

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held December 5, 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                      Jim Cooper                      Scotty Ensign  
                    Lynn Hopewell                      Casey Lynch                      Kristi Mansolf  
                    Robin Joy Maxson                      Donna Myers                      Paul Stykel  
                    Dan Summers                      Richard Tomlinson

Absent: Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect, Kevin Wallace

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 11-7-19  
(Accidentally left off of the agenda)**

Approval of the minutes for the 11-7-19 meeting had been left off the agenda. The Chair said since approval of the minutes is an administrative function that is on the RCPG agenda each month, it could be approved under other business, but he would prefer to approve the minutes at the beginning of the meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of November 7, 2019.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2019, MEETING WITH A CORRECTION OF \$513.00 TO \$513,000.00 ON PAGE 6 IN THE DISCUSSION REGARDING PLDO FUNDS.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 9-0-2-0-4**, with Scotty Ensign and Lynn Hopewell abstaining, and Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

Dan Summers said “no parking” signs have been put up by the Marinade Restaurant and people parking there are getting tickets.

**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 the curb is usually painted red when there is a fire hydrant by a road; however the curb by the fire hydrant at the Ramona Community Library is not painted red. He feels the curb should be painted red on Hwy 78/Main Street at the fire hydrant.

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

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

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent..

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:**

**7-A: Consideration of Developing a List of Projects for Code Enforcement to Track And Report On**

The Chair opened up the discussion and said that if we provide Code Enforcement with a list of projects that are of concern to the RCPG, Code Enforcement will be more than happy to track the projects.

Mr. Cooper said Code Enforcement presents a report monthly to the Design Review Board on identified Code Compliance issues. Everything is already being done.

The Chair said planning issues fall under the RCPG. The RCPG advises the County. For example, the Demler Egg Ranch may have many possible/potential Code Enforcement violations.

Mr. Tomlinson said the Creelman and Warnock solar projects have been a problem for years.

Mr. Brean said the RCPG needs to stay away from Design Review Board issues.

Mr. Cooper said the demarcation line would be the projects that come to the RCPG. The Design Review Board has a specific focus. For example, the car lot on Hanson Lane – neighbors to the project called him. When the project was under scrutiny, the car dealer stopped selling cars. When the heat was off, he began selling cars again.

The Chair said once the Major Use Permit is approved by the RCPG for a project, the project goes away for us.

Mr. Cooper said problems listed on the RCPG agenda could be reported on.

The Chair said most Major Use Permits are home businesses where they sell horses, for example.

Mr. Tomlinson said the County keeps an eye on them.

The Chair said that the County keeps an eye on them once they are a Code Enforcement case.

Mr. Ensign said the Design Review Board purview is the Form Based Code Area and scenic corridor. They look at color and landscaping. Warnock is out of this area. The action taken by the RCPG has helped. People will do whatever they want if there are no boundaries.

The Chair said guidelines are set with the Major Use Permit and the Minor Use Permit.

The Chair said there is a new Old Business letter from Jim. He gave each subcommittee chair the Old Business item that pertained to their subcommittee.

Mr. Cooper said Mr. Noyas has been tracking Warnock for 3 years. It is frustrating they are not doing what they said they would do. It finally got to the point where it went to the County. Mr. Noyas never dropped the ball. If an item is a standing item for a subcommittee, it doesn't get lost.

The Chair said there is a spreadsheet for the Design Review Board of projects for the County to track. Does the RCPG want this? It will go to the appropriate subcommittee as an Old Business item.

Mr. Ensign said the Design Review Board Code Enforcement list has 13 items on it. Every month they get a report from Code Enforcement and some items are coming off of the list.

The Chair said Code Enforcement will share their list with us. Last month we talked about the project tracking, and keeping the projects tracked for the RCPG separate from those being reviewed by the Design Review Board. New projects can and will come up.

Ms. Maxson asked what the list would look like?

The Chair said Warnock is a good example of a project where the Major Use Permit conditions were not met. He finally wrote a letter and then there were results. He doesn't understand what happened with the Warnock project as they had a plan to follow. Code Enforcement told us how to file complaints.

Ms. Maxson said people should be held to their project conditions.

The Chair said the subcommittees will track Old Business that fall under their respective jurisdiction. We now have the power to do something if someone isn't following their conditions of approval, and we know how to get results sooner rather than later. He doesn't think we need for Code Enforcement to formally track projects. We can track for now and when there is a problem, we can file a complaint with Code Enforcement.

No action taken.

#### **7-B: Update on Wellfield Park soccer field expansion lighting budget amendment.**

Jim Cooper presented the Parks Subcommittee information for Kevin Wallace, Parks Subcommittee chair, who was not in attendance. At the Parks meeting it was announced that Bill Saumier will be leaving the position of Senior Park Project Manager at the County Department of Parks and Recreation. Ieszie Formeller will be the new Senior Park Project Manager. Tracy Engel requested to serve as a member of the Parks Subcommittee. The Parks Subcommittee decided to restructure the PLDO Priority List and put the soccer field project first because of Supervisor Jacob's interest in the project. They would like to see the financial information firmed up and a report created.

