

TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
15873 Hwy 67, Ramona, CA 92065
Ramona Community Center
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona
July 24, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to order at 6:31 pm by the Chairperson, Jim Cooper
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Brennecke
3. Determination of a quorum: Present – Ken Brennecke, Jim Cooper, Lynn Hopewell, Cheryl Wegner, Dan Summers, Dawn Perfect. Casey Lynch arrived at 7:10 halfway through the discussion of item 7d.
4. Corrections/Approval to T&T Minutes June 26, 2018. Motion to approve made by Dan Summers, seconded by Dawn Perfect. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None
6. Presentations from the public on non-agenda only items – None
7. ACTION ITEMS:

7.a. MUP 18-013, Lavender and Olive (L&O), 633 Montecito Way, 5.016 acres. The project applicant is proposing to develop a wedding event center based around an equestrian theme. This would require the processing of a Major Use Permit. The facility will be available to rent seven (7) days a week with operating hours from 10 AM to 10 PM, with a maximum capacity of 225 people, including employees and subcontracted staff. The main entrance to the facility will be located on Montecito Way with secondary ingress/egress being accessed from Montecito Road. Woodcrest Rev.

Lauren Schulte was the presenter. She reiterated the hours of operation and elaborated on the landscaping plans, the longer drive, a trellis, a barn

with no permanent roof. Dawn Perfect moved to approve the project as presented to allow the applicant to move forward, Lynn Hopewell seconded the motion.

Discussions ensued with Jim Cooper expressing concern about noise propagation before 10 PM and Lauren elaborated on the plans to build the barn structure and the installation of 24 inch and 60 inch boxed olive trees in the pool area that will absorb sound. Dawn Perfect mentioned the airport curfew which is later than the planned closing time. Lauren also mentioned that all lights are upward shielded and that the Design Review subcommittee approved the lighting. Motion was approved 6-0-0-0

7b. Consideration and discussion on naming the bridge on San Vicente Road near Ramona High School in the memory of Chase Simmons.

Army Specialist Chase Simmons was hit by a semi on Highway 67 and suffered an irreparable brain injury. He succumbed to his injuries after two months of Hospice care. The presentation was made by his parents and ironically his uncle built the bridge that they are asking to be named in his honor. This request meets the criteria of the newly developed bridge naming county policy.

Dawn Perfect moved to recommend that the bridge be named in honor of Army Specialist Chase Simmons, Cheryl Wegner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-0-0

7c. County request to remove some pine trees on the east side of 14th Street between E Street and La Haina Street. RCPG consent needed for tree removal in order for sidewalk repairs to be put in the upcoming contract.

Jim Cooper contacted the resident of the house shaded by the five pine trees and the homeowner expressed a desire to have all the five trees removed; as an attractive nuisance for neighbors from the adjacent apartment buildings and also the dropped needles posed a debris problem. Lynn Hopewell mentioned that the sidewalk was very uneven and dangerous to pedestrian traffic.

Jim Cooper moved that we approve the removal of the five pine trees on the eastern side of 14th Street between E Street and La Haina Street, Dan Summers seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-0-0

7d. Discussion of additional routes, Keyser Road, Equestrian Trails and/or Royal Vista Dr., as possible circulation elements and requesting the County to do a General Plan Amendment so that a feasibility study can be done in the future.

Jim Cooper mentioned that Casey was to do research on Equestrian Trail and possibly other routes but he wasn't yet present

Jim Cooper noted there are 21 residences on Royal Vista including Mountain Lane. Dawn mentioned that Equestrian Trail was not an issue because of the expense and the need to build a bridge over the floodway.

Royal Vista residents shared their concerns:

Tom Hammond, 1525 Royal Vista: purchased their house because the area was quiet until the school at the end of Boundary Avenue was built and now has become much busier.

Evone Slater-Grigis, 1455 Royal Vista: if there were any upgrade to the Royal Vista corridor, children, dogs and livestock would not be safe.

John Eckelson, 1519 Royal Vista Dr.: total travel distance on Royal Vista exceeds one mile as opposed to 1383 feet if the proposed Ramona Street extension were built. There are also 3 wells and utility poles to contend with.

