

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

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

**ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 2: Seating of New Member, Robin Joy Maxson – in Seat #6 Left Vacant by Rick Terrazas**

The RCPG Chair gave Ms. Maxson an oath of office and swore her in as a replacement member to fill Seat #6, left vacant by Rick Terrazas.

**ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Scherer, Chair)**

In Attendance:	Torry Brean	Jim Cooper	Scotty Ensign
	Frank Lucio	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Donna Myers	Dan Scherer
	Dan Summers		

Members Absent: Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

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 4: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 11-2-17**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2017, AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Frank Lucio, the motion **passed 8-0-2-0-5**, with Scotty Ensign and Robin Joy Maxson abstaining, and Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**ITEM 5: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

**ITEM 6: 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 – None**

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)**

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

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Ramona Street Extension Project – Update from County Staff and**

**Discussion . (Michael Khoury and Ray Perdido, County of San Diego)**

Mr. Perdido was ill, so the presentation was moved to the January 4, 2018, meeting.

**7-B: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Design and construct 320 feet of concrete sidewalk and an ADA compliant pedestrian ramp on the north side of D Street from 12th Street to 13th Street in Ramona. (Michael Khoury and Ray Perdido, County of San Diego)**

Mr. Khoury presented the project, which is to construct 320 feet of concrete sidewalk to complete a gap between 2 existing sidewalks on the north side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. They will also be constructing an ADA compliant ramp. The County applied for a CDBG grant on Ramona's behalf of \$175,000. Mr. Khoury will be taking the issue to the Board of Supervisors for approval in February.

Mr. Lucio asked how the location was determined for the project?

Mr. Khoury said that a requirement for the CDBG grant is that the work must be done in a low income area, and the area from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> along D Street is in a qualifying area. The County looked for a project to do in Ramona.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Frank Lucio, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**7-C: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Discussion on Possible Solutions at SR 67 and Via Penasco where drivers use Northbound Shoulder on SR 67 for passing lane and Review the Highway 67 Neighborhood's request for a reduced speed limit due to ongoing safety concerns**

Mr. Cooper said this item was carried over from the last month. Passing on the right is illegal on the shoulder. The goal of the review was to develop a letter to send to Caltrans. There is a stretch of Highway 67 that some residents want to see recognized as a neighborhood. The group came up with a draft letter for a concept, and the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agreed with the concept, so the letter was further developed.

Mr. Lynch said he worked on the letter at the meeting with the proponents. He has first-hand experience with making left turns on the portion of Highway 67 under consideration, and until someone experiences making a left turn along Highway 67, they can't really understand how difficult it is. There are 3 parts to the letter. Part 1 requests 'no unsafe passing on the right' signs (when people are making left hand turns from the travel lane); Part 2 requests a site distance warning sign by Via Penasco, when heading south, because there doesn't appear to be adequate site distance in that area if someone is stopped making a left hand turn and a motorist is going south on Highway 67 in that area; and Part 3 asks for a reduction in speed from 55 mph to 45 mph due to passing through a rural neighborhood with multiple driveways.

Ms. Mansolf said there are approximately 35 private road easements on each side of Highway 67 in a 3-1/2 mile stretch from Cloudy Moon Drive and Mussey Grade Road. Most serve more than one household and some serve many. There are only 5 or so left turn lanes in this stretch of road, so people making left turns have 3 options – 1) they can wait in the travel lane, 2) they can pull over to

the right until traffic clears (both lanes), or 3) they can go further down the road and turn around where it is safer, come back and make a right turn. There are curves and hills along this whole stretch, sometimes making site distance challenging.

Mr. Brean said he is on board with the first and second request, but not the speed limit reduction request. There are too many cars, and they would have to do a speed limit study to make the change.

Mr. Lucio said if the speed limit is reduced, more people will break the law.

Mr. Summers said the area is a neighborhood. The homes are off the road and many are hidden by trees. With the volume of homes that are there, a reduction in speed to 45 mph makes sense.

Mr. Lynch said it is not safe to pass on the right when people are turning lefts from the travel lane. Large trucks don't have adequate time to stop due to inadequate line of sight distance in some areas along the road if someone is stopped in the travel lane making a left turn. This area should be recognized as a neighborhood.

Ms. Maxson said each of the 3 requests in the letter include Caltrans data. The request for the reduction in speed limit would be an exception and could apply if the area from Cloudy Moon Drive to Mussey Grade Road were recognized as a neighborhood. There have been recent traffic studies that show the average speed limit in the 2 spots monitored is about 60 mph. Supervisor Jacob said she would meet with Caltrans on this issue if the RCPG supported it.

Speaker: Terry Maxson, Ramona Resident

Mr. Maxson said he thinks the reduction in speed from 55 mph to 45 mph would be a good safety measure.

Speaker: Chuck Withrow, Ramona Resident

Mr. Withrow lives in the Acres and said that they asked the County to do a speed limit study in the Acres because people were always going too fast, and the County determined the speed limit should be 55 mph, because they base it, in part, on how fast people are already going. Highway 67 is a state highway and not a neighborhood street.

Speaker: Carol Fowler, Ramona Resident

Ms. Fowler used to work at the Salerno Winery, and she would go past the Winery and turn around so she would not have to make a left hand turn from Highway 67. She believes that if they do a traffic study, the speed limit will be increased. She agrees this is a neighborhood, but she also agrees with Torry about not reducing the speed. The addition of left turn lanes would be best.

