

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held March 6, 2014, at 7:12 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL (Ensign, Acting Chair)**

In Attendance:	Jim Cooper	Scotty Ensign	Carl Hickman
	Barbara Jensen	Kristi Mansolf	Donna Myers
	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel	Richard Tomlinson

Excused Absence: Chad Anderson , Torry Brean , Matt Deskovick , Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva , Kevin Wallace

Scotty Ensign, RCPG Vice Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Dennis Sprong, RCPG Member, 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 2-6-14.**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2014.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **failed 7-0-2-0-6**, with Carl Hickman and Paul Stykel abstaining, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva and Kevin Wallace absent.

The Acting Chair said approval of the February 6, 2014, minutes would go on the next agenda.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

Ms. Mansolf announced that the top 10 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Road list will be going before the RCPG at the meeting April 3. The T&T Subcommittee will be reviewing and discussing the list at a meeting March 24 at the Ramona Community Center. The County is also requesting the RCPG to consider the top 20 road surfacing projects the RCPG would like to see in Ramona. A packet of information was sent by the County that included a map showing all County maintained roads, a list of the roads that includes the current condition of each road on a rating scale, recommended lists and our 2009 top 10 CIP projects.

**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: Christine Sloan, County Watershed Protection

Ms. Sloan said there is a public call for projects that will go out to the press from County Watershed Protection. Recently adopted legislation require the County to identify and pursue a variety of projects to improve regional storm water quality.

There are 6 categories for project types: 1) stream or riparian area rehabilitation; 2) retrofitting existing infrastructure (green streets, low impact development, treatment); 3) regional BMP's (storm water treatment basins); 4) groundwater recharge (infiltration basins); 5) water supply augmentation (large cisterns); and 6) land purchases to preserve floodplain functions.

Ms. Sloan gave some examples. For existing development, pollution goes into a storm drain. Parking lots are not impervious surfaces. Elements such as curb cuts can be put in to help infiltrate the storm water. Green streets are permeable pavement. Projects will not be implemented right away. Locations and characteristics of projects should be identified. Proposals can be submitted by mail to Watershed Protection. Ms. Sloan passed out information on the call for projects.

Speaker: Donna Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers would like to see rotation of the RCPG Chair position. She feels that many of the RCPG members would be very good chairs and she would like them to have the opportunity to serve in the Chair position. She has concerns that by having the same RCPG Chair year after year, individual dominance could occur, while yearly rotation of the Chair enhances equality and equity. Ms. Myers nominated some of her colleagues in January, 2014, to the Chair position, but they declined. She trusts and supports their abilities to lead. She feels the RCPG members are a valued resource for our community and regrets that members will not have the opportunity to share their strengths in a leadership role.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini said that the RCPG will soon be reviewing the top 10 road project list. He would like to see the review done every year – because things change. He would also like the RCPG to review each project on its own merit. He suggested strategies for organizing the projects for consideration: identify the worst traffic problem, the second worst traffic problem, etc. In conclusion, now that the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 intersection is in the pipeline, we should work on the Main and 14<sup>th</sup> intersection, which he feels is the second worse traffic problem in Ramona. This project is not on the top 10 list, but he feels it should be.

**ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:**

- 7-A: (T&T Subcommittee Review) Caltrans Response to RCPG Letter Requesting Their Investigation into Traffic Congestion on Main St. at 13<sup>th</sup> St. by Starbucks**

Mr. Ensign asked to have this item on the agenda. The RCPG received Caltrans plans to relieve traffic congestion by Starbucks on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Main, and he feels it is intrusive to have “do not block” in large letters on Main Street.

Mr. Hickman said this is a standard application for this type of problem. It will solve the problem. No one will enforce it if the intersection is blocked. Hopefully people will be courteous. The words should be in the correct order on the road. Mr. Hickman would recommend a sign on the nose of the median by the library that also says “do not block the intersection.”

Mr. Cooper requested the comments be deferred to the T&T Subcommittee for review.

