

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

A meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held February 6, 2020, 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 Elio Noyas (Arr 7:10)
 Dawn Perfect Dan Summers Richard Tomlinson
 Kevin Wallace

Absent: Chris Holloway, Paul Stykel,

Casey Lynch, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Robin Joy Maxson, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Lynch, Chair)

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1-9-20 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2020, MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 11-0-1-0-3**, with Dawn Perfect abstaining, and Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair said Mr. Holloway is missing his fourth meeting in a row. Mr. Holloway is in the military and he is often out of the area. In the RCPG Standing Rules, under absences, it states "Any member who misses three consecutive monthly meetings, or... shall forfeit his/her membership." The Chair has been in touch with Mr. Holloway on this issue.

The County is doing a Special Events Ordinance Update and they will have a public workshop at the County Operations Center on March 19 from 2 to 3 pm.

Ms. Mansolf announced that Lt. McNeil is on an investigation and is unable to attend the (February 6) RCPG meeting. He also has a conflict with the March 5 meeting, and so he will plan to attend the April 2 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: Travis Nixon, Ramona Resident

Mr. Nixon is one of the managers of the Ramona Girls' Softball fields. Thirty percent of the lights at the field have failed. There is 1 light working for every 5. He can't make the financial commitment for funding a lighting project, and he is looking for funding. Tournaments are hosted at the Ramona Girls' Softball fields. There is a homeless encampment nearby that is a concern.

The Chair said there is money out there to fund a lighting project at the Ramona Girls' Softball fields. An upcoming meeting of the Parks Subcommittee of the RCPG will be announced tonight. The Chair suggested Mr. Nixon attend the Parks meeting. The project could be submitted as a PLDO project.

Ms. Perfect said RPRA may be able to help.

Speaker: Jim Edwards, Ramona Resident

Mr. Edwards said Ramona is one of the only towns Caltrans has not built a freeway around. Alpine and Pine Valley both had a freeway built around them. There was a plan years ago to build a road from Scripps Poway Parkway to around Ramona. Ramona needs some relief from the traffic.

Speaker: Brian Sesko, Lakeside Resident

Mr. Sesko is running for County Supervisor for the Second District. He is the chair of the Lakeside Community Planning Group. He is the only planning group chair running for County Supervisor. He is not taking any funds for running. Sacramento wants high density projects/affordable housing put in many communities. Taller buildings that are less efficient. He is trying to protect our lifestyle. The County hired a consultant for \$450,000 a year to work with SANDAG. County Supervisors get \$180,000 a year.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA WITH THE TABLING OF ITEM 7-A.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-A: Lt. Michael McNeill, assigned to command the Ramona Sheriff's Substation, will introduce himself and talk about law enforcement issues in Ramona – Due to an unexpected work related incident, Lt. McNeill, excused himself from the meeting, and will attend a meeting in the near future

7-B: STP19-034, Development of a 3 Bedroom Single Family Residence, with 2 parking spaces provided for each unit. Property will be accessed via a private easement road intersecting with Barnett Rd. Padilla Residence, 1547 Barnett Rd. D2 Designator applies

Mr. Brean said the project comes up to near the Ramona Unified School District property. The floodway triggers the D2 Designator. CUDA didn't see any reason not to approve the project.

Mr. Tomlinson said the plans are not to scale – there are many problems with the plans. He wasn't able to look at the floodway on the map. The property is in the floodplain.

The Chair asked the applicant, Kevin Bresnahan, if he was working on a revision?

Mr. Bresnahan said any building would be elevated 1 foot to mitigate for development in the floodplain. The permit is for a single family home and a detached garage.

It was noted that parts of the plans talked about a single family residence, and some refer to units.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE D2 DESIGNATOR WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE PROJECT.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion was withdrawn.

MOTION: TO REQUEST THE COUNTY SEND US A CORRECTED PLAN.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 11-2-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Dawn Perfect voting no, and Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

7-C: Disposition of letter Ramona Community Trails Master Plan, regarding obstructions of Trails – Under review by Supervisor Jacob with updated input

Mr. Cooper said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee talked about the trails in the Ramona Community Trails Master Plan. The trails were identified for prospective builders. The builders put up fencing. There was an effort to try for 7 months to get someone to the RCPG meeting from County Parks. Mr. Don Wendt has new information. The Ramona Community Trails Master Plan is not considered a legal plan. Supervisor Jacob has picked up the problem and is trying to get it resolved. There is a plan to have a meeting on this issue in March that Mr. Wendt plans to attend. This item will stay on the agenda for next month.

7-D: Rangeland Rd and Highland Valley Rd – update on construction work with tools sitting along side of the road for 2 months

Mr. Summers had a detailed update from last month. For the Rangeland and Highland Valley Road issue, construction on the road began and the road went from 2 lane to 1. Work had stopped for a couple of months and Mr. Summers learned that an aquifer had been drilled into, which triggered a permit from the State Department of Fish and Game that took 2 months to go through. Mr. Summers said a crew was working on the road on that day (February 6). The item will stay on the agenda for next month.

