

County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2021

**ZOOM MEETING
(DETAILS)**

~~7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona~~
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ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Maxson, Chair)

In Attendance:	Torry Brean	Scotty Ensign	Debbie Foster
	Lynn Hopewell	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Elio Noyas	Dawn Perfect
	Matt Rains	Michelle Rains	Andrew Simmons <i>(Late)</i>
	Paul Stykel <i>(Late)</i>	Dan Summers	Kevin Wallace <i>(Arr. 7:15)</i>

Absent: Scotty Ensign

Robin Joy Maxson, 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 MINUTES 5-6-21 (Action)

Ms. Perfect said she is shown absent for the vote on the Sunbelt item, but she was present and had voted yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2021, MEETING WITH THE CHANGE MADE BY DAWN PERFECT, THAT SHE WAS PRESENT AND VOTED YES ON THE SUNBELT ITEM.

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Matt Rains, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Scotty Ensign, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair made the following announcements:

-American Society of Landscape Architects has Grants available for organizations seeking to make landscape improvements to their neighborhoods. Amenities (benches/shades/irrigation), construction and maintenance are examples of what the grant would cover. asla-sandiego.org

-County's 5/26 Chair meeting to address social equitability through cannabis. Staff reported EIR makes it easier for the applicant & streamlines the process for them. Staff recommends Program EIR that normally takes 2 years but would be fast tracked for 18 months. Re: existing dispensaries staff recommends eliminating the April 2022 Sunset date and to allow: 1. Edibles & drinkables, branded cannabis merchandise (not hats, shirts, etc), building permits for expansion up to 10%, "for profit" status. Staff still studying allowing expansion of more than 10%, adult use/selling to anyone over 21, & applying for a Discretionary Permit. Staff confirmed that Microbusinesses would be allowed in areas as boutique wineries are. In theory there would be no limit on the number of these types of cannabis businesses and no limit on their location. If we want a say in where cannabis businesses are located and how many there are in our community – we need to comment or speak at the BOS June 9 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. (None)

CALL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS

VICE-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 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

Mr. Summers said he did not want to see County staff wait over 2 hours to give their presentation, like what happened last month, and he said he wanted to move 7-F to before 7-A.

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 7-F TO BEFORE ITEM 7-A.

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Debbie Foster, the motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Robin Joy Maxson voting no, and Scotty Ensign and Casey Lynch absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-F. Presentation by County Planning and Development Services on the Climate Action Plan (Taken out of Order)

Meghan Kelly presented the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is County wide. Ramona is a major stakeholder. She will be back in the future when the draft Supplemental EIR (SEIR) is ready for public review.

There was a CAP update in the 2011 General Plan, which was the first update in 30 years. Climate change is an important issue. In the County CAP, all lands that are unincorporated are included, except for Federal lands and Tribal lands. The 2011 update was overturned by the Court in 2021. Another CAP update was done in 2018, and this iteration was also overturned by the Court. The goal is zero emissions in the 2035-2045 time range.

The project will include a complete greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory. Emissions will include County facilities. They will look at GHG reduction targets and GHG reduction measures. GHG will be forecast for the future. The County wants to engage the community to comment on the CAP. There will also be discussion of new jobs without GHG. The inventory and environmental information go to the Board of Supervisors for approval and implementation.

The SEIR will address potential environmental impacts from CAP implementation, identify and evaluate a “smart growth” alternative and then there will be public participation and review. If anyone wants to help, please let her know. There will be opportunities for public input at times throughout the process.

The CAP process includes GHG calculations, GHG reduction targets and standards of measurement. The draft CAP will be done and go out for public review, and then the final CAP will be completed. County PDS is having a chair meeting on June 12 and will be discussing preparation of the SEIR. Alternatives will be discussed. On July 14, the Board of Supervisors will be holding a workshop to provide an update. After July there will be more meetings. She is available to give individual presentations. People can subscribe to CAP updates online.

The Chair asked about streamlining on projects, such as solar and wind turbine projects, and about overlays. Some of these projects are in Ramona now and there will be more in the future. Would this eliminate the RCPG input on these projects?

Ms. Kelly said the County would reach out to an overlay group if there were an overlay on the project.

The Chair said that we have viewsheds and views so that particular item caught her eye.