Mr. Sprong made the following motion:

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS IS. TO ASK CALTRANS TO PUT THE LETTERS ON THE ROAD IN REVERSE ORDER FROM WHAT IS SHOWN ON THE PROJECT MAP.**

**(Discussion on the motion)**

Ms. Myers asked to send the project to T&T, also.

Mr. Hickman asked whether or not Caltrans would be willing to attend a meeting?

Ms. Mansolf said Caltrans attended the RCPG meeting for 2 larger projects. One was the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 intersection. The second was the median barrier study. Caltrans doesn't feel this project is large enough to warrant their attendance.

Mr. Ensign asked about the size of the letters to be painted on the intersection?

Mr. Hickman said the size of the letters are standard. This is a standard application at this location. The congestion is happening because Starbucks and the library are both at that corner.

Mr. Ensign said he felt the improvements were big enough to be looked at by the subcommittee first.

**(Voting on the motion)**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Carl Hickman, the motion **failed 4-5-0-0-6**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Kristi Mansolf, Donna Myers and Richard Tomlinson voting no, and Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva and Kevin Wallace absent.

The project will go to the T&T Subcommittee on March 24, 2014.

**7-B: "O" Animal Designator Discussion carried over from 2-6-14 Meeting  
(County Staff to be in Attendance on this Issue 4-3-14)**

Ms. Mansolf said County staff was preparing for a large General Plan Cleanup item for the Planning Commission hearing on March 7, and was planning to attend on April 3, 2014.

Mr. Sprong said that an old General Plan grandfathered in properties that were involved in heavy agriculture. The “O” Animal Designator was included in heavy agriculture and was carried over to the next General Plan on these parcels. In the current General Plan, nothing different was done with the “O” Animal Designator properties and they carried over again. Properties that are 8 plus acres will be impacted by this change. He thinks another tier added to the Equine Ordinance would

work better to do what Mr. Deskovick intended than to change all 8 plus acre parcels to have the “O” Animal Designator on them.

**7-C: Paving of Creelman Due to Building of SDG&E Solar Facility on Property near Substation** *(Moved to 4-3-14 when County Staff will be in Attendance)*

Ms. Mansolf checked with the County, and the SDG&E solar project has not yet been filed yet. When the project is filed, project conditions, such as mitigation for the road, will be considered. Once the project is filed, it will be on the RCPG agenda for discussion. Right now there is nothing specific to discuss.

Speaker: Bob Romeo, Ramona Resident

Mr. Romeo said the County said they will pave Creelman, Ashley to San Vicente. The group of concerned citizens on Creelman want the situation to be resolved amicably. They want to know of future plans. They have asked for a 20 year plan from SDG&E. SDG&E has quitclaimed their poles they no longer use and they are not acting responsibly. People can see through the fencing on Warnock by the solar project there. The neighbors on Creelman are asking the County to reestablish the dead end on Creelman.

Speaker: Vicky Tate, Ramona Resident

Ms. Tate said SDG&E messed up the slope of Creelman. A dead end road should not be used like Creelman is.

Speaker: Jim Tate, Ramona Resident

Mr. Tate reiterated that the County said they will pave Creelman, San Vicente to Ashley. They have concerns about SDG&E projects on Creelman and the Creelman road alignment

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini said the solar ordinance was brought up at Supervisor Jacob’s Coffee with the Constituents. He feels County planning staff should come up with the solar ordinance now. At the coffee, he was told it could take a year to 15 months to come up with the ordinance.

Mr. Ensign said the residents and the RCPG need to work together toward a common goal with respect to the projects SDG&E is proposing in the Creelman area.

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

**8-A: Appointment of CUDA Subcommittee Chair**

Mr. Brean had been appointed to chair 2 standing RCPG subcommittees at the meeting February 6, 2014. Upon looking at the RCPG Standing Rules after the meeting, it was noted that an RCPG member can only be the chair of 1 subcommittee at a time. Mr. Brean will chair the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, and Mr. Stykel has agreed to chair the CUDA Subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM PAUL STYKEL AS THE CHAIR OF THE CUDA SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva and Kevin Wallace absent.