7-E: Review the roadway dips on San Vicente at the Hanson intersection.

Ms. Hopewell shared at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting that the road going south on San Vicente just past Hanson Lane has cracked asphalt and a dip in the road that has created a ridge. Vehicles react running over the ridge. The concern is that the road condition could cause an accident or a sink hole. A motion was made to have the RCPG send a letter to the County asking them to review the groove for safety.

Ms. Myers said the roads in Ramona are terrible. So many roads need repair. She is seeing a lot of construction going on. She asked about repaving part of Hanson and Ashley?

MOTION: TO SEND THE LETTER TO THE COUNTY ASKING THEM TO REVIEW THE GROOVE (ON SAN VICENTE ROAD AT THE HANSON LANE INTERSECTION) AS IT'S POSSIBLY A SAFETY HAZARD.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

- 7-F: Review status of RCPG letter of January 2020 as follow up to RCPG letters of 8-3-17 and 4-4-19 requesting Caltrans assessment of the threat of rocks over SR-67**

The RCPG approved the letter at the January meeting and it has been sent.

- 7-G: Review status of RCPG request of January 2020 to have the Chairperson, RCPG T&T Sub-committee become a member of the Ramona Revitalization Steering Committee, Infrastructure and transportation Sub-committee.**

The RCPG approved the letter at the January meeting and it has been sent.

- 7-H: Review status of RCPG letter of January 2020 requesting the status of the RCPG CIP Priority #1 "Boundary Ave to Etcheverry St., provide safety element for evacuation for Boundary Avenue Elementary School"**

The RCPG approved the letter at the January meeting and it has been sent.

- 7-I: Consider sending a letter to the County of San Diego DPW to request the current status (brief) of the 11 items on the RCPG CIP 'Top 10 List', if any. This is in addition to the detailed status requested from the RCPG January meeting for the status of the CIP Priority #1 item.**

Mr. Cooper said Mr. Tomlinson attended the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting to discuss this item. He said we used to get a more complete list of road projects and the status of the road projects on a regular basis. Now we are getting an abbreviated version which doesn't include all of the road projects. The discussion will continue at the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting. The Chair tabled the item as an administrative order.

- 7-J: Consider an RCPG letter requesting a review of the SR-67 roadway striping between Archie Moore and the Mt. Woodson parking area striping, with a goal of seeking continuation of two lanes throughout this area versus directing traffic from two lanes before Archie Moore, then to one lane, and then back to two lanes which may be causing confusing and traffic backup heading west**

Mr. Brean brought up at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting that Caltrans never completely eliminated the previous markings on SR-67, just south of Archie Moore, when heading south, that were for a 4 lane road when the road went to 1 lane right there. He feels this causes confusion and people still use the eliminated lane. He would like the RCPG to send a letter to Caltrans to bring their attention to this issue, and ask them to fix the problem.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER FROM THE RCPG TO CALTRANS REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

7-K: Creelman Solar Project Landscaping

Mr. Brean said CUDA looked at the landscaping at the Creelman solar power plant. He said maybe 1 out of 6 plants are dead. He doesn't think it is a big problem. He thought Code Compliance was looking at the project.

The Chair said CUDA could coordinate working with SDG&E to review the project landscaping. We informed the County of the Major Use Permit problems. The fence on Ashley broke away and was a problem. Landscaping is supposed to flourish with rain. SDG&E was to provide screening with the landscaping for people on the south side of the solar project. Debris got caught on the fence on Ashley.

Mr. Brean said he wasn't knowledgeable about the Ashley fence issue, but he didn't feel the landscaping was that bad.

The Chair said that with a Major Use Permit, conditions must be complied with. The landscape plans for the project were pretty extensive.

Mr. Ensign has been driving past the project for 4 years. Fifty percent of the plants put in were lost. There was an agreement about replacing the plants and an agreement to maintain the landscaping for the life of the project. The irrigation system is overhead and the weeds are rampant. The fence on Ashley was removed and the area has been cleaned out. The debris was stopping the flow of the water. He wants to keep the pressure on. Somebody is doing the bare minimum.

Mr. Noyas said he spoke to Mike Johnson of Code Compliance. There is no update on the complaint he filed for the Creelman solar project.

Mr. Brean said he made calls to SDG&E and received no response. He asked if we are in the business of project oversight? We are not Code Compliance.

Mr. Tomlinson agreed with Mr. Brean.

Ms. Hopewell said the RCPG had to push for improvements for the Warnock solar project. She feels the Creelman project deserves the same attention.

The Chair asked if not us, then who? If not now, then when? We are stewards of the community. We are the face of County government. The Creelman project is about 4 or 5 years behind where it should be.

Ms. Myers said she felt both projects should come under Mr. Noyas. CUDA is downtown.

The Chair said the Creelman project will be moved back to South.

Mr. Myers said there was supposed to be a pathway associated with the project.

