

PARKS AND RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
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July 22, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Cooper) at 6:04 p.m.
2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Present: Jim Cooper, Kim Lasley, Jeff Moore, Dawn Perfect, Arvie Degenfelder (6:10), John Degenfelder (6:10), Torry Brean (6:42)
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Dawn Perfect
4. APPROVAL OF "DRAFT" MINUTES FROM 5-20-2013 (as previously distributed): Motion to approve by Jeff Moody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Lasley. Vote to approve 3-0-1 (Abstain by Dawn Perfect).
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Follow-up on Chairperson action items from previous meeting.:

A meeting was held with Bill Saumier on June 12, 2013 to discuss the four items identified at the last meeting. The following are those items and the resultant information:

(b). + Establishment of County approved PLDO Guidelines and submission document. Agreement was reached regarding these two documents.

**THESE DOCUMENTS WERE SHARED WITH ALL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL IDENTIFIED PROSPECTIVE PROJECT CHAMPIONS ON JUNE 17, 2013.**

+ Subcommittee question regarding the Ramona Community School Playground - what is the exact status of this?  
Percentage completed?

"Agency shall provide the following improvement pursuant to the terms of this Agreement: 7 outdoor fitness stations, one 30 foot by 30 foot shade structure, one concrete two-person drinking fountain (high/low), six large trees, four picnic tables (six foot portable), four benches (six feet long with backing and In-ground mounting), four concrete trash receptacles and resurface the softball field infield

with decomposed granite. Those improvements shall be located as shown on the final design drawings titled, "D.F., Shade and Fitness Site Plan. **Amount: \$97,000 Status: Complete**"

Discussion ensued indicating that some work was still needed to complete this project, expected for completion in late summer or early fall. In addition, a question was raised regarding whether these funds amounts were included or excluded in the currently listed PLDO available funds amount? The Chairperson was asked to pursue this and report at the next meeting.

+ Subcommittee question regarding the Pony Baseball Lighting project - was this completed? if so, when?

"The Wellfield Community Park including Pony League Baseball Field lighting. **Amount: \$150,000 Status: Complete**"

+ Subcommittee question regarding the Santa Mari Greenway Interpretive Area at Montecito Road Staging Area - Was this done?

"The pavilion was installed and completed through a Job Order Contract. **Amount: \$27,918.48 Status: Complete**"

**Latest email to John Degenfelder** - I'm sorry if the PLDO list/matrix has caused any confusion. As a passive park in nature, the Santa Maria Creek Greenway Staging Area is not even eligible for PLDO funding. PLDO funds must be spent on active park amenities.

A draft display that highlights the vision of the future Santa Maria Creek Greenway is being completed by our team. They will be briefing me on the display information and maps in the near future. So please rest assured that we are not done with the project yet.

If you have time after the next PAC meeting, how about if we sit down and go over the proposed display?

Thanks John

Brian Albright

+ Additional topics discussed during this meeting:

Bill Saumier indicated that he would prefer that the Parks and Recreation subcommittee submit all **potential PLDO projects** for County review as they are aware of all possible funding and other support avenues. This will allow them to best support any and all identified projects. For example, he is aware of another site where many plants, etc. are being removed and they might be available to the Ramona Garden Club at no cost (this information was shared with that project CHAMPION in mid-June for follow-up).

**The subcommittee has an open door for project submissions, relying on the County to evaluate the various funding options.**

Discussion ensued to clarify the Chairpersons understanding of exactly what this meant? The Chairperson indicated that he was of the understanding that the County representative was willing to review all proposed projects considered by the Parks and Recreation subcommittee to be of interest and support of the Ramona Community and that they (the County) would review all funding sources in an effort to support identified projects. The subcommittee members seemed to be satisfied with this explanation.

c. Confirmation of PLDO funds availability for Area 28 Ramona shows a Balance ending April 30, 2013 of \$647,676.00. **NOTE:** This is an increase from the January 31 2013 figure.

d. Receipt of letter from County requesting a Ramona PLDO Project priority list -

+ A letter dated June 27, 2013 was sent to Jim Piva, Chairperson of the Ramona Community Planning Group, and was passed to me for this subcommittee action.

**THIS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS VIA EMAIL**

It stating "...DPR (Department of Parks and Recreation) requests the Ramona Community Planning Group adopt a priority list of PLDO eligible projects for 2013-2014."

