

East Subcommittee Minutes
Ramona Community Planning Group
15873 Hwy 67, Ramona CA 92065
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona
December 3rd, 2019

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Lucio at 7pm.
2. Followed with Pledge of Allegiance
3. All member present: Frank Lucio, Jim Cooper, Greg Harper
4. Correction/Approval to the Minutes July 30, 2018, Motion to approve: Jim Cooper, Second: Greg Harper. Minutes approved 3-0

5. An informative presentation was made by applicant AT&T representative Jim Kennedy to members of the East Subcommittee and several members of the community who have interest in the Cell Tower being proposed at 374 East Washington in Ramona (MUP18-005). The new applicant requested this informational meeting as an informational item only with the intention of getting additional community feedback since the first meeting on this item in April 2018.

Mr. Kennedy provided the committee with a new coverage map showing possible options to the existing proposed cell tower site and presented an argument supporting the site selection over the other options based on coverage and cost. Mr. Kennedy continued by providing the committee with three options for the landscape profile existing of 1. a faux tree, 2. three tree clusters, and 3. a water tower. The meeting was then opened to questions for all parties present.

Mr. Cooper, reviewed concerns that were recorded in his notes for the previous subcommittee on this item. Frank Lucio made reference to the general consensus of the April community meeting that there was no mention to the concerns of property values and health consequences in Mr Kennedy's alternative analysis. Mr Harper pointed to the color bits on the map which suggest poor coverage in that area but pointed out that he and other in this area have no issue getting connected using AT&T cell and internet. This was also substantiated by all community member present, many which have service plans with AT&T.

Mr. Cooper, suggested that he would not be in favor of using a water tower as part of the cell tower landscape since it would not fit with the character for that location.

Several member of the community spoke and most of those concerns were based on property values and health issues. Mr Kennedy pointed out that these two factors had no consideration into the site selection, the planning, and permitting of this project by the county.

Other public record information was referenced by a community member to Mr. Kennedy regarding Black Canyon's lack of internet service area which could be an alternative site since there is less density and more open space for a tower. From the criteria presented on the county's website on funding for rural services, the cell tower at Washington was not on the list. Mr. Kennedy had not known of this information and told the committee he will address this topic at the next RCGP meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Greg Harper. Meeting was adjourn at 8:10pm