

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held October 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Scherer, Chair)

In Attendance: Torry Brean (Arr 7:15) Jim Cooper Scotty Ensign
Chris Holloway Frank Lucio Kristi Mansolf
Donna Myers Elio Noyas David Ross
Dan Scherer Paul Stykel Dan Summers
Richard Tomlinson

Members Absent: Casey Lynch, absent, and Rick Terrazas, resigned.

Dan Scherer, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Torry Brean, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 9-7-17

Mr. Cooper said the amount that should be reflected on page 9 in the last sentence of the eighth paragraph, should be \$300,000.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2017, WITH THE CORRECTION ON PAGE 9 (EIGHTH PARAGRAPH, LAST SENTENCE, AMOUNT CORRECTED TO \$300,000) BY MR. COOPER.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 11-0-1-0-3**, with Dan Scherer abstaining, Torry Brean and Casey Lynch absent, and Rick Terrazas resigned.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Ms. Mansolf said the Montecito Ranch Time Extension will be going to the Planning Commission on October 6, 2017.

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: Robin Maxson, Ramona Resident

Ms. Maxson said there are over 70 access points between Cloudy Moon Drive and Mussey Grade Road, with approximately 327 homes in that 3-1/2 mile stretch of road using the access points. She would like a slower speed limit than 55 mph in this rural, Highway 67 neighborhood. 45 mph would make more sense. There have been safety campaigns over the years, and the CHP stepped up enforcement for a short time period. The CHP said people drive 42 to 71 mph with the average speed being 60 mph through this stretch of road. Drivers exceed the speed limit. She asked

Caltrans about lowering the speed limit on this stretch of road. They responded that the majority of people go 55 mph or greater. She asked the RCPG to push for a slower speed limit in this area.

Mr. Cooper said he would like to put this item on the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agenda.

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

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 7D TO AFTER ITEM 7F, AND TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Torry Breaun and Casey Lynch absent, and Rick Terrazas resigned

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

****Note: Form Based Code Items and Inclusion of the Hagey Property (adjacent to Stater Brothers) into the Form Based Code Area will be on the November 2, 2017, RCPG Meeting Agenda**

- 7-A: TPM 21176, 53.11 acre, 4 Lot Subdivision at the Northeast Corner of Highland Valley Rd. and Highland Trails. Gildred Building Co., Owner; J. Whalen, Applicant. Environmental Documentation is available at: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Gildred-TPM.html>**

Jim Whalen presented the project. The majority of property was sold as an anchor piece for the Ramona Grasslands Preserve. In 2007 the fire burned through the area and many people transitioned from avocados to grapes. The reason for the delay of the project is the work being done for the septic systems. There are fractured water tables and thin water tables in the area, so they will be using an alternative septic system for the project.

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG approved the project in January, 2012. There will be 2 access points off of Highland Valley Road, with each access point serving 2 properties. Both roads are old existing agricultural roads. A large boulder was blasted to improve site distance for the intersection with Highland Valley Road. This project was one of the few property specific requests approved by the Board of Supervisors in Ramona during the GP Plan Update.

Mr. Ensign said one of the project access roads will be a difficult road to get a concrete truck up.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Elio Noyas, the motion **passed 12-0-0-1-2**, with Richard Tomlinson abstaining, Casey Lynch absent and Rick Terrazas resigned.

- 7-B: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Discussion on Possible Solutions at SR 67 and Via Penasco where Drivers Use Northbound Shoulder on SR 67 for a Passing Lane**

Mr. Cooper said there was no representation for this issue at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting. A motion was made to table it.

MOTION: TO TABLE THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Casey Lynch absent and Rick Terrazas resigned.

7-C: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) SR 67 Flexile Channelizer Project – Impact to Drivers from Channelizers

Mr. Cooper said he has received comments from individuals regarding driving next to the channelizers. Some people feel they get dizzy, and it was brought up at the Transportation/Trails meeting that the flickering of lights on the channelizers at night could potentially lead to an epileptic seizure. One truck driver said the channelizers narrow the road, and so they drive more to the right.