The Chair said if we write a letter to the County on this issue, we should list the conditions from the agreement.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO CODE COMPLIANCE TO REQUEST A REVISED LANDSCAPING PLAN FOR THE SDG&E SOLAR POWER PLANT PROJECT, AND REFERENCE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND REQUEST THEY PROVIDE US WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR REVIEW (CODE COMPLIANCE CASE).

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

7-L: Ramona State Routes Subcommittee (formerly Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee) Report

Mr. Summers gave the report. He missed a SANDAG meeting due to being ill. He doesn't plan to miss any more in the future. SANDAG has increased their meetings to 2 SANDAG Board meetings in a month, and 2 Transportation meetings per month.

7-M: Consideration of the RCPG writing a letter requesting a meeting between Caltrans and the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee to clarify the subcommittee participation in the SR-67 improvement process

Ann Fox hopes to get stakeholder input/participation from Ramona for the future SR 67 improvements. Mr. Summers has the CHP accident statistics for 3 years for SR 67. Ms. Fox talked to Mr. Summers about the statistics and she suggested Caltrans work with the community on SR 67 improvements.

Ms. Maxson said the 2021 Forward plan will be out in late fall 2021.

The Chair said RSRS should take the lead.

MOTION: THE RCPG TO WRITE A LETTER TO ANN FOX REGARDING RCPG PARTICIPATION IN SR-67 PROJECT (ROAD IMPROVEMENTS)

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

7-N: Consideration of the RCPG requesting, through the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee, exploring with Caltrans an alternative source of federal funding for SR 67 entitled the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America or INFRA (a federal grant program that favors rural projects)

Mr. Summers said there was also federal program, INFRA, for the rebuilding of America. He would like to talk to Caltrans about this. Maybe someone at the County could write a grant for SR 67 improvements.

The Chair said Caltrans could spearhead the grant.

7-O: Request an update on the status of a Caltrans proposal to provide 3 lanes on SR 67 for a half mile near Mina De Oro to assist in evacuation.

Mr. Cooper said that he has heard Caltrans talk about taking out the channelizers and adding a lane on SR 67 from Poway Road to Mina de Oro to help in evacuations.

The Chair said this was brought up at the table top exercise Caltrans held, when a problem was identified. It has never been vetted. Is it on the table?

Mr. Summers suggested finding out the status.

The Chair said to keep the item on the agenda.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)
8-A: Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs for 2020

The Chair asked if all subcommittee chairs would like to continue chairing the same subcommittee in 2020?

All agreed to continue.

MOTION: TO APPROVE/CONFIRM SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2020: CUDA, TORRY BREAN; EAST, ROBIN JOY MAXSON; PARKS, KEVIN WALLACE; RAMONA STATE ROUTES SUBCOMMITTEE, DAN SUMMERS; SOUTH, ELIO NOYAS; TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS, JIM COOPER; WEST, KRISTI MANSOLF; MT. WOODSON AD HOC, KRISTI MANSOLF.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with 2 members absent.

8-B: Annual County Training for Planning Group Members, and Biennial Ethics Training Reminder

The Chair reminded everyone to complete their training. In-person planning and sponsor group training will be in Ramona on February 29, 2020

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

Mr. Ensign gave the report. The owner of Mike's Liquor has contacted the Design Review Board Chair to discuss the problem. Ramona Realty has corrected their violations. The Highway 67 model home project will be resubmitting in February. Pepe's has handled everything and their sign has been approved. For Chevron, the violation continues. Pete's BBQ has had no forward movement. McDonald's has received a 30 day administrative warning for the signage and golden arches. The Ramona Market has not addressed their violation yet. For Curt Myers – all but one vehicle has been removed. The mural is being removed from the Chamber and is being reinstalled on the north side of Ramona Naturals.

8-D: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-D-1: Concerns from Members – None

8-D-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Cooper said he would like to review accidents at Ramona Street and Dye, 7th and Elm, and the where the crosswalk would go on 6th and Main. Mr. Cooper will not be in town for his normally

designated Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting date, and he asked the meeting be February 24 (Monday) rather than February 25 (Tuesday).

Ms. Myers asked that discussion of a memorial/monument at Mt. Woodson for the CCC camp that was there be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Ms. Mansolf will hold a Mt. Woodson ad hoc meeting prior to the next RCPG meeting.

The Parks Subcommittee will be meeting Wednesday, February 19, at 6 pm.

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

Dan Summers brought forward Maya Phillips' name for appointment confirmation from the RCPG so that she can serve on the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM MAYA PHILLIPS TO THE RAMONA STATE ROUTES SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Holloway and Paul Stykel absent.

Mr. Wallace brought forward Penny Huber's name for appointment confirmation from the RCPG so that she can serve on the Parks Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM PENNY HUBER TO THE PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Kevin Wallace and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with 2 members absent.

8-E: Meeting Updates

8-E-1: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings – *No additional meeting information brought forward*

8-E-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be March 5, 2020, 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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