

TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
15873 Hwy 67, Ramona, CA 92065
Ramona Community Center
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona
March 27, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson, Jim Cooper
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dawn Perfect
3. Determination of a quorum: Present – Ken Brennecke, Jim Cooper, Lynn Hopewell, Cheryl Wegner, Dan Summers, Dawn Perfect.
Excused absence – Casey Lynch
4. Corrections/Approval to T&T Minutes February 21, 2018, Motion to approve made by Cheryl Wegner, seconded by Lynn Hopewell. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS –
 - a. Jim Cooper – See attached memo from Frank Arebalo regarding out interest in including several unpaved roads in our submission of roads upgrades... No further action is required.
 - b. Cheryl Wegner: I Love a Clean SD Sat 4/21 9 am – noon. Staging at Adult Softball.
6. Presentations from the public on non-agenda only items – none
7. ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. The RCPG tasked the T&T sub-committee to prepare a “DRAFT” correspondence to request Supervisor Jacob to hold a Transportation Summit in Ramona, with stakeholders, to potentially request Federal infrastructure improvement funds to widen SR-67. Current projected SR-67 improvement date is 2050.

Jim Cooper gave brief history of community concerns with the function of Hwy 67 and referenced several documents related to a Transportation Summit chaired by the RCPG in June 2010 (see attached two documents)...

He had Dan Summer read a ‘DRAFT’ letter that Dan developed requesting Supervisor Jacob to form a coalition of stakeholders tasked with pursuing

Federal funds to improve Hwy 67 sooner than the 2050 date anticipated at this time. This "DRAFT" letter reads:

"March 26, 2018

County Supervisor Diane Jacob
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Supervisor Jacob,

The Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) joins with other State and County government entities to serve the people of Ramona by addressing issues impacting our community. Presently, the largest issue we face is the decreasing capacity of Hwy 67 to manage the growing traffic volume in and out of Ramona. Long lines of commuters form every morning and late afternoon and the feasibility of "emergency evacuation" does not exist as exemplified in the 2003 and 2007 fires. Ramona has simply outgrown Hwy 67 and with the new housing developments of Montecito Ranch and Cummings Ranch coming on line, the problem will only intensify.

This is not news. Plans for Caltrans to widen Hwy 67 have been in the works since 1988 but have always been postponed. If we must rely on Caltrans, the widening is currently scheduled for 2050, an unacceptable thirty-two years from now.

But something has changed. In an effort to spur the economy, the Trump Administration is proposing vast infrastructure projects all over the United States through private/government partnerships. If a timely case could be made to the Trump Administration by a coalition of dedicated stakeholders, might the resolution of Hwy 67 be included in one of these projects?

Who might form such a coalition? That would be a daunting task and Supervisor Jacob, you are just the person to accomplish it!

Potential stakeholders might include Caltrans, SANDAG, the Poway City Council, the RCPG, the RMWD, and elected officials

representing local Federal, State, and County governments. In addition, first responders should be involved along with the developers who can't sell their homes if their buyers cannot get in or out of town.

Supervisor Jacob you have served Ramona well for decades and you are highly respected at all levels of government in San Diego County. For these reasons, we ask that you consider leading a coalition to at least investigate the availability of federal dollars for Hwy 67. If there is a possibility of resolving this issue before 2050 through this unexpected turn of events, don't we owe it to our constituents to make an effort on their behalf?

Supervisor Jacob we await your thoughts knowing that time may be of the essence since competition for these projects may be fierce.

Thank you for your consideration,

RCPG

After due discussions, Dan Summers made a motion to approve this letter as submitted, motion seconded by Ken Brennecke.
Motion carried 6-0-0-0

b. Request follow up information from Caltrans on 2 letters sent by the RCPG in 2017. One issue is the boulders above SR-67 on the west side of Ramona, north side of SR-67, by the Poway border. The second issue is the median barrier request by the RCPG on the west side of Ramona by the Poway border.

Some confusion existed as this was thought to be an agenda item from last months meeting and forwarded to the RCPG at that time for action.

If needed, a motion was made by Cheryl Wegner to request that the RCPG send a status follow-up letter to DPW seeking the current status of these two previously submitted letter, motion seconded by Lynn Hopewell. Motion carried 6-0-0-0

c. Status of alleyway behind Jack in the Box. Community member Nancy Price was referred by Kristi Mansolf. Nancy would like to see some action to improve the alley.

Jim Cooper acknowledged that this is a long standing community issue that certainly needs a resolution. Kristi Mansolf forwarded a DPW status memo dated 3/27/2018 (see attached) that states that the alley is private property & a special tax district could be formed if property owners are willing to have self-imposed tax to do the repair.