Mr. Brean asked if Supervisor Jacob said to change the priority of the soccer field on the PLDO Priority List?

Mr. Cooper said Supervisor Jacob indicated interest in the soccer field project

The Chair said it is not good to use PLDO for this project because the cost of the project was too much. Supervisor Jacob said she may be able to help.

Mr. Cooper said he did not think the RMWD had firm funds with contracting projects, and suggested working with 'knowns.'

The Chair said FORUS does a lot of good school projects.

**7-C: Intersection of 5th St and D St - consideration of a request to put a stop sign on 5th St at this intersection (there is a stop sign on D St at this intersection)**

Mr. Cooper said the 5<sup>th</sup> Street, stop sign issue was considered a long time ago. It is a main thoroughfare. T&T voted for no stop on 5<sup>th</sup> Street at D Street.

**7-D: Intersection of 4th St and D St - consideration of a request to put a stop sign on D St at this intersection (there are no stop signs at this intersection)**

Mr. Cooper said the 4<sup>th</sup> and D Street intersection was considered previously. T&T voted no stop on D Street at 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**7-E: Consideration of a safer pedestrian crossing, such as a crosswalk, at Main St and 6th St**

Mr. Cooper said at the T&T meeting, there was discussion regarding the aspects of putting a crosswalk at this suggested location and other locations in the Town Center area. Concerns about pedestrian safety come first. Would putting a crosswalk on this busy highway put pedestrians in danger as they try to cross? This area of town has a lot of pedestrians, people enjoying the businesses there, to include retail, as well as beer and wine tasting, a bar, dining establishments and entertainment venues. A question arose regarding whether a crosswalk is allowed on a state highway. Discussion of whether a light would be safer. Flashing lights to warn of crosswalk or signal? Crosswalk may be quickest and cheapest way to address this issue. Mr. Cooper brought forward the following motion:

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO CALTRANS TO REQUEST A STUDY ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS, TO EVALUATE WHETHER A FLASHING LIGHT TO WARN OF CROSSWALKS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, AND WHETHER CROSSWALKS IN ALL 4 DIRECTIONS WOULD HELP SOLVE THIS ISSUE, OR WOULD A TRAFFIC LIGHT BE JUSTIFIED.**

(Discussion on the motion)

The Chair said there once was a crosswalk at this intersection at one time.

Mr. Cooper said if we send a letter to Caltrans, they will investigate.

Mr. Summer said about 4 of the establishments serve alcohol, and people run across the street in this part of town. T&T felt a crosswalk was the minimum requirement, and possibly it should be on Main Street and also on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Hopewell said there used to be a crosswalk at 8<sup>th</sup> Street too.

Mr. Brean said the types of businesses have changed here over the years making it more necessary to have a traffic control of some sort in place. This area is now a center of nighttime entertainment.

(Voting on the motion)

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

Mr. Cooper said that he is open to taking T&T items for the agenda, but he would like a proponent there. If a proponent doesn't come, nothing gets done and the item gets tabled. Items 7-F through 7-H were tabled at T&T:

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

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

**7-G: Disposition of letter Ramona Community Trails Master Plan, regarding Obstructions of Trails**

**7-H. 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**

**7-I: Asphalt Ridge Bumps on 5th St at A and B St's**

Mr. Cooper said these are bumps in the road on 5<sup>th</sup> Street that occurred when road repairs were done, leaving raised ridges on both sides of the concrete addition, have no use and are jolting to vehicles driving over them. T&T made a motion to have the RCPG send a letter to the County to have the asphalt bumps ground down to road level.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY TO HAVE THE ASPHALT BUMPS ON 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT A AND B BE GROUND DOWN TO ROAD LEVEL**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**7-J: Warnock Solar Project Landscaping Update and Noise Issue**

The Chair gave the update for the Sol Orchard project. He would like to meet at the property with Mr. Noyas and Mr. Ensign. After the meeting is held, he will ask if the case can be closed.

Mr. Ensign suggested documenting what is required and planned and what has been done. He recommended documenting whether or not the new plants are in.

The Chair said he would ask Ms. Myers to file a complaint regarding the noise – then the project would go to the South Subcommittee.

**7-K: Creelman Solar Project Landscaping**

The Chair gave the update on the Creelman solar project landscaping. The Chair would like to have a meeting with SDG&E on this issue.

Mr. Cooper said the fence has been moved and it is now chain link, put in a year ago. The foliage is still blocking the water. Mr. Cooper suggested adding this as an agenda item, to be reviewed by a subcommittee prior to going to the RCPG, and then get the SDG&E representatives to the meeting.