Mr. Rains asked if the County had a program where they test wells for water quality?

Ms. Kelly said well water doesn't have the same impact as imported water. DPW will check on water quality. The County doesn't rely on carbon oxides and projects won't be streamlined. They will be open to hearing.

Mr. Rains said a lot of people have been working at home during the pandemic. Los Angeles is cleaner and emissions have dropped significantly. Some people working at home could be part of the action plan.

Mr. Stykel asked Ms. Kelly to talk about GHG for people who work out of the community. And are we still talking about farmers reducing odor?

Ms. Kelly said the CAP could incentivize management to reduce emissions by having people driving less to work. It is an opportunity to look at and measure transportation demand. As far as dairy farms, they usually have a large concentration of livestock. If there is carbon sequestration on crop farms we see an opportunity with reducing dairy emissions.

Mr. Summers asked about this being the County's third attempt to get a CAP that the court will agree with?

Ms. Kelly said the 2011 CAP document EIR failed. In 2018, the court found no fault in the reduction measures of the SEIR. There is a new net zero goal for reducing GHG.

Speaker: Vince S.

If the number of cattle is reduced, a carbon credit will be received. Methane can be eliminated by eliminating grazing cattle and replacing this activity with crop planting.

Ms. Kelly said the science has been developed quickly. Research is being leveraged. There hasn't been a protocol developed yet for replacing cattle with crops.

Mr. Noyas said this is another way to steal money from the public and give it to business. Turf can be replaced with grass to help with GHG reduction.

7-A: AD 21-010, Delfina Vineyard, 26758 Hwy 78. Ag Clearing Permit. Delfina Vineyard proposes to utilize the subject property (APN 286-060-52) to establish a vineyard. Propose to use the natural topography to plant grapes and olive trees with minimal grading and up to 40 acres of cultivated area. Propose to preserve the existing natural habitat to the maximum extent possible. Propose to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the scenic corridor by applying scenic corridor policies adopted by the County of San Diego. Access to the Vineyard will be through Slaughterhouse Rd. (Taken out of Order)

Vince Kattoula, project representative, presented the project. The property is 108 acres. The owner would like to clear 40 acres. Clearing will be limited to dry brush. Sensitive areas will be avoided. The applicant is aware there are groundwater concerns in the area. There are groundwater study requirements and groundwater monitoring regulations. There will be some restrictions on water usage. The project will be off Slaughterhouse Road, a privately maintained road. How many Average Daily Trips (ADT's) will the project generate? There will be 1 trip per day. A family generates about 12 trips per day. The uses proposed are growing olive trees and grapes. There will be no processing on site, no buildings added to the site – the project proposed is ag clearing to plant grapes and olive trees.

Speaker: Patricia Donato, Ramona Resident

My name is Patricia Donato. I have a home and small horse ranch on 78 acres adjacent to the property in question. It is just my sister and I that live on property. About 10 acres is non-irrigated horse paddock with a mare motel and small outbuildings. My 2 bedroom/1 bath home is at the other end. The majority of the land I have retained as native grasses, shrubs and old oaks. I have 2 wells, one of them at a depth of over 800 ft, and even with my very conservative water usage, both during non-drought and drought years, I have run out of water. When the larger farms, such as the Golden Eagle Ranch when it was in operation as a racehorse breeding facility, irrigated irresponsibly, dry wells for myself and my neighbors frequently were at issue.

My immediate concern is regarding the water usage to prep, plant and maintain 40 acres of vineyards and olive trees as proposed by the Delfina Vineyards organization. In a statement at the subcommittee meeting yesterday, the owner indicated that the planting would not be an issue as they determined that there is “plenty of water for their own use”, but didn't mention that may imply as a result, draining the wells of their neighbors. We are entering one of the worst droughts in recent history, and we are considering adding to the already overtaxed water table in our valley?

However, my alarm increases significantly when I consider what comes next. There isn't a corporation that I am aware of that would spend the million (?) plus and then the ongoing costs, just to beautify the 78 corridor and compete with the overabundance of vineyards and grapes for sale in our valley. They didn't indicate that they were a philanthropic organization so I question their motives and insist that this is just a foot in the door. I believe what comes next will be of a much more significant impact to our water supply and our road. Regarding the road, they will be using our common access road and have expressed the fact that they have no plans to include funds for maintenance.

