

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
January 14, 2021
(1-7-21 meeting rescheduled)
ZOOM MEETING
(DETAILS)**

~~7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona~~
Meeting shall be a Zoom Meeting held at 7:00 P.M

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ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Lynch, Chair)

In Attendance:	Torry Brean (<i>late</i>)	Scotty Ensign	Debbie Foster
	Lynn Hopewell	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Elio Noyas	Matt Rains
	Michelle Rains	Andrew Simmons	Paul Stykel
	Dan Summers	Kevin Wallace	

Absent: Dawn Perfect

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 3: SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED/RE-ELECTED RCPG MEMBERS

The Vice-Chair, Ms. Maxson, welcomed and swore-in newly elected RCPG members Michelle Rains, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons, and returning members Debbie Foster, Casey Lynch, Paul Stykel and Dan Summers. (Mr. Brean was absent).

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12-17-20 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Dawn Perfect absent.

ITEM 5: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair gave a reminder to RCPG members to complete their annual CPG training and their biennial ethics training.

Ms. Mansolf said she sent out all Certificates of Election she received from the Registrar of Voters. She also sent out the Certificates of Appreciation to non-returning members.

ITEM 6: 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: Mark Hutton, Ramona Resident

Mr. Hutton asked the RCPG to consider asking the County to send the Mahogany Mountain Vineyard project back to the RCPG so it can be reviewed again.

There are three main reasons for this request. The first is that the County did not respond to repeated requests for information prior to the South Subcommittee meeting where the project was reviewed in December. The second reason is that the applicant told the subcommittee that a code compliance citation he received had been resolved when in fact it has yet to be resolved. To be fair to the applicant, he may have believed that merely filing for a permit resolved the issue. But the fact remains that a recommendation was made based on inaccurate information provided by the applicant. The third reason is that members of the community have subsequently expressed an interest in commenting on the project.

CALL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS

CO-CHAIR SHALL ANNOUNCE EACH SPEAKER REQUEST BY NAME, THE SPEAKER SHALL STATE THEY ARE ON THE CALL AND BEGIN. THE TIME LIMIT IS 3 MINUTES AND THE CHAIR SHALL CALL TIME AT THE END OF 3 MINUTES AND THE SPEAKER WILL STOP ON THE CALL.

ITEM 7: 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 Robin Maxson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Dawn Perfect absent.

ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS:

8-A: Presentation by Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director of SANDAG, on The 5 Big Moves Concept Proposal (2021 Regional Plan)

Mr. Ikhata introduced Colleen Clementson to talk about the 5 Big Moves. The 5 Big Moves is a vision that outlines 5 key strategies for mobility in the County. “Complete Corridors” with multimodal roads; “Transit Leap” with fast and flexible transit systems; “Mobility Hubs” with connection points; “Flexible Fleets” of shared mobility options such as rideshare, bikeshare and scootershare; and the “Next Operating System” of enabling technology

The 5 Big Moves will be incorporated in the San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. SANDAG prepares and updates a Regional Plan every 4 years. In doing so, they collaborate with 18 cities and San Diego County with regional, state and federal partners. The plan addresses questions such as: What do we want our region to look like in 2050 and beyond? Where will people live? How will we get around? How can we grow in a way that fuels our economy, preserves our environment, takes everyone’s needs into account, and still maintains our quality of life?

Mr. Ikhata said a draft of the \$177 billion 2021 Regional Plan will be released in April. The document focuses on transportation planning over a 30 year period.

Ray Major, from Caltrans, is a chief economist and applies data. There are 3 issues – 1) traffic congestion, 2) social equity, and 3) meeting State and Federal mandates, that must be adhered to, to qualify for funding for transportation projects. To come up with transportation options, they looked at where people live and where people work. There are employment centers throughout the region. Sorrento Valley is the largest employment center. Another large employment center is by Palomar Mountain Road in North County. Ramona’s central district is Tier 4, which would be a smaller local employment center. Only the larger ones are shown on maps.

Ms. Clementson said SANDAG used existing SANDAG data and cell phone data to see where people are going. They used cell phones to identify critical connections to get people where they need to go. Other things looked at were people moving across the border and military movement.

Mr. Major said Caltrans didn’t have access to some data previously that they have access to now. Before ropes laying in the road were used for traffic counting. Now they are looking at trips and applying an algorithm to determine where the need is for additional infrastructure.

