

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
MT. WOODSON PARKING ISSUE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
~~15873 HWY 67, RAMONA, CA 92065~~
RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
~~434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA~~
June 23, 2022, 5:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting
Access for Members and Public
Call in number: 978-990-5330
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1. Call to Order – 5:32 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Lynn Hopewell
3. Determination of Members Present
Kristi Mansolf, Chair; Mike Fry, Lynn Hopewell, Kevin Wallace
Members absent: Scotty Ensign
Present from the County: Emily Hubbard, Dave Moniz, Andy Quinn
Present from the public: Jim Edwards, Robert Grace
4. Announcements & Correspondence Received: None
5. Presentations from the Public on Non-Agenda Items: None
6. County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation will give an update on the Mt. Woodson parking lot project that will include the project timeline, the project design, and the Caltrans Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE). Draft interpretive signage layouts will be provided for review at the meeting.

Ms. Hubbard said Marcus Lubich has moved on to the Department of General Services, and she is taking his place in County Parks. The Mt. Woodson parking lot project has been a big effort, a mostly uphill battle, that is nearing 100 percent completion. Right now they are planning to provide a bridge on the road that will lead from Highway 67 to the parking lot, as there is a seasonal stream on the property. That way they will not impact the waterway and vegetation. They will be working with State and Federal agencies on this process.

The final Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) has not been approved by Caltrans yet. The ICE is required before the County can apply for the Right of Way Permit. There will be a left turn to access the road for the parking lot, when coming from the south on Highway 67, and a right hand deceleration lane when coming from the north. Construction plans cannot be released until the project goes to bid. That way all people bidding have the opportunity to see the plans at the same time. They plan for the project to go to bid in the winter, with construction starting in the spring of 2023. They anticipate it will probably take all of 2023 to get the project completed. This will include getting the right of way permit, the bridge, etc.

Mr. Wallace asked if they could just do a wider culvert with dirt on top of it rather than a bridge?

Ms. Hubbard said they are not at a point where they can decide this yet.

Ms. Hubbard presented interpretive signage. The signs will be 2 feet tall and 3 feet wide. One sign will be historic and the other will be of the flora and fauna in the area. She used a flora/fauna sign from another area as an example.

Ms. Hopewell said she really liked the historic sign. Where will the signs go?

Ms. Hubbard said there would be a kiosk at the trailhead. Images would be included in a standard park kiosk.

Mr. Moniz said the signs are done according to standards. There will be an all in one sign of the flora and fauna.

Mr. Edwards said the Parks people need to come out and see the area on a weekend. It's very busy and crowded. There is no signage and no bathrooms. They really need to put in temporary bathroom facilities now.

Ms. Hubbard said she would get with the operations team to see about installing portable bathrooms.

Ms. Hopewell said that we need temporary signage showing people where to go.

Ms. Hubbard said signs are part of the project. They want signs to be in from the road, and visible. Signs can't be in the road right of way. She was thinking of a larger monument sign, and she thinks Caltrans will be doing way-finding signage. She has been involved with the interpretive signs..The interpretive signs will be printed on UV resistant materials. The signs will be adjacent to the kiosk.

Ms. Hopewell asked if the signs will be on wooden legs or on a pedestal?

Ms. Hubbard said they didn't know yet.

Ms. Mansolf asked if they still planned to have solar lighting in the parking lot?

Ms. Hubbard said that was her understanding.

Mr. Fry said he loved the old photos. He asked if anyone knew where they were taken from? Maybe there was a fire station on the west side of the road and maybe a camp east of Highway 67? He likes the vegetation sign. There are hundreds of native plants in the area. They may want to consider putting up signs for hazards like snakes and poison oak.

Ms. Mansolf asked when the project environmental document was coming out?

Ms. Hubbard said the environmental document will go out for public review in the fall.

Ms. Hopewell asked if the lights were to be downward facing?

Mr. Quinn said that in accordance with the Dark Sky Policy, lights need to be downward facing.

Mr. Moniz said there is going to be no connection to the road from the main trail. No connection is planned.

Ms. Mansolf asked if there would be an annual pass available, should a parking fee be charged? Many people climb Mt. Woodson on a regular basis for exercise.

Mr. Quinn said an annual pass will be available.

Mr. Edwards said he is afraid people will camp in the parking lot.

Mr. Moniz said no camping will be allowed and there will be some patrolling of the site to make sure there is no camping.

Mr. Edwards asked if parking would be eliminated on Highway 67?

Ms. Hubbard said she thought no parking signs would be installed by Caltrans.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PICTURES AND CONCEPT PLAN AS PRESENTED, USING THE SECOND EXAMPLE (OF THE PHOTOS OF THE CCC'S) AND TO CHANGE THE "EAST SIDE" TO THE "WEST SIDE" OF HIGHWAY 67.

Upon motion made by Lynn Hopewell and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion passed 4-0-0-0-1, with Scotty Ensign absent.

7. Approval of Minutes of Meetings 2-2-21

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 2-2-21 AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Lynn Hopewell and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion passed 4-0-0-0-1, with Scotty Ensign absent.

8. Adjournment – 6:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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