In closing, I urge the Board to closely review and take for consideration the historical facts regarding the continuing abuse and overutilization of water in our area in the letter submitted by my neighbor, Kevin Carey. I also urge the Board to not only review this one request as an isolated incident but review the request as part of the larger picture, taking into consideration the water utilization by all other larger concerns, such as Ballena Vista, so that a fair and equitable decision can be reached, for both the impacted neighbors as well as the applicant.

Speaker: Sandra Mitchell, Ramona Resident

Ms. Mitchell has lived in the area for 25 years. She has concerns because the ponds are drying up and are not as full as before. She is concerned that Delfina Vineyards will have events and there will be noise from them.

Speaker: Kimberly McClellan, Ramona Resident

Ms. McClellan said in 2017, the County of San Diego published a report on the water supply and ground water in San Diego County. It specifically identified Ballena Valley on page 2-8-7 as being susceptible to localized groundwater problems. Below is the section from the report.

Large Quantity/Clustered Ground Water Users.

“In addition, several unincorporated communities and areas were developed with lot sizes smaller than 4 acres, which has resulted in clustering of groundwater users in these areas. These areas are also potentially susceptible to localized groundwater problems, especially if underlain by fractured rock aquifers with little to no residuum or alluvium. As shown on Figure 2.8-4, the following areas have been identified as having the highest potential for localized groundwater problems (especially during extended drought periods) from the existing pumpage of large amounts of groundwater relative to what the given aquifer can support: Ballena Valley (Ramona CPA)

.5 acre feet (AF) of water equals 163,000 gallons of water.. So with 40 AF of water being used for crops, 26,000,000 gallons of water a year could be used. She asked the RCPG to consider requesting an EIR before approving the project.

Mr. Brean asked Mr. Kattoula if a date had been set yet to start the clearing?

Mr. Kattoula said they will start with the clearing when the County approves the project.

Mr. Brean said he has concerns with fire abatement. The property is in the heart of fire country. Brush clearing can start fires.

Mr. Kattoula said they will use professional people to do the clearing and make sure there is water onsite when it is done. Removal of brush and clearing reduces fire risk.

Mr. Brean said the land is zoned for agriculture and the use of water will be low due to the nature of the crops. If we don't have crops in this area, we could have homes. There is a lack of grapes in Ramona.

Ms. Rains said her family owned property on Slaughterhouse Road and for years they had to bring water in on a truck.

Mr. Kattoula said he doesn't believe the project will require an EIR. He thinks the project will be exempt.

Mr. Summers asked if another well will be drilled, since water is an issue?

Mr. Kattoula said another groundwater study could be done.

Mr. Rains asked if the ag clearing is not approved, will the applicant be able to plant but not be able to clear?

Mr. Wallace said he hears the neighbors' concerns for water.

Mr. Kattoula said there are no water restrictions now. There are currently 3 wells onsite. There hasn't been well monitoring or reporting, but if the project is authorized, the applicant will test and monitor.

Ms. Foster asked if they know what is coming out of the ground, in terms of water quality?

Mr. Kattoula said without conducting a water study, they won't know.

Ms. Perfect said she looked on a map. Is this project close to the Golden Eagle Ranch and by the Camel Dairy? Is the Golden Eagle Ranch not using water?

The owner of the property said they have seen no activity on site at the Golden Eagle Ranch. No one has been there for 2-1/2 years.

Ms. Perfect said that is her observation as well. What is the closest fire station?

Mr. Summers said Witch Creek is the closest fire station.

Ms. Perfect said that the Witch Creek fire station is practically across the street.

Mr. Stykel said that the land clearing should be approved. There should be no discussion on water use. They are requesting an ag permit on ag land. Grapes and olives don't use much water. We shouldn't talk water usage only.

Ms. Hopewell asked Mr. Kattoula if there would be restrictions on water usage?

Mr. Kattoula said they will be required to do groundwater monitoring and report once a year to the County.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DELFINA VINEYARD AG CLEARING PERMIT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 12-1-1-0-1**, with Kevin Wallace voting no, Casey Lynch abstaining and Scotty Ensign absent.