**7-L: Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee Report.**

Mr. Summers gave the SR 67 ad hoc Committee report. The most recent Transportation Committee meeting was canceled. He attended 2 board meetings. The ad hoc has made a case for funding SR 67 improvements. They don't want to wear out their welcome at SANDAG. He thinks a presence at the SANDAG meetings is important. CHP has accident information for the State. He is requesting the accident report between Dye Road and Mapleview in Lakeside. Mr. Summers said the subcommittee members had some questions: for the project to improve Highway 67, who is the lead agency and what is the timeline?

Ms. Maxson wrote a letter to Caltrans. Ann Fox responded. Her response included an invitation to be involved. At the SANDAG meetings, Mr. Summers said the subcommittee members will only speak if something worthwhile comes up. When the committee members have spoke in the past at SANDAG, Ann Fox was there.

**ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**

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

Mr. Ensign said the Creekside project, represented by Steve Powell, located behind K Mart was discussed. They are taking out the trellises. There will be more apartments. The roads and the parks will stay open. The roof tiles will be concrete. There will be a new mural on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Main. The mural at the Food and Clothes has been taken down. There will be a new Kenilworth Inn mural there that will cover the whole wall. The old mural will move to a new location. Martha Luce (realtor) has a sign in the scenic corridor. It is a double posted sign. The sign does not fall into the Design Review Board purview, and it is in front of Mountain Valley Ranch. She wants to know if a variance is needed. SDG&E wants to put up metal canopies on 14<sup>th</sup> by Nickel Creek – this item passed.

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

**8-B-1: Concerns from Members – None**

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

Mr. Cooper brought up Old Business. He feels the subcommittee for the Creelman project needs to conform to the geographic location of the Creelman project, and according to his assessment that would fall under CUDA.

Based on Mr. Cooper's latest Old Business letter, the Chair handed out items to each subcommittee that has a follow up Old Business item. When they meet, it should be agendized for discussion. So this would pertain to future South Subcommittee meetings, future CUDA Subcommittee meetings, etc. CUDA should be involved with SDG&E for the Creelman project. It would make sense to invite SDG&E to a CUDA meeting to discuss the drainage issue at Ashley caused by the Creelman solar project.

Mr. Stykel said he would like for the Etcheverry item to be on a future agenda.

Mr. Cooper said this item was a #7 priority on the CIP road priority list – connecting Boundary to Etcheverry.

Mr. Stykel said it was his understanding that the money was only diverted for a couple of years for other CIP road projects and then it was going back to Ramona Street. He wants to see the Ramona Street Extension built.

Mr. Cooper said it was his understanding that the money would go back to Ramona Street in 2025.

Mr. Stykel wants an update on CIP projects.

The Chair asked if this should be a future agenda item?

Mr. Cooper said writing letters to the County asking for an update could be on the RCPG agenda.

The Chair asked about Equestrian Trail?

Mr. Cooper said maybe it could be added to the Old Business list.

The Chair said he would like to add 9 items added recently to the Revitalization Matrix for Transportation items to the RCPG agenda.

Mr. Summers asked that Rangeland/Highland Valley Road, hole with tools parked by it, be added to the T&T agenda. RMWD has not responded to inquiries on this issue. The tools have been sitting there since October.

The Chair said we can write a letter relating to an ongoing construction project.

**8-B-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members**

Mr. Cooper brought forward Tracy Engels as a new member of the Parks Subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO ADD TRACY ENGELS TO THE PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**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**

A draft of language for the new standing subcommittee was presented.

**MOTION: THE RAMONA STATE ROUTES SUBCOMMITTEE BE ADOPTED AS A STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE RCPG.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

The Chair said we should vote on the chair for the new standing subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM DAN SUMMERS AS THE RAMONA STATE ROUTES SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

The Chair said we needed to vote on the members of the new standing subcommittee.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM TORRY BREAN, JIM COOPER, ROBIN JOY MAXSON AND DAWN PERFECT AS MEMBERS OF THE RAMONA STATE ROUTES SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**8-D: Meeting Updates**

**8-D-1: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings**

Mr. Cooper reported that the RCPG received the TAC agenda and there were no Ramona items on it.

No other meeting information was brought forward.

**8-D-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Consideration/Discussion of Next RCPG Meeting being January 2, 2020, at the Ramona Community Library.**

The Chair said the Ramona Community Library is available if the RCPG wants to have the first meeting of the year on Thursday, January 2, 2020, however, the room is not available on January 9, 2020.

Ms. Mansolf said she would see if the Community Center Auditorium would be available on January 9, 2020, if the RCPG wanted to change the regular meeting date of January 2 to January 9. As per the County, this would change the meeting from being a regular meeting to a special meeting.

Some RCPG members said January 2 was too soon after the holiday to have a meeting, and they would be out of town

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 2, 2020, TO JANUARY 9, 2020.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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