Mr. Cather said environmental studies are being prepared for the SR 67 widening proposal, where 2 lanes will be expanded to 4 lanes for 16 miles from Highland Valley/Dye in Ramona to Maplevue in Lakeside. The project includes 6 specific road

segments with 7 major intersections. An online “scoping meeting” for the project is scheduled for January 27 from 5:30 to 7:30. The public is welcome to attend. More than 7,000 postcards have been sent to area residents, inviting them to the meeting.

The Chair asked Caltrans if traffic patterns have changed during COVID?

Ross Cather from Caltrans said that while a lot of people are working at home, they may make more daily small trips, whereas previously there was rush hour in the morning and evening, and very light traffic during the day. Freeways have traffic on them longer but it’s not as heavy as it was at certain times of the day.

Mr. Summers said the \$177 billion amount was unknown until today.

Mr. Ikhata said the new plan is expensive but they think we will get more out of it over 20 years. He said they were planning to take to the SANDAG board next week an equity statement that will be a plan to manage social equity.

Mr. Summers said SR 67 has been a problem for decades. What is the timeline for SR 67 funding?

Mr. Ikhata said the local funding source is transnet now. There really is no money for any major infrastructure project. If someone wants to give them the funding for improvements, they will do it. They want to make sure everyone has equal access to transit. He encourages everyone to look at SANDAG’s social equity statement when it becomes available for review on Friday, January 15.

8-B: Discussion on Kelly Avenue paving carried over from the 11-5-20 meeting, to include discussion on enforcement, signage, speed bumps and consideration of possible additional options for improving the current situation on Kelly Avenue

The Vice Chair said Vicky Winter was in attendance to speak on the issue.

The Chair said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee discussed this issue at the meeting January 12..

Ms. Winter said she has lived on Kelly Avenue for 28 years. There have been 3 accidents in her front yard due to the condition of the road and people speeding on it. If the paving of Kelly Avenue is not a possibility, when the County regrades the road, the dust will start again. Right now there is not a lot of dust. When the dust gets stirred up again, it will take 2 months before it stops being dusty when people are driving on the road. Her breathing is not the best and she feels the dust has made her breathing worse.

The Chair said that Tracy Engel was at the Transportation/Trails meeting. The County has a Traffic Calming document. It contains procedures for traffic calming in writing. He has been talking to Murali Pasumathi, the manager of Traffic Engineering at the County, and a solution is being looked for. The Chair asked Ms. Engel to get the neighbors’ feedback and comments. Prioritize what they would like to see as a solution for the road. Kelly Avenue is sometimes used

as a bypass for SR 67. He hopes the discussion continues. He is going to keep this item on his agenda this quarter and he will come back at the end of the quarter with a plan.

8-C: Discussion on road safety and traffic calming measures on the roads in the San Diego County Estates, to include discussion on enforcement, signage, speed bumps, sidewalks and other tools to make the roads safer for pedestrians and non-motorized traffic and to slow drivers down.

The Chair said Murali Pasumarthi, the manager of Traffic Engineering at the County was in attendance at the RCPG meeting.

The Chair said there was a great presentation at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting from people at the San Diego Country Estates (SDCE) who are advocating for traffic calming measures at SDCE. They have received 2,400 signatures on a petition to support traffic calming. The HOA at SDCE is one of the largest in the County, and they want them to be stakeholders. There are also ongoing discussions with the Ramona Unified School District on this issue. Other stakeholders will be brought into the discussion. Some people are against speed bumps so the goal is to work with the County and see what's acceptable. They narrowed lanes at UCSD with paint, which has helped with speeding there. It was a good and inexpensive solution.

The Traffic Calming Manual mentioned earlier is being used as a resource. He will send it to Ms. Mansolf to send to the RCPG members. SDCE was planned as a vacation retirement community, and there are no sidewalks. Drivers are distracted. In Northern California they use fluorescent paint on the pavement as a traffic calming measure. The Transportation/Trails Subcommittee will work on this issue and bring it back to the RCPG.

Mr. Brean talked about textured crosswalks. Asphalt can be stamped with a pattern that looks like inlaid brick. This measure has worked to slow people down and it is not as disruptive as a speed bump. He thinks this would work well at SDCE. It is expensive, but not like a sidewalk.