7-B: Update on 13th Street Bridge Project by County Department of Public Works

Jim Bolz, project manager, County DPW, was in attendance along with Keshia Montifolca and Gail Getz. Mr. Bolz said they would be giving an update on the environmental phase of the 13th Street Bridge project.

Ms. Montifolca made the presentation. The bridge project is federally funded with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds under the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement program. Federal funds will pay for the design and environmental phase of the project. Once completed, the County will get right-of-way and construction funding. Part of the project will be funded through a local highway users tax. All of the work to be done is considered to be one project.

13th Street is compacted dg now. Stormwater flows over the road. The County applied for and received a grant to put a bridge over the Santa Maria Creek. They are in the design and environmental phase now. The bridge will be 500 feet long and span the floodplain. They are coordinating with Caltrans for design. Progress has been made.

A cross section of the bridge will be an 8 foot mixed use pathway for equestrians, pedestrians and bicycles on the left side of the road. This element may move to the right side of the road. There will be 2, 12 foot travel lanes and 3 foot shoulders. The entire width is 41, almost 42 feet. DPW is coordinating the project with the Department of General Services, the RICC, the senior housing

project and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. CEQA/NEPA should be complete in fall of 2021. When ready, there will be a 30 day public review period. The design should be completed late next year, with construction beginning in 2023.

Ms. Getz gave the environmental update. There are environmental benefits that go along with the project. The project is subject to CEQA and NEPA. The document is in the process of being prepared by the County. Caltrans is the lead for NEPA. Air quality, biology, GHG, hazards and noise are being considered for environmental impacts. The trail, traffic and visual resources are also being considered. The environmental documents will be ready for review soon. There are 3 endangered species to be considered. There are 2 types of fairy shrimp that were being looked for – the study came back negative. For the Least Bell Vireo, there was a negative study in 2012 and a positive study in 2018. A pair have been seen nesting. The County will initiate formal conservation measures with Caltrans. Conservation measures will be developed and incorporated into the project.

Due to impacts to the Santa Maria Creek, the County is working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. After NEPA and CEQA are completed, the County will get permits. Vegetation clearing will be done outside bird nesting season. Biology will be monitored onsite. A qualified monitor will be on site while work is being done. Habitat will be restored and monitored for 5 years or until fully established.

An environmental benefit is that by replacing the current stream crossing with a bridge, the area will be more natural. Water quality will be improved as well as the wetland habitat. Removing the dirt road will eliminate dust. They will revegetate with native plants. Jim Bolz is the best person to contact regarding the project. If someone wants to be on the list for updates for the project, please contact Ms. Getz.

Ms. Hopewell said she appreciated the presentation. What will be the surface for the trail?

Mr. Bolz said it will be stabilized dg.

Ms. Hopewell asked what the speed limit will be?

Mr. Bolz said he thinks the speed limit will remain the same.

Ms. Getz said there would be no changes.

Ms. Hopewell asked what the road surface will be? Will there be a stop sign at Walnut?

Mr. Bolz said the road surface will be asphalt. The intersection will be raised slightly. He doesn't know of a stop sign being installed at the intersection with Walnut.

Ms. Hopewell said it would be helpful if there was something to show that there is an intersection at that location.

Mr. Bolz said they don't have a striping or sign plan. He said if someone wants there to be artwork on bridge, the County will consider having it. No embellishments are planned at this time. The funding will not fund embellishments.

Mr. Brean said we have murals in Ramona. Perhaps a space could be added to allow for a future mural.

Mr. Bolz said if the community comes up with the funding, the County is willing to consider this element.

Mr. Stykel said he applauds the County for moving forward with the project. It's been about 7-8 years to get to this point. Angus Tobiason was huge in cleaning up the Santa Maria Creek. He would like to see Mr. Tobiason's name on the bridge.

Ms. Maxson said the bridge naming could be a future agenda item.

Mr. Bolz said the County is happy to consider naming of the bridge. There is a protocol that can be followed for bridge naming.

Ms. Perfect said she thinks the collector road has a speed limit of 35 mph, although there may be no speed limit. She would like to see how the pathway will be integrated with the Santa Maria Creek. Will there be a plan to review?

Mr. Bolz said the plan is programmed but not authorized yet. Once the plan is approved, probably in the fall, the County will jump on to doing the final design.