Greg Tickness, 1491 Royal Vista Dr.: there is also a hump in the road and so there is a line-of-sight issue at 20 MPH. Greg also mentioned he was the one that put up the chain across the road.

Linda Eckelson, 1519 Royal Vista Dr.: there is a 90 degree turn at the corner and cars routinely miss the curve and wind up in resident's yards.

Kevin Blaha, 2250 Mountain Lane and Cindy Ziegler, 2126 Boundary Avenue also pointed out that much private property will need to be acquired for any road to be affected.

Casey Lynch joined the meeting during the resident presentations.

Jim Cooper then recounted the story of how the chain across the road was run down by a Sheriff Officer on a domestic violence call and not restored.

Casey Lynch shared with all the IOD's present on Equestrian Lane (60 foot easements) and, in his opinion, this was the most viable alternative since it was far enough away from San Vicente to have a real impact on the general circulation in the town. He stated that there were developer interests along that corridor. It also was to be another way for children to access Hanson Elementary at the end of Boundary Ave. Casey also noted that utility poles on Keyser were too close to the road easement and that moving them would be complicated.

Dawn Perfect referred to the expense of building the Equestrian Trail link and that she thought there were issues with the bridges and flood plain engineering. Ken Brennecke mentioned that he had a call into Jim Bolz at the County for any previous studies that had been done. (Subsequent Information: The next day, Ken received a call from Jim Bolz and he indicated that there are no prior studies concerning Equestrian Trail development that he could find.)

Lynn Hopewell moved that the T&T recommend a GPA on Equestrian Trail, Casey Lynch seconded the motion.

During the discussion that followed Dawn Perfect wanted to forgo the feasibility study and allow the costs to be picked up by developers on that corridor. Dan Summers countered that there were no developers identified and that we should carry through with the recommendation. Casey Lynch also mentioned the need for the study so that planners have the information to plan for the community.

Jim called for the vote and all were in favor except Dawn Perfect who voted no. The motion passed 6-1-0-0.

Jim then asked for a motion on Royal Vista. There was no motion.

He then asked for a motion on Keyser. There was no motion.

Lynn Hopewell moved that Royal Vista and Keyser be removed from consideration, which Dan Summers seconded. The vote was unanimous 7-0-0-0.

7e. Ramona Transportation Summit – Ad Hoc Committee. Development of Summit Objectives.

Jim Cooper indicated that an Ad Hoc Committee was created directly under the RCPG at the last meeting, therefore this item is deleted from the T&T purview. Members are Dan Summers, Robin Joy Maxim, Torry Breen, and Dawn Perfect.

Dan Summers reminded us that the State of California has no HWY 67 upgrade scheduled for the next 32 years.

Dan Summers reported that he wanted to see Duncan Hunter to discuss funding of HWY 67 upgrades but Duncan Hunter was on vacation.

Mike Harrison is Duncan Hunter's assistant and Dan has a meeting with him this coming Sunday.

Mike also indicated that he wanted to meet with the Ad Hoc Committee prior to presenting the group to Duncan Hunter.

No action was taken, information only.

7f. Emergency Evacuation Route through the Grasslands

Jim Cooper has the 2014 Ramona Evacuation Plan that was supposed to be revised every two years and has not been. He noted that Highland Valley Road is not part of the current plan. This plan can be found on the Office of Emergency Services website.

Dawn moved to have the members of the T&T acquire and review the plan and make suggestions at our next meeting. Information was to be sent to Dan Summers and Lynn Hopewell directly.

Jim Cooper seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved 7-0-0-0.

Concerns from Members

1. Dan Summers mentioned a new Ramona Municipal Water District pipe that was installed under Rangeland Road and has destroyed the asphalt road surface for about 1.3 miles.
2. Dan Summers mentioned that this coming Saturday District Attorney candidate Summer Steffon will be at the Ramona Main Stage Theater.
3. Jim Cooper reminded us that the Day of the Cowboy was coming up this weekend.

4. Lynn Hopewell suggested channelizers on Main Street to force Starbuck's left turn traffic onto the correct path, no action taken.

Agenda Item Requests

None.

Adjournment

Lynn Hopewell moved to adjourn. Dan Summers seconded. It passed unanimously 7-0-0-0 at 8:21 PM