Discussions ensued, with the following suggestions reached: Nancy Price was encouraged to discuss this with other community members and reach out to the property owners Corporate owners seeking assistance; she was also encouraged to attend the next RCPG meeting to voice this concern before the RCPG direct; Jim Cooper would take this issue to the Ramona design review Board to determine whether there might be a Code Enforcement issue regarding maintaining a safe thoroughfare. In addition dawn Perfect suggested that the neighboring property owners could be approached to compel 7-11 to do the repair, perhaps they would contribute to the cost.

8. Concerns from Members – None

9. Agenda Item Requests for the next T&T sub-committee meeting: the alleyway behind 7-11

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Cheryl Wegner, seconded by Lynn Hopewell. Motion Passed 6-0-0-0

PS – after the meeting adjourned, note was made regarding a note at the bottom of a county memo reading:

AND Update on Caltrans Boulder Issue. The gentleman who came to the RCPG meeting and presented the 13th St Bridge project has contacts at Caltrans. One of his contacts said for the boulder issue:

Coordination with Geotechnical Design South (GDS) is currently underway for the design of a Minor B Contract to mitigate rock fall potential. Construction easements will be necessary.

Without a further identification as to what this was referring to, no actions can be taken.....

March 21, 2018

Kristi,

We've been reviewing the list (Attachment B) and noticed several of the CPG prioritized roads are all dirt and some are partially dirt (Kalbaugh, Wynola, Rotanzi, Letton, Julian, Etcheverry). Unfortunately, our resurfacing program is maintenance of "existing facilities" program. The resurfacing program does not address improvements, like upgrading dirt roads to paved road. Our resurfacing program addresses roads that are already paved.

However, the County does manage a program that addresses this specific issue. The program considers requests to pave dirt/DG roads and private homeowner participation. This program requires cost participation from benefitting property owners and a full review by all appropriate DPW sections. I'm not sure if the CPG is aware of this program. Various DPW sections will review the road: traffic, drainage, utility conflict, materials lab, environmental needs and report back. I attached our Director's Letter of Instruction for this program for your convenience. If you are interested in this option we can discuss it in more detail at your convenience. This is a cost-sharing program between private property owners and the County.

Just wanted to let you know that we will use Attachment B as we work on our resurfacing program, unfortunately our funding cannot be used to improve these dirt roads. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks again for all your efforts with the priority list We appreciate your help.

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TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

Agenda for June 9, 2010

Olive Peirce Middle School Performing Arts Center

1521 Hanson Lane – Ramona, CA 92065

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

1. INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS (Meeting Moderator: Jim Piva, RCPG Member)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PAST, PRESENT AND PLANNED FUTURE ROAD PROJECTS FOR RAMONA
 - A. HISTORY (Bob Hailey, RCPG Member)
 - B. COMMUNITY PARTNERS
 - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(CALTRANS)
 - SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG)
 - CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP)
 - COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
 - COUNTY SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB
4. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
5. CLOSING REMARKS

For more information, please call 760-445-8545

Ramona Transportation Summit Outline

- Importance of Planning – Yogi Berra quote
- Defray bypass worries (not in our lifetimes). Very long term plan
- Stay the course (Stolen quote from Declaration of Independence)
- Failure to plan in past
 - Inevitability of growth in SD county – don't wait to react
 - obstructed rights of way
 - Vacated easements
 - density concentrations
 - circulation element
- Unforeseen events, unintended consequences
 - Sheriff station gate closure (9/11)
 - Ramona/Day Street alignment and signalization (Hanson traffic)
 - Library/RICC and PPH (13th St)
- What has been done
 - Other transportation summits
 - Roads master plan (community group inputs) – possible slide
 - Ramona Revitalization
 - Capital Improvement Projects – possible slide
- Obstacles
 - Money! Where does it come from? How is it allocated? – Slide?
 - Land acquisition
 - SANDAG and County work regionally (RCPG is for Ramona)
 - State highways through town CalTrans/County
- Teamwork
 - Stay informed
 - Participate more in regional planning (watch for opportunities)
 - Stay flexible and work with what we have
- Conclusion – More Yogi Berra (The future ain't what it used to be)

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Kristi,

In general, adjacent property owners are responsible for maintenance of the alley up to the centerline. In many cases like this, some property owners don't even know they maintain up to the centerline. Unfortunately, I've seen this same issue County-wide, it is not unique. Because the alley is non-County maintained road we can't spend public funds.

An option would be to work with our Special Districts staff, who manage a program for maintenance of private roads. The Program is known as a Permanent Road Division Zone (PRD) and it is administered by our Special Districts Section. There is a lot of good information regarding the program and frequently asked questions on their website that might help determine if this program will work folks in the alley. It does require a self-imposed tax on benefitting property owners to collect enough money to make repairs/maintenance. I'm not the expert on the program but if you're interested I can look for someone to discuss with you in more detail. Let me know.

The link to the website is:

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/specialdistricts/permroad.html>

Thanks,

Frank Arebalo