Ms. Perfect said there other stakeholders, such as RTA. Will the intersection at 13th and Highway 67 have any elements to help with things like pedestrian traffic crossing the highway?

Mr. Bolz said no changes are proposed.

Ms. Perfect said there is maintenance for other roads that cross the creek, or there would be dirt buildup. There can be homeless encampments in the Santa Maria Creek. Ms. Perfect asked what could be expected moving forward?

Mr. Bolz said the bridge will be listed in the National Bridge Inventory. It will be monitored. The Sheriffs' have the Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) to help the homeless and the program helps with cleaning up when necessary.

Ms. Perfect asked if the bridge will be used like the one on 5th, 6th and/or 10th?

Mr. Bolz said it will be County maintained

Ms. Perfect said the encampments are an ongoing problem. She asked what the clearance under the bridge would be?

Mr. Bolz said it will be 9 feet.

Mr. Wallace said that 13th Street becomes a short cut. People speed down it to get to Olive and Highway 78. A traffic control will be needed. There is a lot of traffic in that area due to Starbucks. The transfer station is right there. Down the road someone will have to stay on top of traffic calming for 13th Street.

Mr. Bolz said some studies have been done. The County will monitor traffic patterns in the future.

Ms. Perfect said 10th and Highway 78 have serious constraints for widening. 13th will be an intentional alternate route.

7-C: Notification by County Department of Public Works of upcoming request for CPG participation in identifying a prioritized list of transportation improvement projects in Ramona (Capital Improvement Project List)

Mr. Bolz said the RCPG will be receiving, in the near future, a notification of upcoming request for an update of the 2018 CIP list for Ramona. It is a priority list process, and the last update occurred in 2018. One aspect of the update could include looking through the lens of commercial needs. The RCPG will receive the request and has the opportunity to update the list. Once updated, DPW reviews the list, using the 6 criteria of eligibility. They will notify the RCPG of the status. Recommendations will be presented to the Director of DPW and then to the Board of Supervisors for funding once funding has been identified.

Eligible projects include road reconstruction, bridge repair, sidewalks, pathways and pedestrian access ramps at intersections. The resources are on the County web page. Funding sources are looked at, including CDBG, federal funds and local funds.

Ms. Maxson said that when the RCPG receives the list, it will go to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee for review.

Mr. Bolz said the County will be sending a letter and the last priority list.

Ms. Perfect asked about the timeline for RCPG review?

Mr. Bolz said the timeline is not strict. They want to give us the time we need to review the list. He will come back to an RCPG meeting should we want to discuss anything relating to the list with him. It would be fine if the list wasn't finalized until July or August.

Mr. Lynch said that since the 2018 CIP list, some changes have been made.

Mr. Bolz said he has the latest list the RCPG submitted to the County.

Mr. Lynch said the South Bypass is off the list.

Mr. Bolz has not seen an updated list.

Mr. Stykel suggested putting this item on the next agenda to see if we want to re-prioritize the projects. The order of the projects is not always our choice.

Mr. Bolz said the order of the list depends on funding available. The County will promote the projects and pursue funding. The CIP list is a community engagement project that includes the RCPG, the Chamber and the community.

Mr. Stykel said the RCPG spends time prioritizing the projects.

7-D: The Board of Supervisors is requesting input regarding upcoming changes to the cannabis ordinance that will include the sale of ingestible cannabis products and allow onsite consumption of

cannabis products at marijuana dispensaries. Consideration is also being given to the creation of jobs in farming and manufacturing, testing and retail sales of cannabis products and the opportunity to advance social equity. This item was an open forum, lead by the Cannabis Ordinance ad hoc Chair, at the Cannabis Ordinance ad hoc meeting 5-18-21. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee gave time for each participant to provide input on the proposed revisions to the current County of San Diego Ordinance and gave time for the public to receive comments from the current dispensary owners and operators. Discussion on item and opportunity for input from the public.

Mr. Lynch had the Cannabis Ordinance workshop meeting. A spreadsheet was prepared to show what items were discussed, the public commentary and the dispensary owners/representatives comments. At the next ad hoc meeting they will work on preparing a letter.

People want to see the cannabis related businesses staying off Main. They would like to see this in agricultural areas, with security, CEQA followed, and groundwater available. They can create groves into other products. Not all products are psychoactive.