Mr. Cooper said he will try to get more answers to the question of how do the channelizers impact motorists, in the near future.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE FLEXILE CHANNELIZER ISSUE.

Upon motion made by Frank Lucio and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Casey Lynch absent and Rick Terrazas resigned.

7-D: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Review and update, for possible RCPG action, the 2014 Ramona Community Planning Group Capital Improvement Road Priority List – Taken out of Order after Item 7-F

7-E: (Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Median Barrier) Median Barrier between Cloudy Moon Drive and Rockhouse Road – Discussion on Supporting Correspondence from RCPG on this Issue

Mr. Brean read the letter to be sent to Caltrans.

Mr. Summers said he would like approval of the letter to be sent to Caltrans. He plans to send the notebook with his research with the letter.

Mr. Lucio said he can see that law enforcement and the fire department are not against the median barrier, but do they support it?

Mr. Tomlinson said the fire department doesn't like median barriers because they can't get their trucks around them.

Mr. Summers said the fire department would not like to see a permanent median barrier to Poway Road, but between Cloudy Moon Drive and Rockhouse Road it should be fine. He consulted with the CHP, the fire department and the Ramona Sheriff's.

Mr. Stykel said installing a median barrier will take land acquisition and planning, and will probably cost more than anticipated. He also feels the research is not relevant and he doesn't like sending the package with the letter.

Mr. Cooper said that Mr. Summers originally came to the RCPG with this issue in April. The letter needs to be sent. We don't want to send down the information as an accusation. We are sending

the data and asking them to review it. It is a soft enough letter to not be challenging. He feels the data is important to the issue.

Mr. Stykel said that all of the data over 30 years doesn't take improvements made over time into account. The data starts with each improvement and doesn't include the updated data of inclusion of the improvements.

Mr. Holloway said the window of opportunity for sending the letter is closing.

Mr. Brean said he has talked to a lot of people via social media and they feel the channelizers are a joke. This corner is very dangerous. The letter is politically correct. It is a way to move forward and the best chance to get something done.

MOTION: TO SEND THE PACKAGE AS PRESENTED TO MR. PEINADO.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 11-1-0-1-2**, with Paul Stykel voting no, Kristi Mansolf stepping down, Casey Lynch absent and Rick Terrazas resigned.

7-F: (South Subcommittee Project) Update on Warnock Solar Facility Landscaping – Maintenance work and replanting to be done by end of May.

Mr. Noyas said that replanting was done during September at the project site. He is still waiting to hear an update from the County.

7-D: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Review and update, for possible RCPG action, the 2014 Ramona Community Planning Group Capital Improvement Road Priority List – *Taken out of Order*

The Chair said he planned to table this item.

Mr. Cooper said he would like to make a presentation on this item.

Mr. Cooper addressed the Ramona Street Extension issue. Since 2003, there have been 4 different Ramona Street Extension plans designed and none has been an acceptable plan. \$885,000 has been spent without any work being done. Mr. Cooper had developed a detailed list of questions on each design to ask the County and he began presenting the questions.

The Chair said many of the questions presented by Mr. Cooper were engineering questions, and he felt it was the County's job to design the road.

Mr. Stykel said the Ramona Street Extension project was taken off of the radar due to the Highland Valley/Dye/SR 67 intersection improvements. He would like the County to come to an RCPG meeting so we can ask them questions about the Ramona Street Extension project.

Mr. Brean said there had been a motion at a meeting to have the County come to an RCPG meeting and answer our questions on the Ramona Street Extension project.

Mr. Summers said Mr. Cooper has asked some questions specific to the project. The project has been around a long time and it is a complicated issue.