In addition, it states: "DPR is also creating a Recreation Programming Plan that will include long-range goals that will be reviewed annually. DPR requests that the Ramona Community Planning Group also identify recreation program needs and priorities for your community. Examples include age-specific programs (youth, teens, older adults), specialized program fields such as cultural arts and athletics, and special events. This list will be used as a tool in a comprehensive program forecasting plan."

"Please return your priority lists at your earliest convenience."

Discussion ensued at this point regarding the status for those projects listed above. Agreement was reached to accept the following projects as closed, or near closure and exclude them from this meetings review for possible prioritization and submission via the Ramona Community Planning Group for action by the County:

Ramona Community School Playground project

Pony Baseball Lighting project

Santa Maria Greenway Interpretive Area at Montecito Road Staging Area

e. Others - a members concern regarding the deletion of project number five has been dealt with by including it back into this meetings project listing

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

7. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Discussion of the current Park Land dedication Ordinance (PLDO) priority listing from 2012, plus recognized others and confirmation of status and CHAMPIONS for each:

Ramona High School recreational Improvement Phase 1,

Ramona Skate Board Park,

Collier Park Garden Improvement,

Ramona Soccer League New Field,

Old Ramona Rodeo Grounds at the Eagle Davis Ranch Improvement -

John Degenfelder indicated that this project was being pursued via other avenues and indicated that it should be deleted from further action by this subcommittee. After some discussion, this was agreed upon by the membership.

Ramona Girls Softball League Field enhancement LED Scoreboard and controllers.

b. Discuss possible new PLDO projects and confirm CHAMPIONS-

Amphitheater area enhancements,

Conversion of Boys & Girls Club Tennis Court to Basketball Court,

RHS Baseball/Softball dugout changes and fencing

Discussions ensued at this point regarding inclusion or exclusion of the Collier Park Garden Improvement project. Contact with the previously identified CHAMPION has failed and she was provided direct contact with Bill Saumier regarding a potential opportunity for free plants from another County site that was closing down. It was agreed to delete this project at this time.

**THIS LEAVES SEVEN PROJECTS for presentations by project CHAMPIONS and creation of a PLDO funds project priority list for submission to the County via the Ramona Community Planning Group as requested by the County letter.**

In order to be fair to all CHAMPIONS, cards were drawn to determine the order of their presentation. It was agreed upon by all involved that each CHAMPION would have about five minutes for presentation, followed by questions by the subcommittee members and members of the public in attendance.

At the end of this process, a prioritized list would be taken by vote from each subcommittee member with the vote totals deciding the final priority listing.

Presentations were received from the identified CHAMPIONS for the following projects, and were made in the order of the cards that they drew:

### **1<sup>st</sup> - Ramona Soccer League**

Kathy Mckeon is the CHAMPION for this project. She presented an overview of the current field inadequacies, and a plan for expansion that would be of great assistance to the Ramona Soccer League. It is shovel ready and the funds requested is \$150,000.00 Details of her presentation can be found in attachment **A (provided separately)**.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> -Ramona Community Athletic Complex, Central Support Facility - Phase 1 (retitled from Ramona High School recreational Improvement Phase 1),**

Steve Powell is the CHAMPION for this project. He made a slide presentation fitting the two new buildings into the RUHS campus, and detailing the various functions that they would include for overall community use. Details of this presentation can be found in attachment **B (provided separately)**. Funds requested is \$250,000.00

### **3<sup>rd</sup> -Ramona High School dugout movement and added safety fencing**

Dean Welch is the CHAMPION for this project. It includes demolition of current dugouts, relocating them at a safer distance, building snack bars, team rooms, and connecting backstops. Plans have been completed by the RUSD architect, the project is shovel ready, and details of her presentation can be found in attachment **C (provided separately)**. Funds requested is \$100,000.00

### **4<sup>th</sup> - Amphitheater area fencing, sod and seeding**

Art Thomsen is the CHAMPION for this project. The Amphitheater area has a long history in Ramona and could serve as a community gathering place, if amenities were developed. Currently, potable water exists, electrical exists, sprinklers are in and a stage area with shade is under development. Fencing is needed to keep off-roaders from the area, and sod and seeding will allow the 'bowl' area to be developed for family use. Details of this presentation can be found in attachment **D (provided separately)**. Funds requested is \$27,500.00

