesn't think it should be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Mr. Cooper said there is a problem with time phases. People may not move a car because they are doing something.

Mr. Sprong suggested a time of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mr. Ensign said this is a residential area, and he wondered if Ms. Dandy tried to work this problem out with her neighbors before she came to the RCPG.

Ms. Myers said the buses for special needs children are smaller than the standard size buses.

After further discussion on identifying a good time frame for the parking prohibition, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PARKING PROHIBITION WITH A NO PARKING ZONE BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 4 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN FRONT OF THE PARCEL AT 715 I STREET. THE PARKING PROHIBITION BECOMES VOID IF THE PARCEL CEASES TO BE A DAY CARE.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 9-1-0-0-5**, with Scotty Ensign voting no, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

**6-B: San Vicente Road Improvement Project, Trail Divider Revision. Report by County Staff**

Steve Ron, Project Manager, and Ray Perdido attended the meeting. Steve Ron said that originally the County was going to put up no divider to separate any of the road elements. A landscape median was considered, but would be too expensive to install and maintain. After a series of meetings with Supervisor Jacob, a rope barrier has been selected to be a visual divider along the road. The plan was reviewed by parks and traffic personnel, and the 10 foot horse trail/pathway will be reduced to 6 feet, 8 inches, so there will be room for a clear recovery area around the post rope divider/barrier. There will be a travel lane, bike lane, and between the pathway and the bike lane will be an 8 inch berm. Every 40 feet there will be an opening so horses can pass. Posts will be 20 feet apart. There is a similar divider in Flinn Springs. The posts will be 3 feet high and the rope will be 1-1/2 inch in diameter and 2 feet from the ground.

Mr. Cooper asked about the size of the posts?

Mr. Ron said they will be 4 inches by 4 inches and 3 feet high.

Mr. Cooper would like to see 2 inch white nylon rope used as he feels it would be more visible.

Mr. Ensign asked how the barrier would break?

Mr. Ron said the post breaks off. The rope is a visual barrier.

Mr. Cooper said he has researched cable and post barriers. They are easy to repair and economical to replace.

Mr. Ron said Gem Lane doesn't meet the warrants for a left turn lane. They are hoping to start the project in Spring of 2014. Land issues are scheduled to be settled by the end of the year. There will be some mitigation for the oaks, and it will occur in Santee.

Mr. Sprong asked Mr. Ron if he could send the data/findings for Gem Lane warrants to the RCPG?

Mr. Hogervorst noted that there were 2 more fatalities on San Vicente Road in the past week.

Mr. Mansolf asked about replacement trees? Replacement trees had come up in a discussion at an earlier meeting.

Mr. Ron said they may start a tree planting program with the scouts. Impacted property owners could consider getting a replacement tree.

Mr. Hogervorst suggested contacting Mr. McNulty who starts oaks and is with the Ramona Tree Trust. He works with Caltrans to plant oaks up and down the road.

Mr. Cooper asked about an earlier discussion of having the large oak trees available for people to carve on?

Mr. Ron will follow up on this.

**MOTION: AS PRESENTED, THE TRAIL DIVIDER REVISION IS APPROVED, BUT INSTEAD OF A 1-1/2 INCH ROPE, PLEASE GO WITH A 2 INCH NYLON ROPE.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **failed 3-7-0-0-5**, with Scotty Ensign, Carl Hickman, Eb Hogervorst, Barbara Jensen, Kristi Mansolf, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel voting no, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 9-1-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper voting no, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

*(Mr. Deskovick arrived at 8:00 p.m.)*

**ITEM 7: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**

- 7-A: Caltrans Median Barrier Corridor Study SR-67 Proposal, Willow Rd to Shady Oaks. Project Announcement. In Community Outreach Stage for EIR. Public Review Ends 9-23-2013. Information available:**  
[http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/Env\\_docs/67FeasabilityStudy/index.html](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/Env_docs/67FeasabilityStudy/index.html)

Ms. Mansolf said there was a scoping meeting in Ramona on the project August 22. She was unable to attend. It is her understanding that no 2-lane sections will have a median barrier in them. Three lane segments will go to 2 lane, and 4 lane segments will go to 3 lane. A concrete barrier may be used or high tension cable. Caltrans put the project exhibits up on their website.

Mr. Hickman said the big concern along SR-67 is the number of driveways along the road. Should Caltrans leave an opening in the median barrier, it will create a gore point.

Mr. Ensign said the headlight enforcement project by the CHP worked well. He doesn't think a median barrier is a good idea.

The Chair went to a meeting at Supervisor Jacob's office with 40 other Ramonans a couple of years ago. Supervisor Jacob had received 8 or 10 letters regarding a barrier. The Chair had a show of hands for those in favor of a median barrier, and no one wanted it in the room. He doesn't think anything has changed. It will provide more negative impacts than good results.

