

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES  
MT. WOODSON PARKING ISSUE  
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
15873 HWY 67, RAMONA, CA 92065  
RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER  
434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA  
August 26, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order – The meeting began at 6:20; however it wasn't called to order until 6:30 when subcommittee member, Scotty Ensign, arrived.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Members Present  
Members Present: Kristi Mansolf, chair; Scotty Ensign (6:30), Chris Holloway, Kevin Wallace  
Members Absent: Jim Cooper, Steve Powell  
Guests: County Department of Parks and Recreation representatives Dave Knopp and Marcus Lubich; CAL FIRE representatives Chief Scales and Chief Converse; Brian Adams, Jim Edwards, Mike Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Grace
4. Announcements & Correspondence Received – *None*
5. Presentations from the Public on Non-Agenda Items – *None*
6. Mt. Woodson Parking Issue – Presentation by County Department of Parks and Recreation on the plans for Mt. Woodson Parking

Mr. Lubich presented the project, which is in the beginning stages. He presented a draft map of the proposed parking area. The property is being surveyed for biology. Part of the area purchased will be in MSCP open space preservation. They will be working with Caltrans for road striping, signage and a monument sign that will mark the entrance/exit of the parking lot from Highway 67. The existing road north of the CAL FIRE access will be the access to the parking area and it will be widened to 24 feet – a 2-lane road with one lane going in and one lane going out, and it will be 2-lane to the main staging, parking area.

The existing homes on the site will be tested for lead and asbestos and then demolished to make way for more parking. The buildings have been reviewed by an archaeologist. The access road to the top will still be a City trail. There will be fencing added to keep visitors off of the CAL FIRE property. The area is on septic, so porta potties will be used. The parking lot will be gravel. They may use lodgepole fencing and there will be security lighting in the parking area.

Chief Scales said the draft map was incorrect on the south portion of the parking lot and it was showing one of the areas owned by CAL FIRE as a part of the project. For fencing, chain link would be preferred over lodgepole fencing. There should be a plan for gravel dust abatement.

Restrooms should be in multiple locations throughout the parking lot. CAL FIRE lands helicopters for medical emergencies on the County land, and the area they use is going to become a parking area. Chief Scales asked if a new flat spot could be created on the property where a helicopter can land? No parking on the highway needs to be clearly marked.

Mr. Lubich crossed off the parking area Chief Scales had referred to. He said the parking lot will be open from dusk to dawn, and it will have an automatic gate so that after dark, people can still leave as the gate will open automatically for them, but no one will be allowed to go in.

Chief Converse asked about the findings of the archeologist. One of the old buildings on the property was part of a former CAL FIRE camp at Mt. Woodson.

Mr. Lubich said the archaeologist had no findings of significance for the buildings.

Mr. Holloway said there needed to be enforcement for parking along the road once the parking lot is built. He said he hopes the County considers CAL FIRE's request for a place to land the helicopter.

Mr. Fry is concerned with the parking. He would like to see striping in the parking area. The parking lot could be road base on Portland cement and gravel, which will be cleaner. He was concerned with vandalism of the porta potties and thought a more permanent restroom would be better. He asked the County to consider creating a frontage road parallel to Highway 67 that could be accessed from Archie Moore Road to get to the parking lot.

Ms. Grace said she is concerned with the safety of people pulling on to and off of Highway 67 from the parking lot access. The traffic moves really fast right there. She hopes everything will be clearly marked for people for where to go for the parking lot. Right now the Mt. Woodson sign is misleading. Her address shows up as the spot to access the trail, making the problem worse. Ms. Grace suggested fencing along the road so people would have a clear way to get to the parking area.

Mr. Edwards would like to see fences along the homes by Mt. Woodson Road.

Mr. Knopp said everything possible would be done to get the word out when the parking area is ready for use, so people know there has been a change, and they will know where to go.

Mr. Ensign said the Mt. Woodson Elementary School is close and it could be used for a helicopter landing area. He would like to see the use of porta potties be short term.

Mr. Knopp said there would be 4 porta potties.

Mr. Ensign said he would like to see bathrooms in the future, drinking fountains and good signage.

Ms. Mansolf said people go up Mt. Woodson in the evening/night for celestial events, such as the lunar eclipse. A lot of people also go up when the moon is out, because it is very bright and

the rocks glow. Interpretative signs in the parking lot on topic(s) such as how the rocks formed would be informative to visitors.

Mr. Wallace said concerns about the road safety aspect of the project would have to be approved by Caltrans first.

No action was taken. The Department of Parks and Recreation will make a similar presentation at the RCPG meeting September 5, 2019.

7. Approval of Minutes of Meetings June 26, 2017, July 24, 2017, 7-8-19 – *Not addressed*

8. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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