There was discussion of creating a permitted retail business – looking at the permit aspect of this issue. Edibles are allowed by California law. Perhaps onsite consumption could require a special permit. Our 3 Ramona business don't want this. There was discussion on training for workers.

Our 3 existing business are top notch. They are good on tracking, usage and products. Sheriff can pull away from these 3 businesses and focus on unlicensed businesses. As far as billboards, they are visible when driving into town. State law controls billboard ads. California law says no one with a previous felony can be an owner. It costs about \$50K per year to operate. On top of that is the cost of the product and testing. The Board of Supervisors looks at the cost as the cost of doing business.

Speaker: Becky Rapp, Ramona Resident

Ms. Rapp said she appreciates the work that has been done by the committee. The Board of Supervisors will be discussing this item on Wednesday, June 9. She encourages people to voice their concerns. The legal marijuana businesses are trying to push out the unlicensed businesses. \$3.3 million of illegal marijuana was seized in Ramona. She asked that speakers on this issue at the Board of Supervisors' meeting ask the Board to focus on enhancing public health rather than marijuana businesses.

Speaker: Kathleen Lippitt, Ramona Resident

Ms. Lippitt listened to the workshop. She wants to see public safety protected. She has concerns with increasing sales and access of high potency marijuana. In the new ordinance, non-medical and medical are not separated. There are numerous issues with the ordinance. On-site consumption should be banned. I milligram of marijuana increases the chance of a car collision. Marijuana and alcohol used together are stronger. She has concerns about using marijuana and then driving.

Speaker: Kelly McCormack, Ramona Resident

Ms. MrCormack said she works with teens and runs a youth mentoring program. Putting more drugs into the community won't help things. Marijuana is very water intensive and may cause concerns that may lead to requesting from the County hydrology studies, etc. She has worked with the Cancer Society and helped to get non-smoking areas in restaurant. Consumption lounges do not protect the employees who work at them. How will the employees stay safe? In her opinion she doesn't feel the Board of Supervisors plan is very well thought out. There have been some concerns with growing marijuana outside in Santa Barbara and the odor it creates. A judge here said we should speak up before the Cannabis Ordinance becomes law.

Mr. Lynch said the topics he discussed at his committee meeting will go to Supervisor Anderson before June 9.

Mr. Summers said marijuana is now legal in the state. There have been 10 years of growing, packaging, etc.

Mr. Lynch said he needed a vote to send the excel sheet from the meeting to Supervisor Anderson. The contents of the spread sheet are the comments based on the workshop.

The Chair said we would be sending working information rather than a formal stance. We may have more of a formal stance after the meeting next month.

Mr. Stykel said if we are sending something, we need to vote on it.

MOTION: TO SEND THE SPREADSHEET (CONTAINING INFORMATION FROM THE CANNABIS WORKSHOP) AS PRESENTED, TO SUPERVISOR ANDERSON'S OFFICE.

Upon motion made by Matt Rains and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Scotty Ensign absent.

7-E: Discussion on Caltrans' downtown traffic restriping proposal for parking, Public comments due 5-29.

Mr. Summers announced comments were due May 29 for a Caltrans project to modify the striping on State Route 78/Main Street between 8th and 10th streets in the community of Ramona to establish 41 parking spaces in previously designated No Parking areas.

Mr. Summers spoke with Ross Cather, Caltrans Division Chief, and the walkable downtown issues that have been discussed, can be included in the San Vicente Corridor project. They were previously identified in a village plan, developed for the downtown Main Street area by Caltrans, 10 years ago. Mr. Cather is encouraging us to include the walkable downtown issues in the San Vicente Corridor project.

7-F: Presentation by County Planning and Development Services on the Climate Action Plan (Taken out of Order before Item 7-A)

7-G: Report on update on SR 67/San Vicente Corridor project from Mr. Marvin Canton

Mr. Summers said this item is meant to be on the RSRS Subcommittee agenda since Mr. Canton gives an update each month to the subcommittee. It is not meant to be on the RCPG agenda.