Mr. Pasumarthi said he wants to work with the community to find a solution to this problem. He would like to partner with the group and with a small committee of residents, the RUSD, the CHP and the SDCE HOA. He wants to support what action comes forward from the RCPG. The solution has to be livable by all and also able to implement.

Ms. Hopewell said she drove out at SDCE and thought one solution could be adding the little yellow buttons to the road surfaces to slow people down. Another solution could be signs printed on the asphalt. Increasing police control could help. As Supervisor Jacob says, "you can't control human behavior."

Mr. Pasumarthi said if solutions are determined to be paint and signs, this can be implemented faster. If this becomes a CIP project, the RCPG may choose it as a priority to move it along. Regarding restriping to make for a narrower road – if there is consensus on this solution, he would be happy for the County to work on it.

Mr. Rains said speed bumps may damage cars, they don't work well for going down hills and it causes more pollution going up a hill.

Mr. Stykel said he didn't feel the RCPG should be deciding what is right on this traffic calming issue. The focus should be on how the County decides. They can base their decisions on accident data. This a responsibility far beyond the RCPG's role.

The Chair said that we are responding to community concerns brought up in the petition. The RCPG will report to the County once the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee looks at the details. This is a planning issue and we are representing the community.

8-D: Discuss issues brought up by a Ramona resident who rides her recumbent bike across the intersection of Dye Rd and SR 67, and across storm drains in Ramona.

Mr. Summers said the RCPG sent Ms. Grischy's letter to Caltrans on this issue. He has had a follow up conversation with Marvin Canton since the letter was sent. Mr. Summers said he felt this item could come off of the RCPG agenda.

8-E: Report on status of requests for meetings with SANDAG Board members

Mr. Summers reported that the letters have been sent to SANDAG Board members and he has received 1 response.

8-F: Discussion on content and format of meetings with SANDAG Voters.

Mr. Summers said there was a discussion at the RSRS Subcommittee on putting together a 10 minute presentation for the mayors for when they meet.

8-G: Reports from RSRS members who have attended recent community related Meetings

Mr. Summers said Caltrans has been keeping us up to date with information at monthly meetings. They are looking at increasing the number of stakeholders in the meetings. Project scoping for the corridor improvements will start January 14, 2021, and end February 19, 2021. Ms. Maxson wrote an article in the Ramona Sentinel on this topic, and included the email address of the Caltrans District 11 Public Information Officer, so people can send in their comments. RSRS plans to ask the Ramona Chamber for input on the project scoping. The information on the upcoming scoping meeting was sent out to 7000 Ramona residents. The virtual scoping meeting will be Wednesday, January 27.

8-H: Reports from RSRS members on the 2021 General Plan

Mr. Summers said SANDAG sent out the 2021 Regional Plan's - Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP). Ramona is included in this document. RSRS will read the document and make comments.

8-I: Review of Parks Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Project List from County Parks and Recreation to provide a recommendation

Mr. Wallace said the RCPG Parks and Recreation Subcommittee did not meet. Items 7-I and 7-J will be discussed next month. Mr. Wallace reported that for the Wellfield Park Update, the disc golf course has been assembled at Wellfield Park and looks like disc golf could be played there right now.

8-I-1: Skate Park Development: Approved up to \$250,000 from previous priority list (*items 8-I-1, 8-I-2 and 8-I-3 moved to RCPG meeting in February, 2021*)

8-I-2: Development of a 5k course

8-I-3: BMX Park

8-J: Wellfield Park Update (*reported above*)

ITEM 9: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

9-A: Election of Officers for 2021: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

The Chair said he would be stepping down as RCPG Chair. He is growing a business, has small children, and after 2 years as Chair, he would like to be a subcommittee chair, and continue as the chair of the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee. He said the Chair moderates the discussion and moves the conversation along, even if one doesn't agree with what has been said. He would like to recommend Robin Maxson as RCPG Chair. She is a very hard working individual and is a good representative.

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Chair.

The Chair nominated Ms. Maxson for RCPG Chair. Mr. Summers seconded the nomination.

Mr. Stykel nominated Mr. Brean for RCPG Chair.

Mr. Brean declined the nomination, and asked Ms. Maxson if she accepted the nomination?

Ms. Maxson said she accepted the nomination.

The Chair closed nominations for RCPG Chair.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM ROBIN JOY MAXSON AS RCPG CHAIR FOR 2021.

