

TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
Teleconference Meeting Access for Members and Public
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January 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - meeting called to order by Casey Lynch at 7:05pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Casey Lynch.
3. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT Consideration Will be given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership.
Attendees: Ken Bernanke, Lynn Hopewell, Casey Lynch, and Robin Joy Maxson
Excused: Dawn Perfect
Absent: Richard Tomlinson
4. Corrections/Approval to T&T Minutes of September 22, 2020.
Tabled until more subcommittee members are in attendance.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None
6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
None.
7. ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. Discussion on Kelly Avenue paving carried over from the October 27, 2020 meeting to include consideration of enforcement, signage, speed bumps and possible additional options for improving the current situation on Kelly Avenue.

Tracy Engel here for Kelly Ave. Wants to make sure Kelly Ave. remains on agenda. Her neighbor Karen sent email to Kristi Mansolff and Vickie Winter. Casey Lynch asked if there was anything new. Tracy wants to know what measures can be taken. Casey, what's going on, on Kelly is same as what's happening in San Diego Country Estates (SDCOE). If it's ok with Tracy will go to Item B and after Item B will share information. Casey has done a lot of study about what neighborhoods can do regarding this. Can discuss as a community. Tracy wants to differentiate SDCOE with Kelly Ave. since Kelly Ave. is a bypass for Main St. / Hwy 67. Casey thinks that's important with the unsafe speeds and traffic accidents. Tracy brought up health issues as well.
 - b. Discussion on road safety and traffic calming measures on the roads in San Diego Country Estates (SDCE) to include enforcement, signage, speed bumps, sidewalks, and other tools to make the roads safer for pedestrians and non-motorized traffic and to slow drivers down.

Debbie Rinehart, Rebecca Geiger, and Jackie Sedler spoke. They are sharing a presentation.

Debbie Rinehart lives on La Plata Ct and thanked the subcommittee for letting them share traffic issues. As we all know when cars and people collide that people lose. Many of the residents have had numerous misses. Shared statistics from 1st strategic from 2019 100 pedestrians/cyclist have lost their lives in San Diego County. Debbie wasn't able to get statistics for Ramona. Implement traffic calming on the streets. The streets are built for cars not pedestrians. No sidewalks, just a few crosswalks. Due to terrain, steep hills, curves and dim streetlighting, if you walk early mornings need to carry flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing.

Rebecca Geiger shared that as of today, January 12, 2021, 2,054 people have signed a petition to make SDCE streets safer. This affects everyone pedestrians, horse riders, bikers, and golfers. Want to bring people to community, not enough crosswalks. Shared a sampling of what people have been saying.

Jackie Sedler proposed a number of solutions:

- a) Immediate
 - 1) Speed bumps widely used, cost effective, immediate impact. They force people to slow down.
 - 2) Crosswalks
 - 3) Increased signage
 - 4) Community outreach
 - 5) Increase traffic enforcement
- b) Near term
 - 1) Bike lanes
 - 2) Embedded light signaling, a radar speed sign will slow traffic down somewhere from 1 mph to 11 mph compared to conditions before sign. Increasing chance of survival by slowing down.
- c) Long Term
 - 1) Sidewalks
 - 2) Increased street lightening
 - 3) Curb extensions / street narrowing in order to force people to slow down. People don't think or are distracted. People drive what they think the speed limit is vs. what it really is.

Debbie Rinehart interested as residents and have something that will take place quickly. That will have an impact and save lives.

Casey Lynch shared that one resident did email about speed bumps and was against it. Doesn't want to take away anything that happened to Logan. Wants to go over what the County says. SDCE was designed as a retirement community vs. family, which failed. So, Mr. Watt had to pivot so it was a family community, that's why there aren't sidewalks, etc. The homes were to be vacation/retirement homes. Modern communities would be designed differently. The County approaches traffic calming through taming traffic. The County doesn't see getting things done quickly, will send it out. It explains the traffic