7-H: Need for 3rd ALS ambulance in Ramona/column

Mr. Summers said an article came out in the Ramona Sentinel on Wednesday morning about the need for a 3rd ambulance in Ramona. In 1989 there were 2 ALS for 20,000 people. 20 years later there are still only 2 ALS ambulances. Ramona has outgrown 2 ambulances. The community is at risk. He has spoken with Debbie Foster, members of the local fire department and members of the County. The issue is funding. Since this is a life safety issue, he is proposing we get involved with the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD), the fire department and the County to get a 3rd ambulance. When the current 2 ambulances are on call, a 3rd ambulance can come from Warner Springs, Julian or Poway. This is not a good level of service.

He felt the first step is to write a letter to the RMWD. There is now a liaison at the RMWD, Jim Piva, to work with the RCPG. He thinks we should form a ad hoc committee for a 3rd ambulance.

Ms. Foster said she has the Pulse Point App on her phone. It shows where an emergency is and what units are responding. She is a medic. One time she could not breath. There was no ambulance available. Finally one came from Pomerado Hospital. This happens every day.

Mr. Summers said money is not as important as life safety.

The Chair said we can talk about this more under the Concerns from Members section of the agenda.

7-I: Discussion on downtown traffic calming measure – *Discussed under Item 7-E*

7-J: Update on Zoom meetings with SANDAG voting Mayors.

Mr. Summers said he has been in contact with Mayor Richard Baily of Coronado. Mayor Baily grew up in the neighborhood of SR 67 and knows the dangers of the corridor. There are now 4 mayors left to meet with. One mayor does not want to meet (La Mesa)

Mr. Summers said that SANDAG needs comments on the Comprehensive Multi Modal Corridor Plans by June 30th. This includes the San Vicente Corridor. SANDAG wants to know who uses the road, etc. People can go to CMCP@SANDIEGO.org to access the information and give input.

7-K: Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO): Fees can only be used to develop PLDO eligible recreational uses. These include adventure play areas, amphitheaters, bicycle parks, children play areas, community gardens, community gathering or event spaces, disc or frisbee golf, dog parks or leash free areas, equestrian facilities, exercise areas or fitness stations, gymnasiums, improve overlooks, open lawn areas, picnic areas, plazas, recreation centers, state parks, splash pads or wading pools, sport courts and fields, swimming pools, and trails outside of dedicated open space and county right a of way. - *Informational*

7-L: PLDO Priority List for Year 2020 – 2021:

- 1. Skate Park Development: Approved up to \$250,000 from previous priority list**
- 2. Development of a 5k course**
- 3. BMX Park**

Mr. Wallace said the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee have been working with Tracy Engel on the BMX park and the skate park. Since it is difficult for people to participate in group sports with the pandemic going on, there has to be a way to keep people active and moving. How much of the property behind the library is for senior living? It would be a good spot for a BMX park and a skate park. It's right up next to the creek and in an industrial area. PLDO is locked up until the County budget is adopted. Four things will be pushed forward. They would like to wait for the budget to be adopted before moving forward.

For development of a 5K course, Ms. Perfect has some knowledge. They would like to see this going forward when money becomes available.

They wanted to hold off on having their next Parks and Recreation meeting until the County budget gets done. The lights on the athletic fields have been approved.

RPRA approves the development of a 5K course. The 40 acres behind the school is a possible site rather than the RICC, because the RICC is limited so they are looking at other potential locations. While the skatepark is a more urban park, BMX is more rural.

The County purchased the 4 acre Russell property, possibly for senior housing. They will submit their PLDO priority list. The list is more of a wish list like the CIP list. Projects are slow moving. It is possible Parks and Recreation can meet quarterly rather than monthly.

Mr. Rains said the former school on Montecito Road has a 1 acre park. He doesn't know who owns the park. The school is used as a church now.

Ms. Perfect said the 1 acre park by the school was to be the Santa Maria Creek staging area. It was dedicated as a staging area to the grasslands at some point. She has talked to the RUSD about using the school site as a skatepark. They lease out the site to AA and the church. RUSD is not in the skatepark business, however

7-M: Wellfield Park Update – *Nothing brought forward*

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

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

Ms. Hopewell gave the Design Review Board report. The Delfina Vineyard project was discussed and approved as submitted. A couple of sign banners were looked at for possible enforcement. T-Mobile came with a sign proposal for white lettering. They wanted 16 inch letters on the front and 18 inch letters on the back, but were approved for 15 inches on the front

and 18 inches on the back, similar to Panda Express. At the Iron Pony location the sign for Junk and Disorderly was tabled.

The faux palm tree cell site at Calistoga Place was looked at, and the Design Review Board agreed to have the fan palm. Mr. Lewallen said that the tree will be so far away no one will see it.

There are still 2 open seats on the Design Review Board.

8-B: Group discussion on meeting lengths and options for managing meeting length as provided by the County

The Chair said the RCPG could have 2 meetings a month and set a time limit for each item, and then decide if it goes longer, how much longer to adjust the meeting time to. The RCPG is reviewing more issues and is being asked to give more input. So one option is we could have 2 meetings a month or vote to extend the meeting time at each meeting, if necessary.

Mr. Rains said the RCPG could vote to set a time to set extend the meeting to, or vote to meet on another day. If people attend a meeting to speak on an item, he wants them to have the opportunity to speak and for their input to be considered.

Ms. Perfect said Parks and Recreation gets things done quickly at their meetings. Some agencies limit the time to 3 minutes per speaker, and 15 minutes per topic so people work together and don't repeat what's been said. Ms. Perfect said a suggested amount of time for an item could be listed on the agenda. The RUSD meets once a month and the meetings run efficiently.

Mr. Lynch suggested taking items on consent. Or looking at an agenda and trying to limit items, pushing them off to the next meeting. He feels in-person meetings will go faster.

Mr. Wallace said if we have 2 meetings a month, there will be conflicts with subcommittee meetings and this could discourage people from volunteering.

Mr. Stykel said it's all about agenda management and time management. Set a time limit – 10 minutes for County presentations and 10 minutes for input. Break agenda items down to minutes.

Ms. Perfect said the suggestions are good ones. The Chair has control over the agenda and can make changes. Ms. Perfect doesn't want 2 meetings a month.

Mr. Stykel said the second meeting would be a special meeting.

The Chair said some groups meet twice a month.

8-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)
8-C-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Lynch told the Chair that if she wanted to discuss an ad hoc committee for a 3rd ambulance, she can form the ad hoc committee.

The Chair asked Mr. Summers if he would chair the ad hoc committee?

Mr. Summers said he would.

Ms. Perfect asked the Chair if this was under the RCPG purview?

The Chair said that Supervisor Anderson gives us the purview for this issue.

Ms. Perfect said she felt this issue was a service concern and not a land use issue

Mr. Summers said the structure for the RCPG working with the RMWD is in place with Jim Piva as a liaison between the 2 groups. The weight of adding the RCPG to this issue is important and will help to get this done.

Ms. Perfect said she did not think this issue belonged under the RCPG purview.

Mr. Stykel agrees with Ms. Perfect.

Mr. Summers said a 3rd ambulance is important to life safety.

The Chair said an ad hoc committee is short term.

Ms. Perfect doesn't feel equipped with the education and information to be an advocate for this issue.

Mr. Summers said the RCPG votes on areas we address. We are not expert in land use, but we do vote on it. We are underserved by only having 2 ambulances to serve Ramona.

Ms. Perfect said she doesn't disagree with the premise, just the method.

The Chair said she will set up the ad hoc committee. She asked who wanted to serve on the committee?

Ms. Foster, Ms. Hopewell and Mr. Rains all volunteered, and the Chair said they would all be members on the ad hoc committee, and Mr. Summers will chair it.

Ms. Perfect said she appreciates the members who are willing to take on this issue.

Mr. Wallace asked who would be paying for the 3rd ambulance?

The Chair said this item will be discussed.

8-C-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Lynch said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee will take on the bridge naming of the 13th Street Bridge. There is a new policy, F-53, that governs bridge naming.

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

8-D: Meeting Updates

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

The Chair said the Cannabis Ordinance item will be going to the Board of Supervisors on June 9. The General Plan Update item will be going to the Planning Commission on June 11. There is a quarterly planning and sponsor group chair meeting on June 12 that she will attend. On June 8 and June 17 there will be webinars, each covering the same information, relative to giving input on Planning and Development Services Zoning Amendment relating to Shelter Facilities in the unincorporated area. There is information (a webinar) on the San Vicente Corridor on the SANDAG website, recorded on June 1.

8-D-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 7-1-21, Format to be Determined

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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