Mr. Scherer said that we ask the question – is this road important to the community? If so, how do we move it forward? Then the engineering department figures out how to design the project if it is important to the community. We voted to have this road project on our CIP list and now we would like DPW to come up here and discuss it with us.

Mr. Cooper asked if the road could be safely built?

Mr. Stykel said the County has to build the roads according to the County road standards.

Mr. Cooper said he has not felt the road designs that were done would have produced a safe road. He has looked at the details. It is almost impossible to construct the road and to comply with all road standards.

Mr. Brean said he want to ask the County about the feasibility of the Ramona Street Extension project. CFARR has been biased about the road being built. Our roads are painfully congested. He wants to ask engineering based questions and he wants to hear the County's response.

Mr. Summers commended Mr. Cooper on his great research. The plans did not include the recognition of the aqueduct and boulders.

Mr. Cooper said he lives adjacent to the project area and he doesn't have a bias against the project. He has been tracking it for years. He questions the efficacy of this project.

Ms. Myers said she would like to speak to the bias for the road project. The road was 100 percent engineered when the details came out about the project. The road was high and there were no barriers. The road was not safe, but people still wanted it to be built. She appreciates the research Jim Cooper has done on the project.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Announcement of the Vacancy of RCPG Seat #6, left Vacant by Rick Terrazas. The RCPG Will Take Applications from Interested Parties in Filling the Seat. To Be Voted on At the November 2, 2017 Meeting

Ms. Mansolf said the County has sent her an application for Seat 6 applicants to fill out. She will send completed applications to the County. An announcement has been placed at the Community Center and will run in the paper advertising the vacant seat. Applicants should plan to attend the November 2 meeting and be prepared to present a statement about why they want to be on the RCPG. Once voted on, candidates will have to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and take the online training before they can be seated. When in person training becomes available, they will have to take that, too.

8-B: Climate Action Plan (Draft) has been released. Documents can be viewed at the County's CAP website: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/CAP> Informational meeting to be held for Chairs of Community Planning and Sponsor Groups.

Ms. Mansolf said no additional information has come through on the County Climate Action Plan. A quarterly chairs meeting was scheduled to be held October 14, 2017, so perhaps it would be discussed there.

8-C: Quarterly Chairs meeting to be held 10-14-17

The Chair said he planned on attending.

8-D: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Ensign gave the Design Review report. The Hagey/Elliott Pond property will be coming to the RCPG in the near future. The setback for the eucalyptus trees along Main was discussed. Now a 45 setback off the centerline of Main will be required, whereas in the past, it was a 15 foot setback. This amount of space is needed for the drip line for the tree's health. There was discussion on requesting a construction fence by Kahoots where the construction zone runs through the drip line. The AT&T site at Christiansen's Amusements was approved with a 50' height limitation and tapered shape to tree trunk. It did not pass at 68 feet. Jack in the Box was approved as presented with a notation to remove the existing monument sign, and to remove the sign "Ramona Jack" to meet signage requirements. The dialysis center was approved as submitted with notification to code enforcement for a letter to the landlord regarding the signs that are not part of the project but belong to the landlord. SDG&E will be putting in LED lights in the future. There was discussion on the Form Based Code project and the Elliott Pond property and also some text changes.

7-E: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

7-E-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Cooper expressed concerned over the status of the Warnock solar facility landscaping.

8-E-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Cooper said he wanted on the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agenda for next month:

- 1) 13th and Main intersection – it should go to Transportation/Trails before it is a major road;
- 2) speed limit along Highway 67; and 3) road resurfacing.

8-E-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members – *None brought forward*

8-F: Meeting Updates

8-F-1: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings – *No Information Brought Forward Except during Announcements*

8-F-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 11-2-17 at the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

The RCPG is advisory only to the County of San Diego. Community issues not related to planning and land use are not within the purview of this group. Item #5: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the RCPG on any subject within the group's jurisdiction that does not appear as an item on this agenda. The RCPG cannot discuss these matters except to place

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