Mr. Brean said there is a rule where when speed limits are studied, they usually make the traffic flow at the rate the majority of the people are going already so there may end up being a higher speed limit if traffic is studied.

Ms Mansolf said that studies have been done recently by Caltrans along Highway 67 in at least 2 areas, so there is already recent traffic data available. Most people were going about 60 mph or over. When a traffic study is done, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is used to determine a reasonable speed limit.

The 3 items in the letter would be voted on as 3 separate motions.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE ITEM 1, RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF A “NO UNSAFE PASSING ON THE RIGHT” SIGN ALONG SR-67 BETWEEN POSTMARKS 18.8 AND 20.8.**

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE ITEM 2, RELATING TO THE ADDITION OF A WARNING SIGN FOR THE SOUTHBOUND SIDE OF SR-67 BEFORE THE AIRMAIL LANE CURVE DUE TO INADEQUATE LINE OF SIGHT.**

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Frank Lucio, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE ITEM 3, RELATING TO REQUESTING THE REDUCTION OF THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH ALONG/THROUGH RAMONA SR-67 CORRIDOR/NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **failed 5-5-0-0-0-5**, with Torry Brean, Scotty Ensign, Frank Lucio, Donna Myers and Dan Scherer voting no, and Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**7-D: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Honorary Bridge Naming Policy, to go before the Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2017**

Mr. Cooper said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee reviewed the Honorary Bridge Naming Policy and supported it.

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG had sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors prior to the December 6, 2017, meeting, supporting the policy in concept, since the RCPG had requested development of the policy.

Mr. Cooper said the Subcommittee looked at the nuts and bolts of the policy, so now it can be completely supported.

**MOTION: THE RCPG SUPPORTS THE MECHANICS OF THE HONORARY BRIDGE NAMING POLICY.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**8-E: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Review of Ramona Resurfacing list by Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. Cooper said he received a copy of the Ramona Road Resurfacing list at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee on November 28, 2017. The list is quite extensive, and Ad Hoc Committee members need to see the roads listed to provide an accurate assessment. He proposed asking the County for a time extension from January 9, 2018, to March 1, 2018 – the date of the March RCPG meeting.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTING A TIME EXTENSION TO MARCH 1, 2018.**

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**8-F: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Item) Review and update, for possible RCPG action, the 2014 Ramona Community Planning Group Capital Improvement Road Priority List.**

Mr. Cooper said discussion has not yet concluded on this issue, and it will be discussed more in the near future.

**MOTION: TO TABLE.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, David Ross, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson absent.

**8-G: (Parks Subcommittee Item) Discussion of Wellfield Park projects**

Mr. Lynch said he attended the Ramona Revitalization meeting with Supervisor Jacob. Parks projects were reviewed. Supervisor Jacob gave Bill Saumier 30 days to get the necessary drainage study done in Wellfield Park.

Since the Revitalization meeting, the Wellfield Park 1994 Storm Water Decision has come up as an issue and will be reviewed at the next Parks Subcommittee meeting. Legible horseshoe pit plans have been given to Bill Saumier for review. For disc golf, pressure is being put on RPRA for this project to move forward. The scoreboard project is ready to go.

**8-H: (Parks Subcommittee Item) 2017 Ramona PLDO Priority List Request**

Mr. Lynch said there are no new projects to be added to the PLDO Priority List, so the last Priority List is still in effect.

**ITEM 9: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**

**9-A: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed**

Mr. Ensign gave the Design Review Board report. Dave's Auto is proposing to put up a new mural. The subject in the mural will be a classic car and a girl. New Sear signs were looked at for the old Woodward's store. A propane tank at Arco was proposed. They will be looking for a new location on the property for the propane tank, as they wanted to put it right on the corner, which would be too visible. NCHS, in the old Sears' building is working on changing signs. Alday Market had a preliminary review. They are working on setbacks. They will be across from McDonalds.

**9-B: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

**9-B-1: Concerns from Members**

Mr. Cooper said the RCPG sent out a letter to DPW regarding a traffic study on Arena Way on July 12. He would like the RCPG to follow up on this issue with the County.

**9-B-2: Future Agenda Item Requests**

Mr. Lynch said the Mt. Woodson parking area proposal is coming together. Studies are being done and the buildings on the property are being reviewed. He will continue to monitor the project with Supervisor Jacob's office, and when the time comes, he will call for a Mt. Woodson Parking Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Mr. Summers asked how many parking spaces would be included in the parking area?

Mr. Lynch said 177 is what he proposed in his plan.

Mr. Cooper said he wanted the following items to be on the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting agenda: 1) look at the traffic at Elm and Poplar; 2) review of poor quality of road resurfacing at the Highland Valley/Dye/SR-67 intersection; 3) DPW letter for road resurfacing projects.

Mr. Lynch said the next Parks Subcommittee meeting will be December 20 at 6:15. He would like the 1994 Storm Water Decision on his agenda and also a review of additional needs for projects.

**9-B-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members --  
*None brought forward***

**9-C: Meeting Updates**

**9-C-1: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings**

Mr. Cooper will be attending the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting on December 8. There will be a report on the Radar Recertification of Montecito Road, and he will be representing the RCPG.

**9-C-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 1-4-18 at  
the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.**

**ITEM 10: 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 them on a future agenda, refer them to a subcommittee, or to County staff. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes. Please fill out a speaker request form located at the rear of the room and present to Vice Chairperson.**

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