### **5<sup>th</sup> - Convert Ramona Boys & Girls Club Tennis Court to Basketball Court**

Simone McCune is the CHAMPION for this project. It takes one of the two current tennis courts and converts it to a basketball court, which will be available to the public when not in League use. This is a shovel ready project and detailed information can be found in attachment **E (provided separately)**. Funds requested is \$70,620.00

## 6<sup>th</sup> - Ramona Girls Softball League Field Enhancement LED Scoreboard and controllers

Jeff Moody is the CHAMPION for this project. This project will focus on the installation of electric LED score boards on five fields. The work would include the purchase of five new score boards, installation of the score boards, installation of electrical to the score boards and electrical installation to the back stops for the control panel. The RGS is looking to supply all the electrical work thru donations, they have a couple of electrical contractors who's daughters are in RGS and would be willing to supply materials and labor. Also RGS is looking to supply the installation of the score boards, again there are a few general contractors who's daughters are in RGS. . This is a near shovel ready project and detailed information can be found in attachment **F (provided separately)**. Funds requested is \$40,000.00

## 7<sup>th</sup> - Skate Board Park

Nancy Roy is the CHAMPION for this project. This project will focus on the development of a World Class Skate Board Park in the RICC area behind the current Library. Meetings have been held with the over RICC architect, and they CHAMPION and her support group has the overall support of the RICC advocates. Some detailed information can be found in attachment **G (provided separately)**. Funds requested for initial planning/design purposes is \$90,000.00

The next order of business was to discuss these various project presentations and to create a priority list for submission to the County via the Ramona Community Planning Group after their approval.

Much discussion ensued regarding the fact that these projects, in total amounts, exceed the identified funds available. Several project CHAMPIONS were asked about reducing their requests, and although some concurred, the subcommittee membership eventually decided to not reduce any projects funding request but to rather submit a priority list that reflects a total that exceeded the current County PLDO funds for Ramona.

Having reached this decision, another round of discussions ensued regarding the importance of each project and the positive impact that they would have on the overall Ramona Community.

Finally, individual subcommittee members ranked each project and their rankings were reflects on a larger board for all subcommittee members and the attending public to see. These results are as follows:

PARKS & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PROJECT VOTING ON FINAL INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF JULY 22, 2013

PROJECT	RANKING	BREAN	MOODY	A.DEGENFELDER	LASLEY	PERFECT	J. DEGENFELDER	COOPER
SOCCER FIELD	21 = 2	1	4	2	4	1	7	2
COMMUNITY ATHLETIC COMPLEX	38 = 7	3	7	7	5	3	6	7
H.S. BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL	37 = 6	7	5	4	6	6	4	5
AMPHITHEATER	19 = 1	5	1	3	1	4	1	4
G&B CLUB BASKETBALL COURT	27 = 4	6	3	1	7	7	2	1
GIRLS SOFT-BALL LED SCORE BOARDS	22 = 3	2	2	6	2	2	5	3
SKATEBOARD PARK	32 = 5	4	6	5	3	5	3	6

Adding the individual members rankings across from right to left results in a final numerical score, with the lowest score being the higher in overall priority. Thus the seven presented projects are priority ranked as follows:

FINAL PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING WITH FUNDS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

PROJECT	REQUESTED	TOTALS
1 - AMPHITHEATER FENCING, SOD & SEED	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00
2 - RAMONA SOCCER LEAGUE FIELD EXPANSION	\$150,000.00	\$177,500.00
3 - GIRLS SOFTBALL LED SCOREBOARDS	\$40,000.00	\$217,500.00
4 - GIRLS & BOYS CLUB TENNIS COURT CONVERSION' TO BASKETBALL COURTS	\$70,620.00	\$288,120.00
5 - SKATEBOARD PARK DEVELOPMENT	\$90,000.00	\$378,120.00
6 - RHS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FENCING & DUGOUTS	\$100,000.00	\$478,120.00
7 - COMMUNITY ATHLETIC COMPLEX	\$250,000.00	\$728,120.00*

COUNTY PLDO FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF APRIL 30, 2013 \$647,676.00

\*THESE RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECTS A DEFICIT OF \$80,444.00 FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR BUT RECOGNIZE INABILITY TO SPEND ALL FUNDS WITHIN THIS SAME TIME PERIOD

On final review, the subcommittee membership was satisfied with the fairness and openness of the overall process, and agreed with this final priority listing.

d.. Community Outreach Efforts - None

e. Other Board discussions - None

f. Next meeting date August 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn by Torry Brean, seconded by John Degenfelder. Unanimously approved.