Mr. Hickman said if Caltrans is talking about a larger barrier and they move forward with the project, sight distance will become an issue. A barrier will create a new set of issues. When a road is divided, speeds go up. He felt there are too many road access points east of Quail Rock Road and did not want to see a median barrier east of Quail Rock Road.

**MOTION: THE RCPG IS AGAINST THE IDEA OF A MEDIAN/BARRIER FOR RAMONA FROM QUAIL ROCK ROAD EAST TO RAMONA ON SR-67.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 9-1-1-0-4**, with Paul Stykel voting no, Donna Myers abstaining, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

Mr. Stykel feels a barrier will make the road safer.

Mr. Hogervorst said he feels the barrier on SR-67 coming out of Lakeside is safe.

Sergeant Torsak, who was in attendance at the meeting, said the official Sheriff's Department opinion is that "they support a safer Hwy 67 and addressing the design of the roadway of 67 should be part of an overall safety plan."

Mr. Cooper knew of an innocent lady from Julian driving to work at 4:30 a.m. on Hwy 67. She was hit head on by another driver. A barrier would have diverted the accident. Any barrier that saves a life is a good barrier.

Mr. Sprong said he would like to see gore points eliminated.

Mr. Hickman said drivers have to look over the barrier to pull out safely into traffic. The collision rate could increase for neighbors.

**7-B: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Presentation of Letter(s) to Send to Wildlife Agencies And Any Additional Updates**

The Chair said he and Ms. Mansolf met with Ms. Tobiason and gave her the letters that she can use as a model for a project proposal to send to the wildlife agencies. Ms. Tobiason has created a logo for the group that will be doing the work.

**7-C: Highland Valley/Dye/SR-67 Intersection Project Report – Final Report – Update Presented Under Announcements**

**7-D: Subcommittee Reports (Possible Action)**

**7-D-1: Subcommittee Meeting Procedures**

The Chair said something came up that was questioned regarding a subcommittee. Ms. Myers held a South Subcommittee meeting and submitted an agenda for a meeting but did not go through the Chair so there was a disconnect. The subcommittees serve the RCPG. That is why the subcommittees are chaired by an RCPG member. The RCPG doesn't serve the subcommittees. We ask that agenda items be brought up to be put on the next month's agenda. The Chair can't stop an item from being placed on the agenda. The item goes to a subcommittee and then there is a report. He nominated Ms. Myers to chair the subcommittee and she has to follow the RCPG bylaws. He invited Chris Anderson, who served 14 years on the RCPG, to make a presentation on the RCPG bylaws.

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Ms. Anderson said the Chair establishes the body of the agenda, per the RCPG Standing Rules. She read from the section of the Standing Rules describing how items can be put on the agenda by RCPG members. For the duties of the Chair – the Chair does the agenda. If a project has been voted on and someone wants to bring it back due to new information, the item must be first brought back with a reconsideration by someone who approved it. The Chair is the sole spokesperson for the RCPG. If there is a conflict of interest for a member, they must stand down from the vote. Subcommittees have to stay within the scope and scale of subcommittees as is described in the Standing Rules.

The Chair said that whenever a meeting in Ramona is mentioned for a subcommittee, it is thought to be an authorized meeting. Terry Rayback of County staff saw the South Subcommittee meeting in the paper, and thought it was an authorized meeting – so he attended. All of the items on the South Subcommittee meeting agenda had been voted on, so there was nothing to talk about. The Chair talked to Ms. Myers before the meeting and asked her to say that the meeting was unsanctioned at the beginning of the meeting. She agreed, and also agreed to pay for the room rental and said she understood the minutes would not be recognized.

The Chair has received 2 calls from the County asking about the meeting. They don't want to be open to litigation.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini cited Policy I-1 where there is discussion of how subcommittees function and said he did not feel it was implied in Policy I-1 that the Chair of the RCPG develops the agendas for the subcommittees.

Mr. Cooper gave an example of an item for the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee meeting that could better explain the process for getting items on the agenda, also the types of items that are put on the agenda. A proponent wants to bring forward the Barnett Playground project, which is a good candidate for PLDO funding. She wants to make an agendaized presentation. Is this considered routine business or what process would this go through to become agendaized?

Mr. Sprong felt Mr. Cooper should make an agenda request at the RCPG meeting.

The Chair said he would never deny a request, but if he did, he could be directed to put the item on the agenda at the next meeting.

Mr. Anderson reminded the RCPG that there is no feedback on non-agenda items. There can be no discussion until the item is agendaized.