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

Crissy Tobiason gave an update on the Santa Maria Creek Cleanup project which she is heading up. The plan is preliminary. Bird nesting season is going on now through September 15. Phase I of the project is 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. There will be event dates for the cleanup. She is getting community partners involved, such as professional biologists and arborists. They will also be looking for community groups that volunteer to do the work. They will need trash and services. She will be sending letters to the agencies whose jurisdiction includes creeks and waterways. For Phase I, 12 parcels are involved. She thinks right of entry forms will need to be signed by 10 property owners. She has a detailed map and a list of invasive species.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini said he worked on counting the homeless for the County recently. They found 10 to 15 encampments in the creek.

Ms. Tobiason said one of the goals of the cleanup is to clear out invasive vegetation. It is difficult for law enforcement now to see if people are living in the creek.

**8-C: Committee Reports (Possible Action)**

**8-C-1: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meeting Business – Update on Park PLDO Priority List Submitted August 2013. Consideration of Recommending PLDO Priority List Item #6, RHS Softball / Fencing and Dugouts for Funding (\$100,000), and also Joint Exercise Powers Agreement Amendment between the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation and the RUSD**

Ms. Mansolf said County Parks asked the RCPG to recommend releasing the funds for the RHS Softball/Fencing and Dugouts project as the project is ready to go.

Mr. Cooper said the project champion has resolved all the project issues, received RUSD support and is ready for funding.

**MOTION: TO RECOMMEND PLDO PRIORITY LIST ITEM #6, RHS SOFTBALL/FENCING AND DUGOUTS FOR FUNDING (\$100,000), AND ALSO JOINT EXERCISE POWERS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE RUSD.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva and Kevin Wallace absent.

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

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

Mr. Cooper said there was no Village Design Committee meeting. There was some concern by the County in adding Jim Hagey's property to the Village Design Plan area as this may cause a delay. The Village Design Plan will be going to the Planning Commission in the near future.

**8-C-4: Consideration of Supporting \$5,000 Grant to Benefit the Community (No New Information)**

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

**8-D-1: Update RCPG Information on Roster**

Ms. Mansolf said in the past RCPG contact was available on the PDS website and on the Clerk of the Board website. She gets requests sometimes from constituents who would like to contact the RCPG members regarding community issues. Ms. Mansolf passed around a list to members and asked them to initial if they agreed to her giving contact information to constituents, and to list their preferred mode of contact.

**8-D-2: Consideration of Chair Calling for Abstentions when there is a Vote (To Be on 4-3-14 Agenda)**

**8-D-3: Question Raised on Having more RCPG Members on a Subcommittee than Members of the Public (To Be on 4-3-14 Agenda)**

**8-D-4: FORM 700 (Statement of Economic Interests) Annual Filing Due 4-1-14**

The Acting Chair distributed forms to the RCPG members.

**8-D-5: Concerns from Members**

Mr. Hickman said that he wanted everyone to be aware the road projects may have numbers on the list (CIP), but the numbers won't reflect priority. Project #1 will not necessarily get built before project #9.

**8-D-6: Future Agenda Item Requests – None**

**8-D-7: Addition of New Subcommittee Members**

Ms. Mansolf brought Denise Drum's name forward to confirm her appointment on the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF DENISE DRUM TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Jim Piva and Kevin Wallace absent.

**8-E: Meeting Updates**

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

Ms. Mansolf said the Oak Tree Ranch condo conversion project is being appealed to the Board of Supervisors after going to the Planning Commission. It was going to be heard March 12, but is being postponed until late April.

The General Plan Cleanup project will be heard at the Planning Commission meeting March 7.

**8-E-2: Land Development Performance Review Committee Report of Meeting  
2-20-14**

The Chair will give the report at the April 3, 2014, meeting.

**8-E-3: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 4-3-14 at the  
Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.**

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf