

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held November 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Lynch, Chair)

In Attendance: Torry Brean (Arr 7:10) Casey Lynch Kristi Mansolf
Robin Joy Maxson Elio Noyas (Arr 7:30) Dawn Perfect
Paul Stykel Dan Summers Richard Tomlinson
Kevin Wallace

Absent: Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell, Donna Myers

Casey Lynch, 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 10-3-19

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2019, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-6**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell, Donna Myers and Elio Noyas absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair said “no parking” signs have been installed along a portion of Main Street, by 8th Street, where the road is narrow. Cars have been getting hit there. The signs went up overnight, with no warning. Maybe this segment of the road will eventually be widened.

The Chair said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee chair was not at the meeting, so that portion of the agenda will not be heard until the December RCPG meeting.

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: Mischa Dobrotin, Ramona Resident

Mr. Dobrotin said he lives on the east side of Ramona. Money from SANDAG appears to be more directed to transit than our back roads. He asked where RCPG agendas and minutes are posted?

Ms. Mansolf said the agenda is posted at the Community Center 72 hours prior to the RCPG meeting. The agenda is also posted on the County website and in the classified ad section of the

Ramona Sentinel the week before the meeting. Minutes are posted on the County website, but only approved minutes are posted.

Mr. Dobrotin felt the draft minutes should be posted for the public to read before the next meeting occurs.

He has a concern with there being no stop sign at 5th Street, at the 5th and D intersection. There is a stop sign on D Street at this intersection, but he feels one at 5th is needed. He would also like consideration for a stop sign on 4th and D – there are no traffic controls at this intersection. He would like to see a stop sign on D Street.

Mr. Brean said the RCPG did a review of this issue a couple of months ago.

The Chair said that Mr. Cooper, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee chair, was not in attendance, but he would try to get this item on their next agenda to be reviewed.

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

The Chair said he will be recusing himself from reviewing Item 7-C. He is pulling Item 7-D from the agenda. The project applicants thought they had to go to CUDA if they went to the Design Review Board, since their project is within the Form Based Code Area. However, they do not need to go to the RCPG for approval of a minor deviation, and so he is pulling this item from the RCPG agenda.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS CORRECTED.

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-6**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell, Donna Myers and Elio Noyas absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-A: Presentation by County DPW on the 13th Street Bridge and Equestrian Trail Update

James Bolz from County DPW presented the project update. The bridge design is at 70 percent, and they have hit a roadblock with the project. Currently the project is ineligible for Federal funding by Caltrans in Sacramento. Originally the bridge project was proposed to have a 10 foot wide equestrian trail, a 6 foot sidewalk and a 3 foot shoulder. Caltrans approved the bridge at the local level. Now if project funding were to be applied for, for this particular project, it would not be eligible as low water crossing is not eligible for Federal funding, but the project got in on time for Federal funding to be applied for.

Because Caltrans in Sacramento is saying they will not approve Federal funding to be used for the equestrian trail with the cross section, the County has made a case for Federal eligibility. They have reduced the project to an 8 foot trail, with 2 15 foot travel lanes with a 3 foot shoulder and a barrier. Mr. Bolz brought the revised plan to share with the RCPG. Sacramento is saying no for the extra 2 feet. A formal protest has been drafted. He feels pretty confident this will all work out. He is requesting the RCPG write a letter of support for the equestrian trail for the bridge.

The Chair asked at what level the bridge project has been approved?

Mr. Bolz said it was approved at the County level and at the Caltrans district level, but not at the Sacramento level. Cory Binns of Caltrans is now at Caltrans Sacramento Headquarters.

The Chair asked if the project is going to be funded by Federal and State money?

Mr. Bolz said it will be funded by Federal and local money.

The Chair said it is unsafe to have horses on roadways. He is concerned with equestrians and hikers sharing the same path. Separation matters.

Mr. Bolz said the trail will be a mixed used design. There is consideration for mitigation for pedestrians waiting for horses and possibly putting a flashing light on the bridge. The bridge project was scheduled to have the environmental clearance in October of 2020, and bridge construction was estimated to start in 2022. It would be best if the RCPG did draft a letter of support that it would be ready within the month.

Mr. Noyas arrived at 7:30.

The Chair said 8 feet is tight if a horse is charging. People who ride won't use a pedestrian bridge. Horses spook.

Mr. Stykel asked if the project had to have a horse element?

Mr. Bolz said that the bridge crossing is in the Ramona Community Trails Master Plan.

Ms. Maxson said the bridge project needs to be safe and usable.

Mr. Tomlinson said we are fighting for 2 feet.

Mr. Stykel asked how the funds are administered for the project?

Mr. Bolz said that the project is approved locally – Caltrans administers Federal highway funds – then the project goes to Caltrans Sacramento, where they are the gatekeeper for the funds, and then it gets sent to the Federal government if approved.

Mr. Stykel asked what the difference in cost was between 6 and 8 feet?

Mr. Bolz said it was about \$500,000.

MOTION: TO WRITE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE 8 FOOT SECTION (13TH STREET BRIDGE) FOR MIXED USE.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

7-B: Presentation by County Code Compliance to Include Services Offered and an Overview of the Code Compliance Process

Brent Panas, Code Compliance Chief made the presentation. Mike Pittman, Brad Hernandez and Mike Johnson were also in attendance.

Mr. Panas said they would like to give us a monthly update on Code Enforcement issues in the community we are concerned about, each month before the RCPG meeting. He passed out fliers on how to file a complaint with Code Enforcement. When a complaint is made, Code Enforcement field inspectors assigned to the area investigate the complaint. They have Noise Specialists, a Grading Inspector and Civil Engineers. There is a Planning Team and an Intake Team. For example, for a Major Use Permit complaint, Mike Johnson would be involved. Code Compliance investigates concerns reported by the public. Priority is given to immediate health and safety issues. Their focus is on teamwork and solutions, and they encourage voluntary compliance. One topic that comes up frequently is people living in trailers. California prohibits people living in trailers permanently.

The steps involved in Code Compliance are to investigate, educate, document, schedule, facilitate, voluntary compliance and resolution. For wineries, there are wholesale limited wineries, which are smaller than the boutique wineries. Boutique wineries generally have a tasting room and events. Wineries are regulated by the type of permit they have. Smaller wineries generally have an Administrative Permit and larger wineries have a Major Use Permit.

In 2018/2019, Code Compliance received 228 complaints, opened 166 cases and closed 152 cases.

Ms. Maxson asked about filing a complaint – is it confidential?

Mr. Panas said it is confidential.

The Chair asked why a complaint needs to be filed when a permittee is in violation of the conditions of a Major Use Permit. We have been having problems with the Warnock solar project landscaping, and they are operating with a Major Use Permit. For the Creelman SDG&E solar site, the landscaping is completely decimated and out of compliance. Why are we stuck with filing complaints?

Mr. Panas said so many permits are issues and the County is unable to check every one each year. The Warnock project is on the County's radar for follow up.

Mr. Noyas said the RCPG had to send a letter requesting the Major Use Permit be revoked to get action taken by the County for the Warnock project.

Mr. Panas said a complaint can be filed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Complaints are logged into the computer and assigned to someone right away. If we do the leg work, the County will have the information. Mr. Panas suggested the RCPG make a list of 5 to 10 projects that they would like Code Enforcement to monitor and then they will send an update to the RCPG each month on those projects.

7-C: MUP 19-008, Major Use Permit, Related Permit MUP 08-048, Renewal of Conditional Use Permit for an *EXISTING* wireless facility. No changes or modifications are proposed The cellular facility is a monopalm, constructed in 2009. 14842 Highland Valley Rd

The Chair stepped down. Mr. Brean chaired this portion of the meeting. He asked to hear the West Subcommittee report first before hearing from the applicant.

Ms. Mansolf gave the West Subcommittee report. The existing monopalm is 45 feet tall to the top of the tree. The Conditional Use Permit for the project is expiring and needs to be renewed. The faux monopalm has been there for 10 years. Because it is existing, Ms. Mansolf asked the applicant for photos and maps to share with the RCPG, because the County did not send these items. The tree has been maintained throughout its life and so still looks good. The location is an Escondido address, close to I-15, but it is in the Ramona Community Planning Area. There were questions about the service road and maintenance. The site will have site visits a couple of times a year, and if there is a problem detected that needs attention. The West Subcommittee voted to approve the project.

There were no questions for the applicant, Lior Avraham, who had brought project information to share if needed.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND THE RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE EXISTING WIRELESS FACILITY, ON HIGHLAND VALLEY ROAD.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-1-5**, with Casey Lynch stepping down and Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

7-D: Previously Approved Projects: Village Walk Apartments (TM 5535) and Creekside Village Walk Apartments (TM 5610), Presentation of Modification of Architecture/Visual Elements, Minor Deviation. (Item Pulled from Agenda under Item 6)

7-E: Welcome to Ramona Monument Sign at Highland Valley Road and Highway 67. Presentation by Ramona Archway Association on adding Lighting to the Sign

Ms. Mansolf stepped down and Torry Brean acted as secretary for this item.

Jim Piva made a presentation. The Ramona Archway Association has applied for and received its 501(c)3 status. The Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church received a \$5,000 grant from the Ramona Community Foundation to improve the sign, which was passed along to the Ramona Archway Association. A change will be made to have xeriscape plants for landscaping, and lighting will be added. Adding the SDG&E service required the Ramona Archway Association to get a formal address for the site. They are also required to get an electrical plan stamped by the RCPG. Lighting will be LED and dark sky compliant.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ELECTRICAL PLAN FOR THE RAMONA MONUMENT SIGN, AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 8-1-0-1-5**, with Kevin Wallace voting no, Kristi Mansolf stepping down and Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

7-F. Request from the County Vegetation Management Section to Remove Trees to Improve Fire Safety at the Request of SDG&E as follows: 3 Eucalyptus at 1915 Lilac Rd, 1 Eucalyptus at 2141 Pamo Rd, 3 Eucalyptus at 1825 Black Canyon Rd, and 2 Pine trees at 1915 Black Canyon Rd

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG received a list of trees (and photos) from the County that SDG&E has identified as being potentially hazardous to power lines. The list and photos had been forwarded to RCPG members. The RCPG approval is needed to remove the specific trees.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE TREE REMOVALS AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

7-G: 2019-2020 Ramona PLDO Project Priority List Request

Mr. Wallace said he had a Parks Subcommittee meeting on October 21 to introduce himself as the new Parks Subcommittee chair. The County is requesting an updated, annual submission for the PLDO list.

Mr. Brean said no values are changing.

Mr. Wallace said \$513,000 is needed to build the projects. They plan to have a meeting on November 18 to talk about the Wellfield Park soccer field expansion, lighting budget amendment.

Ms. Perfect said there is over \$1 million in PLDO for Ramona.

MOTION: TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH THE RAMONA PLDO LETTER LISTING THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROJECTS:

- 1. GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD LED SCOREBOARDS (APPROVED FOR UP TO \$128,000)**
- 2. RAMONA SOCCER LEAGUE FIELD EXPANSION (APPROVED FOR UP TO \$275,000)**
- 3. WELLFIELD RECREATIONAL PARK PROJECT (APPROVED FOR UP TO \$233,685)**
- 4. SKATEBOARD PARK DEVELOPMENT (APPROVED FOR UP TO \$250,000)**

Upon motion made by Kevin Wallace and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

The Chair tabled Items 7-H, 7-I, 7-J and 7-K by Administrative Order.

7-H: Ramona Community Protection and Evacuation Plan (CPEP) – Discussion on concerns from members, Section E. (Tabled)

- 1. Caltrans information**
- 2. Office of Emergency Services information**
- 3. County DPW information needed**

7-I: Disposition of letter Ramona Community Trails Master Plan, regarding Obstructions of Trails (Tabled)

7-J: Follow up with Caltrans on the addition of a warning sign for the southbound side of Highway 67 before the Airmail Lane curve due to safety reasons as stated in RCPG letter dated 12-27-17 (Tabled)

7-K: Asphalt Ridge Bumps on 5th St at A and B St's (Tabled)

7-L: Warnock Solar Project Landscaping Update and Noise Issue

Mr. Noyas said he went by the project and the landscaping looks good. He didn't hear any noise when he was there. If noise is a problem, a complaint can be filed. He suggested taking the project off the agenda in the future.