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Dan Summers the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Dawn Perfect absent.

The Chair opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Ms. Hopewell nominated Dan Summers for RCPG Vice Chair.

Mr. Summers said thank you, but he doesn't accept because he is cutting back on activities.

Ms. Maxson nominated Torry Brean for RCPG Vice Chair. Mr. Summers seconded the nomination.

Mr. Brean said he would accept the nomination.

The Chair closed nominations for RCPG Vice Chair.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM TORRY BREAN AS RCPG VICE CHAIR FOR 2021.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 14-0-0-1**, with Dawn Perfect absent.

The Chair nominated Kristi Mansolf. Mr. Summers seconded the nomination.

The Chair asked if Ms. Mansolf would accept the nomination?

Ms. Mansolf said she would accept the nomination.

No more nominations were made and the nominations were closed.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM KRISTI MANSOLF AS RCPG SECRETARY FOR 2021.

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 14-0-0-1**, with Dawn Perfect absent.

Mr. Stykel and Mr. Brean thanked the Chair and the secretary for their service to the community.

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

Although touched on at the beginning of the meeting, the Chair reminded the RCPG members to complete their RCPG training for this year, complete their Form 700 and complete the Ethics training if they had not taken it the previous year, 2020.

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

Mr. Ensign said there was no Design Review Board meeting.

9-D: Discussion Items (Possible Action)
9-D-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Rains said he was interested in possibly serving on a subcommittee.

Ms. Maxson asked Mr. Rains to send her an email and she can help. She asked that anyone interested in serving on a subcommittee send an email to her.

The Chair said that if people want to serve on subcommittees, please make it know to the subcommittee chair of the subcommittee on which they would like to serve.

Mr. Ensign said he had a concern. The Warnock solar facility has been sold and now there are problems with the landscaping again. He would like this item placed on a future agenda.

The Chair asked Michael Harrison and Mike Kulis, from Supervisor Anderson's office, if it would be possible to schedule a time for a formal introduction to Supervisor Anderson. The RCPG had such a good relationship with Supervisor Jacob.

Mr. Harrison said that they are working out of an old building right now. He lives in Ramona. Supervisor Anderson's priority is to be available.

The Chair asked if Supervisor Anderson will continue the Revitalization Committee?

Mr. Harrison said if it is beneficial for the community, Supervisor Anderson probably won't want it to stop. The best ideas come from the community.

The Chair said the RCPG would send letters to people/entities to try to get things accomplished. He would prefer there be a more open dialog rather than sending letters moving forward.

9-D-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Ms. Mansolf said the County sent out information for a Montecito Ranch open space easement vacation to vacate a redundant easement. She is hoping there will be a Mt. Woodson ad hoc Committee meeting to look at the finalized concept plan from the County on the parking lot area and get an update on the parking lot.

The Chair said the Mahogany Mountain Vineyard action is being asked to be reconsidered by Mark Hutton. He asked Mr. Noyas if he would like to have a South Subcommittee meeting to review the project reconsideration?

Mr. Noyas said no one showed up in opposition to the project.

Mr. Hutton is in touch with the planner for the project and has asked for information.

Mr. Noyas said he would have a meeting, if necessary, for the reconsideration item.

The Chair asked Mr. Harrison (from Supervisor Anderson's office) who were the new Planning Commissions for District II?

Mr. Harrison said he would get back to the RCPG with this information.

Mr. Rains asked if there could be a social media page for the RCPG? Mr. Rains had asked at the RCPG virtual training session.

The Chair said Ms. Maxson, as RCPG Chair, could work with Jessica Turner at the County and with County Counsel to explore this item. The item should be agendaized and discussed.

Ms. Foster said with Facebook, for example, there is good and bad. Some issues she doesn't know if they should be open for comment.

Mr. Summers thanked Julie Gallant of the Ramona Sentinel for her good work.

Mr. Stykel said that social media is against the Brown Act. There should be no daisy chain opportunities.

Mr. Rains felt the Facebook issue is being misunderstood.

The Chair reiterated that this item should be agendaized in the future.

**9-D-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members –
*None brought forward***

9-E: Meeting Updates

9-E-1: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings

Ms. Mansolf said the TAC would be meeting January 22, and there were no Ramona items on the agenda.

9-E-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 2-4-21, Format to be Determined

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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