calming process. San Vicente Rd. realignment was a process. Anything that we do want to be focused in on how the County wants it done. The document also tells how to fail at traffic calming. Need a structured plan, community participation. The Homeowners Association (HOA) is a powerhouse for something like this, safe routes to school, get school board behind it, safe route programs have \$50,000 in grant funds. More appeasable to the County, shows community has researched grants. Document shows to get things done need 65-75% approval rate is usually adequate to ensure acceptance. Tracy asked if it's the residents in the area. Casey thinks Kelly Ave. will be neighborhood specific. May have residents in the Acres. Jackie asked why Arena Dr. was able to have speed bumps installed. And yet there may be issues with having speed bumps on other roads. Casey – why Arena Dr. got speed bumps and other areas didn't. Probably because the residents on the street used the narrowminded approach and spoke about the problem they were having on their street. Jackie has already reached out to Mario who oversees the HOA, he seemed to support this initiative. Should they present to HOA meeting and request that they are supportive of traffic calming measures in community. Casey - that's the way to do it. Tracy discussed health issues of residents on Kelly Ave. Casey – easy button, is willing to take to Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) to write a letter and send to the County. In the 4 years Casey has served we've probably written over 50 letters and gotten very few responses. Those we got responses on were driven by residents. Sometime letter isn't enough, need to bring together many groups to show support for change. Peggy asked if it's easier to get stop signs vs. speed bumps. Casey – speed bumps asked questions about different calming measures, problem with speed bumps is it hinders fire authority getting to a call. Would need to reach out to the fire chiefs and see what's happening. Have a meeting and see what they have to say. Once meeting with them will have a direction to go. Idea of pop-up traffic circles, some engineers say you have-to be careful when accidents occur. Rumble strips on road. One engineer suggested looking at University of California San Diego (UCSD), they narrowed street stripping as it creates an optical illusion that the road narrows. Since it happened at UCSD that's good for us as an agency has used that and it's working. When presenting plan to County it's good to have an idea what we'd like. Have Susan Hough with the County, share what's happening in County for traffic calming and what's working. Knows Tracy and Kelly Ave. people would like to see paving, but haven't heard anything about what happened when Dawn took to Dianne J. Casey – paving, hardscaping etc. is very expensive.

Casey – can keep on the agenda until ideas are solidified. Ken Brennecke thinks more homework on this, would like to know what County is/isn't prepared to do. Does Casey know anyone in County that we could talk to. Casey spoke to Karen Hough who handles traffic calming to make the contact. Jackie, wants to be more successful, wants to understand how to get things done and what information does County need to allocate funds and make the changes. Casey – work is done at subcommittee level, contacts made, discussion occurs and then actions are brought to the RCPG. Will have a new supervisor, so he'll be getting his staff ready to move forward. Casey thinks getting organized and structured and bring staff in for the support. Tracy – next step, please email

PowerPoint as it was well done. Casey will email the document he shared. Tracy will take to her neighbors.

Casey Lynch asked if the residents attending the meeting from SDCE are all on same page with what needs to be done. Jackie Sedler believes so. Jackie wants to be more educated on the process, don't want to escalate and fail. Peggy Brannen is from Ryland homes and asked why one street is 50 mph and then cars turn on Arena Dr. and the speed limit changes to 25 mph. In 15 minutes, 17 vehicles went by her and all put a few were speeding.

Jackie Sedler asked since initiatives take time, can they request additional police patrol in the area. She rarely sees police ticketing speeders. Casey Lynch said the CHP has a line where you can call and make a complaint and they can take-action on the call. That may be one way to get them out. Think it's good for immediate results, believes it's a global effort. Robin Joy Maxson asked if we can find out what agencies have been contacted? Casey Lynch thinks it's a good question to those that created the Google doc.

Jackie Sedler asked that Susan Hough speak to us about how to get started on this. She and Becky can go to HOA and fire dept. and speak with them as well. Don't want this to be a year-long request. Think having something done within next two quarters is a good timeline. Casey Lynch thinks it's a reasonable approach. But realize that once it gets to County it will take some time. Casey will speak with Susan and see if she can come speak about how to get this implemented. Reasonable to expect that we can get something to RCPG to 1st quarter. Susan Hoang, Asst. Engineer with Dept. of Public Works.

Ken Brennecke would like us to look at what UCSD did since it's just paint. Casey Lynch agreed that he would like to look into the UCSD project.

Lynn Hopewell made motion to continue action items A and B to the January 26, 2021 meeting, 2nd by Ken Brennecke. Motion carried 4-0-0-2. Richard Tomlinson not available.

8. Concerns from Members

Ken Brennecke has a concern, 8-9 months Richard promised he'd follow-up on request for study on Equestrian Trail. Doesn't want that to drop. Wants to know where the County is on that.

9. Agenda Item Requests

Ken Brennecke brought up that he hasn't heard any updates on Equestrian Trail that Richard Tomlinson was going to look into.

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2nd by Ken Brennecke. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Next meeting: January 26, 2021, 7pm.