Ms. Mansolf said Ms. Myers has said that the noise starts at 2 am and continues through the night.

7-M: Creelman Solar Project Landscaping

Mr. Noyas said that he will file a complaint with County Code Enforcement for the Creelman solar project landscaping.

MOTION: TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT REGARDING NON-COMPLIANCE OF LANDSCAPING AT CREELMAN SOLAR SITE.

Upon motion made by Elio Noyas and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

7-N: Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee Report. The RCPG consider sending a letter of appreciation to Supervisor Gaspar and Supervisor Desmond, and Mayors Jones of San Marcos and Mayor McNamara of Escondido for their support in moving Highway 67 forward with SANDAG.

Mr. Summers reported that at SANDAG September 6 the environmental and planning of Highway 67 to Scripps Poway Parkway from Dye was approved for \$13 million. On September 27, Mayor Vaus and Mayor McNamara brought forward an alternate proposal that was passed by the SANDAG board but opposed by SANDAG administration, to extend the project to Maplevue for an increase in cost to \$21 million.

Mr. Summers brought forward the RCPG writing a letter of appreciation to the Supervisors and Mayors that helped to get support for Highway 67 road improvements, and moved the project forward with SANDAG. The ad hoc committee wanted to send thank you letters to those who voted for the project, and to also send a letter to those who voted no so maybe in the future they will consider the issue.

MOTION: THE RCPG WRITE LETTERS TO THE SANDAG BOARD TO THE PEOPLE VOTING YES AND THE PEOPLE VOTING NO ON SR 67 IMPROVEMENTS.

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

7-O: Consideration of writing a letter of appreciation to participants of the Community Wildfire Safety Preparedness meeting 10-16-19

Mr. Summers brought forward the RCPG writing a letter of appreciation to the participants of the Community Wildfire Safety Preparedness meeting October 16, 2019.

MOTION: THE RCPG WRITE THANK YOU LETTERS TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NIGHT EVENT.

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Chris Holloway, Lynn Hopewell and Donna Myers absent.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed (Mr. Ensign was absent. There was no report.)

8-B: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

1. Concerns from Members

It was brought up that there used to be a crosswalk in the vicinity of 6th Street, where there are a lot of Ramona restaurants, and there no longer is a cross walk at that location. Amber Ramirez has a 1986 photo of the crosswalk.

Ms. Perfect said that the crosswalk was found to be hazardous at that location.

The Chair said now people are crossing everywhere. He would like to see a flashing crosswalk sign and suggested putting this item on the next agenda – consideration of a safer crossing at Main Street and 6th Street.

2. Future Agenda Item Requests

The review of the intersections of D and 5th, and D and 4th for stop signs, consideration of a safer crossing at Main Street and 6th, and Parks item Wellfield Park soccer field expansion lighting budget amendment to be on the next agenda.

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members (None brought forward)

8-C: Consideration of change to Standing Rules to include the Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee changing from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee

Mr. Summers said the changing of the Highway 67 from an ad hoc to a standing committee of the RCPG will be considered next. He presented the proposed subcommittee focus.

Proposed Subcommittee and Focus: Ramona State Routes Subcommittee of the Ramona Community Planning Group:

1. Pursue funding to improve the safety, evacuation and mobility elements of Ramona's state routes within the Ramona Planning Area.
2. Work to elevate SR 67's status within the region as a critical corridor for the Ramona Planning Area.
3. Recommend actions to secure the funding and completion of SR 67.
4. Participate in regional events related to Ramona's state routes.

5. Collaborate with the multiple agencies involved with Ramona's state route improvements.
6. Review, monitor and report all progress regarding Ramona's state routes.

Mr. Summers maybe other State highways will be added in the future.

Mr. Stykel said he thought the subcommittee should be specific to Highway 67. Rather than add Highway 78, he thought a new subcommittee should be created for Highway 78.

Mr. Tomlinson said he would like a discernible difference between the Transportation and Trails subcommittee and the Highway 67 subcommittee.

8-D: Meeting Updates

1. **Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings** (*No information brought forward other than there had been a TAC meeting and there were no Ramona items*)
2. **Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be December 5, 2019, Ramona Community Library.**

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 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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