Mr. Stykel asked how items get on the agenda?

The Chair said the items come from the County and he and Ms. Mansolf receive the mail. Items from the County typically go on the agenda for feedback from the community.

Ms. Anderson said there can be no disconnect between the subcommittees and the RCPG.

Ms. Myers said she went to the Planning and Sponsor Group training. She tried to clarify items with Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Nicoletti of County staff on how to submit information appropriately for a subcommittee agenda. She went out in the community and got people from each area covered by the south subcommittee to agree to serve and represent their area. She tried to get past minutes

and agendas for the South Subcommittee to use as a model, but there was very little information available. Her recent agenda had information items on it only. There were to be no votes. The subcommittee members need information. She disagrees with the guidelines.

The Chair said the rules are clear. Ms. Fitzgerald said Ms. Myers was in violation with her meeting, and there were concerns expressed about the meeting by RCPG members and others.

**7-D-2: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meeting Business – Update on Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority List Submitted August, 2013**

Mr. Cooper said the project recommendations and descriptions for PLDO projects have been received by Bill Saumier at County Parks. Mr. Saumier will review and investigate the projects.

**7-D-3: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Cooper) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board**

Mr. Cooper said the Design Review Board reviewed the Robertson Street Apartments project at the meeting. The project applicants were asked to make changes and come back to the Design Review Board. The Design Review Board also approved a waiver request for a sign for the 99 Cent Only Store that is going in next to Big Five on Main Street.

**7-D-4: VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT (Brean, Stykel) – No Meeting**

**7-E: County Zoning Ordinance Amendment Related to Signs in Public Right of Way, Report by Dennis Sprong**

Mr. Sprong had planned to attend the Sign and Banner Ordinance meetings held by the County, but was unable to due to work. He talked to County staff to get information to bring back to the RCPG. The signs and banners only apply to those being placed within the road right of way for community information. Signs for non-profits, neighborhood watch groups, places of historical interest would be allowed. Signs to promote businesses would not be allowed. Signs could welcome tourists and provide information. Design Review Board standards would be referred to. Cell sites won't be brought into the right of way. For wineries – signs would point to area businesses. The ordinance is to protect the right of way.

Mr. Hickman suggested that the RCPG take an action on the Sign and Banner Ordinance even though the date has passed for public comments.

**MOTION: TO SUPPORT THE SIGN AND BANNER ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED TO THE RCPG SEPTEMBER 5, 2013.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

*(Ms. Jensen left at 9:30)*

**7-F: Report on Montecito Ranch at Planning Commission Hearing 8-16-13**

The Chair reported on the Planning Commission hearing August 16, 2013. The Chair and Ms. Mansolf attended because the RCPG had requested the item be pulled July 12, 2013, for discussion, otherwise it would have gone on consent. The RCPG wanted an 8 foot pathway along Montecito

Way, offsite, rather than a 5 foot pathway. Mr. Sibbet of County staff understood the issue as he had attended our August meeting, and the applicant's requested road changes were approved with the exception of the pathway on Montecito Way.

Ms. Mansolf said RTA members attended the meeting and asked for an 8 foot pathway along Ash Street, too. The Planning Commission discussed this request and came to the conclusion it would impact existing residents, especially lowering the street and driveways, and so the Ash Street pathway was unchanged and remains at 5 feet.

The Chair said this is the first time he had gone to a Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors hearing and had them approve what the RCPG was requesting.

**7-G: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

**7-G-1: Concerns from Members – *None***

**7-G-2: Future Agenda Item Requests**

Ms. Mansolf said the Milagros Winery had come before the RCPG a couple of years ago with a winery project. The permit request has since been withdrawn and a new permit applied for. This item will be before the RCPG in October, and will go to the East Subcommittee. She asked Mr. Hickman if he thought it would need review by Transportation/Trails?

Mr. Hickman felt the Transportation/Trails subcommittee did not need to see it.

**7-G-3: Addition of New Subcommittee Members**

Ms. Myers brought forward Angus Tobiason's name for the South Subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE OF ANGUS TOBIASON ON THE SOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Donna Myers and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 9-0-1-0-5**, with Carl Hickman abstaining, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Barbara Jensen, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace absent.

Mr. Hickman said that Ms. Morton resigned from the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee, and Mr. Tobiason has not attended a meeting in a long time. Kevin Wallace and Jim Cooper had expressed interest in being on the subcommittee if there was an opening, and now there are 2. If they are still interested, he will be adding them at a future meeting.

**7-H: Meeting Updates**

**7-H-1: Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Hearings – *Presented Under Item 7-F***

**7-H-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next Meeting to be 10-3-13 at the Ramona Community Library**

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 9:45**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf