

**County of San Diego County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES**

April 7, 2022

In Person Meeting

7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona

ITEM 1: Call to Order

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Maxson, Chair)

In Attendance:	Torry Brean	Debbie Foster	Lynn Hopewell
	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf	Robin Joy Maxson
	Elio Noyas	Dawn Perfect	Matt Rains
	Michelle Rains	Andrew Simmons	Paul Stykel (Arr. 7:10)
	Dan Summers	Kevin Wallace	

Members Absent: Scotty Ensign

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3-3-22 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Debbie Foster and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-1-2** with Casey Lynch stepping down and Scotty Ensign and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to Group on any subject matter within the Group’s jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda. (Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes)

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

“March, 2022 is the 15th anniversary of the County’s attempts to build a road between Boundary Avenue and Warnock Road, the proposed Ramona Street Extension. After 4 separate design attempts, they failed. They have not put forth a design since November 3, 2011. So the County has had its 15 years. I want to build a botanical garden on the site, and I need the next 15 years to do that unencumbered with the County’s threat of destroying the site.

Therefore, I am formally petitioning the County and this planning group to support the vacation of the 30 foot easement on the east side of my property (APN: 283-061-08) IOD Parcel No. 2008-0045-A) and the unused 15 foot of easement on the north side of the property. Every square millimeter is important to the Garden.

Recently the Supervisors voted to allocate \$4.5M to the proposed Ramona Street extension. We have been here before. In August of 2012 SANDAG voted the same amount to the project and hit a design brick wall.

Those of you who support the road extension should understand why the previous four plans failed. Remaining ignorant of the design problems isn't sufficient reason to vote for the road. Neither is holding on to the project because the Equestrian Trail alternative is undetermined. This proposed Ramona Street extension won't work. It will never work. You are just wasting your TransNet money. The amount the DPW has spent on this project was about \$1.5M with a year and a half of spending unaccounted for.

Most of you have never come out to visit the site with us so Jim Cooper and/or I could explain the many difficulties. Fixing some of these difficulties exacerbates others. No design is possible. So, for the ninth time in 15 years, I invite you to do so.”

Speaker: Francie Stepp-Bolling, Ramona Resident

Ms. Stepp-Bolling lives in the vicinity of Creelman, by the SDG&E property. Overall it is a quiet peaceful neighborhood where people can ride horses, etc. SDG&E has put in a solar farm on Creelman. She asked what construction is going on SDG&E property now? There has been grading on the hillside over Ashley to Gem. She doesn't want to see it paved. Paving was done for the access to the existing solar farm. She would like to see a trail over there and not paving.

Mr. Lynch said he thought that it was going to be a battery energy storage property. He could talk to her about this property at the end of the RCPG meeting.

Speaker: Arri Quines, Ramona Resident

Mr. Quines lives in the same area as Ms. Stepp-Bolling. No notice has been given for the work that is being done by SDG&E. He has concerns about the SDG&E road encroaching on a neighbor's property.

Ms. Stepp-Bolling said they are doing work now.

Mr. Lynch said the work being done is likely preliminary geotechnical work. SDG&E will probably have to come to the RCPG eventually. They did with the solar project.

Speaker: Denise Sothman, representing Max Buchmann

Ms. Sothman was speaking on the Dye Road Extension project. Max Buchmann was thinking of buying 1941 Dye Road property, by where the Dye Road Extension project is planned. She read the following questions on behalf of Max Buchmann:

1. How does the Ramona Planning Group (RPG) function? Does it function as a conduit to and from citizens to the County, State and Federal agencies? Can you supply negative feedback and stall or stop projects from the Department of Public Works (DPW)?

- Does RPG and DPW work as separate entities? Does the DPW need the votes of the RPG before any work is started or completed in Ramona?
2. Would or does the RPG aid in any future eminent domain, appraisal, or evaluation issues with the County of San Diego in the future? How does or will it affect a Rental Unit on property and future income? If the road is too close to the rental house, how is the compensation for future income managed? Does RPG aid in this?
 3. How can I get a better idea of what the egress from my future property will look like after the project has been completed? Will there be a wall/fence to set it apart from the road for safety?
 4. With the twelve projects listed on the on the Department of Public Works, and the Dye Road Extension Project Phase 2 listed as #12, how does it sit in the list of priorities?
 - Does it go as listed in order, or can the list be skip around?
 - Who decides this? Is this at the discretion of Ramona Planning Group, The Department of Public Works or Cal Trans?
 - Are there any other departments, people or entities that change the priority list?
 - Can this project be rejected?
 - If the Project is not completed by a certain time, is it invalid or does it have to go back for votes? What is the process?

The Chair said that an update will be given on the Ramona Street Extension project at the meeting May 5, 2022. We can also ask the County Capital Improvement Project Manager to give an update on the Dye Road Extension project at that time.

Speaker: Sue Thygesen, Ramona Resident

“Good Evening. My name is Sue Thygesen. I live on Del Amo Road.

I’m here this evening to address the traffic calming and safety issues here in Ramona. Two weeks ago, I sent a letter to the editor of the Ramona Sentinel and posted it to Ramona’s social media Facebook pages of the San Diego Country Estates Forum and the Ramona Community Forum.

I stated that most people in Ramona sadly know someone that has either been killed or seriously injured on our Ramona roads. When this occurs, our local County Roads Department is inundated with complaints that someone needs to do something with our roads. How heart-wrenching these incidents are, law enforcement incident reports rarely report the cause of the collision as “dangerous road”. They typically list the cause as distraction; speeding; driving under the influence; rage; impatience; recklessness; or just plain showing off.

Most responses to my letter/post yielded positive/sympathetic statements; however, there were numerous negative responses: I quote “what I don’t get is how someone can drive slower than the already conservative speed limit and not expect repercussions”. There were actual statements stating that it was actually slow drivers that cause these incidents. This is the mentality of many drivers here in Ramona. I cannot count the number of times I’ve seen or been a victim myself of near misses due to reckless, impatient or distracted drivers.

What brings me here tonight is that I've been reading the ideas for traffic calming proposals and the requests for public input. Sadly, it's obvious that when a road is paved smoothly and straightened, it's an invitation for these drivers to speed more freely.

Additionally, when you added the 2 necessary lanes from Dye Road onto Hwy. 67, why do the 2 lanes end so abruptly? If you need 2 lanes at the intersection – the need for the 2 lanes continues. All this abrupt end causes is a race to beat the other cars to the intersection.

How much I dislike stop signs as much as the next person, since people are not slowing down, I am in agreement with all of the proposals made with the stop sign placements on this agenda.”

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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

ITEM 7: Consent Calendar:

7-A: Ratification and Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

In order to continue the teleconferencing meeting option, when needed, the following motion was made:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION AND CONTINUANCE OF THE TELECONFERENCING MEETING OPTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Scotty Ensign absent.

ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS:

8-A: Update from San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Ramona Substation for the community of Ramona

Lt. Vengler gave an update of the Ramona Sheriff Substation rebuild. There are 2 options being considered for the rebuild. There is an open lot next to the existing substation, but it may have vernal pools. If that property is used, construction will begin in the summer of 2024 and it would probably end at the end of 2025-26. The other option is to demolish the existing Sheriff Substation complex, which consists of 2 buildings for the Sheriff, a former courthouse and HHSA. If this option is used, HSSA would move to the RICC. Deputies may then move to temporary quarters and construction will begin later.

Lt. Vengler said that Ramona is a great place to live. He took over as Lieutenant in September of 2021. Crime rates continue to be low. Crime can be prevented. Vehicle break-ins can be prevented by not leaving valuables visible.

A more tragic issue is drug use. All families are affected. If drugs are not from a pharmacist, then the drugs have fentanyl in them.

Mr. Summers asked if all Sheriff's deputies carry narcan?

Lt. Vengler said they all do, and if a family member suspects another family member of using drug, they can get narcan.

Mr. Lynch asked if cannabis can be tested for when people are pulled over for possible impaired driving?

Lt. Vengler said he hasn't seen impaired driving from marijuana.

Mr. Stykel asked if narcan helps with fentanyl?

Lt. Vengler said it does if used early. The fire department gets called. The Sheriff's can listen in to the call and can get there quicker. He can't speak to whether narcan helps with newer drugs.

Mr. Wallace asked if CPR helps?

Mr. Summers said narcan stops the narcotic from attacking the body. It is dose related. It may take a lot to treat an overdose.

Lt. Vengler said that CPR helps get blood to the brain.

Arri Quines said there are public service videos on this topic that many people are not aware of.

Lt. Vengler said the Sheriff's has information videos on this topic.

8-B: Recognition Award - Presented to Kristi Mansolf – “In sincere appreciation for your dedicated service and outstanding accomplishments.” Presented by Robin Joy Maxson, Chair

The Chair presented Ms. Mansolf with a plaque of appreciation for her work on the RCPG since 1999, when she took her seat as an RCPG member, and 2001, when she became the RCPG Secretary.

Ms. Mansolf thanked the Chair, and said it has been a great honor and privilege to serve the community for all of these many years.

8-C: STP 18-037TE, Time Extension for D Street Mixed Use Project, 327 D Street and XXX D Street, Proposal to construct 2 mixed use structures on 2 separate lots. Current Land Use Designation is Office Professional with a Use Regulation of RMV4. Originally approved in January 2019. Woodcrest REV

Simmons, CUDA

Ms. Mansolf said the project had been review and approved by the RCPG in 2018. Nothing has changed, but the permit expired during the pandemic. All that is being asked for is a time extension so the project work can be done. Because nothing had changed, the project did not go to the CUDA Subcommittee.

Ms. Hopewell said the Design Review Board reviewed and approved the time extension.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE TIME EXTENSION FOR THE D STREET MIXED USE PROJECT.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 13-0-0-1-1**, with Casey Lynch stepping down and Scotty Ensign absent.

**8-D: Waiver Request for Scenic Special Area Regulation (SR-67), New, 2,400 sq ft detached barn with ½ bathroom, 18 feet, 10-1/4 inches. APN 283-051-28-00, 19371 Susie Way
Mansolf, West Subcommittee**

Jody Martz was in attendance to present the project. They would like to build an agricultural building with a one-half bath that will be about 2,400 square feet. On the other side of their property is a granny flat with a detached garage. The building will be a block structure with stone veneer. They planted a row of oaks between the road and the existing detached garage. There will be a large garage door facing east. The long side of the building will face Hwy 67. The roof will have a decorative gable and decorative windows will face Hwy 67. The building will be 24 feet tall. The backside of the building facing north will be stucco. The building will be about 350 feet from Hwy 67. At the West Subcommittee meeting, they had thought the building would be more like 800 feet from Hwy 67, but after the meeting her husband did a recalculation and found the distance was more like 350 feet.

Ms. Mansolf gave the West Subcommittee report. The height of the building at 24 feet is measured at the midpoint of the roof. There were questions and discussion on how the building would appear from Hwy 67. The West Subcommittee voted to approve the project as presented.

The Chair said the building will not be too large and it will not be metal.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE COUNTY “S” WAIVER REQUEST AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Casey Lynch, the motion **passed 13-0-1-0-1**, with Dawn Perfect abstaining and Scotty Ensign absent.

8-E: Site Plan Exemption Permit for STP 22-005, APN 282-130-42-00, Cozy Cubs Daycare, 1721 Main Street. D and D5 Designators apply. Woodcrest REV.

Simmons, CUDA

Wade Wylie presented the preschool project, which will be at the Feghali Center. They plan to revamp the front of the building. The design will be modeled after an 1800 schoolhouse. The Design Review Board said the sign that was planned would be too large, so they made it smaller on the plans. A new dumpster will be put in as part of the project.

Mr. Simmons said this item was on the CUDA agenda, but he did not have a quorum. The people present did not have a problem with the project.

Speaker: Casey Lynch, Ramona Resident

Mr. Lynch said he is recusing himself from the vote for this project. He feels the project will help with the blight on Main Street, and he feels it is a good project.

Mr. Brean asked about parking access?

Mr. Wylie said parking will be on both sides of the building. There will be 2 access points to/from Main Street that will both be one way. One access point will enter the property and the other will exit the property.

The Chair asked what the timeframe was for the project?

Mr. Wylie said it will take about 2 months to get the project through the County review process and then work will begin.

Ms. Perfect asked how tall the building will be?

Mr. Wylie said they are complying with the Form Based Code with the exception of the bell tower.

Ms. Perfect asked if there would be a cell tower on the building?

Mr. Wylie said no.

Ms. Hopewell said the Design Review Board approved the project with the size of the sign to conform to the Form Based Code.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Andrew Simmons, the motion **passed 12-0-1-1-1**, with Kevin Wallace voting no, Casey Lynch stepping down and Scotty Ensign absent.

8-F: Minor Use Permit Modification PDS2022-MUP-08-012W1, ATC Rancho Santa Teresa, 24709 Sutherland Dr, 40 foot mono broadleaf faux tree – permit expired – renewing permit and rebranching faux tree.

Hopewell, East Subcommittee

Jill Cleveland presented the project for American Tower. Ms. Cleveland said the facility is an existing faux broadleaf tree. There are two broadleaf trees on the property, and the one renewing is for Verizon.. American Tower manages the pole for Verizon and they say the facility needs rebranching. No changes are proposed, just replacing the tree so it looks like what was there originally. The tree is 40 feet to the top of branching and the pole is 35 feet tall. There is an existing concrete enclosure on the property which will remain as it.

Ms. Hopewell gave the East Subcommittee report. The East Subcommittee voted to approve the project.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE RANCHO SANTA TERESA CELL SITE PERMIT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 13-0-0-1-1**, with Casey Lynch stepping down and Scotty Ensign absent.

8-G: Presentation by Kathleen Beck and Dave Hogan, Chaparral Lands Conservancy, on a campaign to establish a new 480,000-acre National Monument ranging from the Mexican border to Palomar Mountain. It will include federal lands only – BLM and National Forest. Support is being sought for this proposal.

Dave Hogan, of the Chaparral Lands Conservancy, made the presentation. The organization is proposing to create the Pacific Crest National Monument, which will help to sustain communities within its rural character and enhance recreation and access to nature, protect plant and animal habitats, and protect Native American tribal cultural uses and places. They want to maintain public sustainability on these lands. He is not looking for a vote, but for feedback.

A National Monument will attract people and manage resources. The proposal will not affect private property. The 1906 Antiquities Act would give legal authority to establish a monument. Some National Monuments include the Santa Rosa and the San Jacinto mountains, Joshua Tree National Monument, the Grand Canyon and Death Valley. The act provides protection for cultural and natural resources. It prevents future developments that could hurt the monument.

A National Monument will bring in more resources for better management. The National Monument will include Palomar Mountain and Mt. Laguna, desert vistas, the San Diego River headwaters and the Descanso Ranger District. This area has a California mediterranean climate ecosystem, and is the most southern portion of the Pacific Crest Trail that goes through California, Oregon and Washington, from Mexico to Canada and it runs through the proposed National Monument.

The habitat within the proposed National Monument is part of 36 global, biodiversity hot spots in California. San Diego County is home to more endangered species than any other county in the continental U.S.

The gateway communities of Julian, Descanso and Alpine are all in or border the National Monument. Ramona itself is not included in the National Monument, but the trail access to Cedar Creek Falls, to 3 Sisters Falls and Eagle Peak are all included.

There are many tribes in the area, and they are reaching out to tribes for feedback.

Once a monument is designated, a management plan will be developed over a 3 to 5 year period, that would cover topics such as proposed fee stations or fire prevention strategies. More resources would be added to help manage the land.

The Chair asked about a fee based entrance? Devils Postpile National Monument charges visitors to see the rock formations.

Mr. Hogan said there may be a day pass.

Ms. Perfect about the roads and road maintenance? How will the National Monument benefit us?

Mr. Hogan said existing roads will be maintained. There will be no new roads. As far as benefits, there will be more resources and better management.

Ms. Perfect asked if we would get a business-like interface with tourists? Will a trailhead be developed? Will restrooms be installed?

Mr. Hogan said there can still be a business like interface with tourists. A trailhead could be developed with restrooms installed.

Mr. Stykel feels this proposal is like a vernal pool land grab, which he can't support. Any type of development in the future will be stopped.

Mr. Brean asked if grandfathered uses such as shooting on BLM land and ATV off roading will still continue?

Mr. Hogan said grandfathered uses will continue.

Mr. Brean asked why do they want a National Monument designation and not a National Park designation?

Mr. Hogan said it is to grandfather activities in. A National Monument designation allows existing uses such as hiking, hunting, etc., to be grandfathered in. He lives in Mt. Laguna. People camp and have campfires and roadside fires. A Monument won't interfere with defensible space already mapped.

Ms. Foster said she is concerned that land within the National Monument will never change.

Mr. Hogan said that was correct.

Ms. Foster said a road will never be able to be cut through the area.

Mr. Hogan said her grandchildren will be able to see the land the way it is now.

Mr. Summers said that Darrell Beck wrote a newsletter and he kept track of the environmental movement. National Monuments are put in place all over America. There are an enormous amount across the U.S. By the time they are all in place, it is no longer America. What is the benefit here? To take the population from the backcountry and move it to the city? He is concerned the goal is to keep people out of these areas.

The Chair said a National Monument will prevent wind turbine placement on Monument land. The wind turbine locations may get squeezed closer toward Ramona as less land is available for this renewable energy

Mr. Hogan thanked the RCPG for having him , listening to his presentation, and for their feedback. He will be back at a future date.

8-H: SDCE Traffic Calming Measures (Zone 3 Discussion).

8-H-1: Review any available updates from the County on San Vicente Road, Arena Drive to Gunn Stage

Mr. Rains said San Vicente Road from Arena Drive to Gunn Stage at the San Diego Country Estates was not discussed at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting.

8-H-2: Request a review of changes to Zone 1 and figure out if the changes are making a difference in overall speed. (Not discussed)

8-H-3: Review and collect data for following intersections:

- a. Vista Ramona Road and Arena Way (all way stop)
- b. Vista Ramona Road and Sargeant Road (all way stop)
- c. Del Amo Road and Arena Drive (all way stop)
- d. Arena Way and Open View Drive (all way stop)
- e. Arena Way and Arena Drive (all way stop)
- f. Arena Way and Gunn Stage Road (all way stop and crosswalks)

Rains, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee

Mr. Rains said the list of stop signs presented to the RCPG from the County was reviewed at the meeting. The stop signs were approved at the Transportation/Trails meeting to be sent to the County. He reminded everyone that when the San Diego Country Estates was first established, it was planned to be a retirement community. The stop signs are a package deal.

A speaker from the audience, Denise Hazlit, said that by a school in the San Diego Country Estates, there was a person who helped children to cross the road after school, functioning as a

crossing guard, and she has been told she can no longer help, and there is no crossing guard there before and after school to help the children cross the road.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ALL WAY STOP SIGNS AT DESIGNATED INTERSECTIONS (a through f above), AS PRESENTED BY RAUL ALVARADO III OF THE COUNTY (AT THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING).

(Discussion on the motion)

Mr. Lynch said that we need to remember that there is an overall threat here, and people have died on these roads. We need to step up and do something to keep this traffic calming effort moving forward. He has no problem with the stop signs. We can't change human behavior, and stop signs will make the neighborhood much safer.

Mr. Stykel said he is not a proponent for stop signs. This is not our purview. We haven't seen any accident data. Just because a street intersection is on a list for a stop sign, we haven't seen the data and we don't know if this will fix something that was not done right. If we approve the stop signs, then maybe we will get more. He doesn't see where this will end.

Ms. Rains said she doesn't want to see more people get hurt.

Ms. Perfect said she would like to see each stop sign evaluated individually. Installing these stop signs makes no sense. There is no data to support these stop signs. She had asked for the data a couple of months ago and still we don't have it. She won't support the stop signs.

Mr. Brean said he is in favor of all of the stop signs except Vista Ramona Road and Arena Way. He would like to see that one pulled out. This is absolutely our purview. These recommendations came from Traffic Engineering. This is our job. He would like to see Vista Ramona off the list – otherwise he is in favor of the stop signs.

Mr. Stykle asked Lt. Vengler for his opinion of the stop signs in SDCE?

Lt. Vengler said this would fall under the CHP purview and he has no data.

Mr. Lynch said that sometimes accidents are caused by site distance issues and sometimes accidents are caused by speed. A stop sign may not be effective at Vista Ramona and Arena Way. The stop signs will be better for circulation. We can pull one back and support the others. It is okay to amend the list.

The Chair asked Mr. Rains if he wanted to amend the motion?

Mr. Rains said he supports the decisions made by Traffic Engineering.

Ms. Foster appreciates Mr. Rains and the traffic calming discussion. She supports a stop sign at Vista Road and Arena Way. She doesn't trust that people will always stop – people go fast right there. She really appreciates the hard work.

Mr. Summers said the stop signs are an asset to traffic calming and we are relying on Traffic Engineering to determine traffic calming measures. He supports all 6 stop signs.

The Chair said there were 2000 signatures on a petition asking us for our help in this matter. SDCE residents reached out to us to help calm traffic.

(Voting on the motion)

Upon motion made by Matt Rains and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 10-4-0-0-1**, with Dawn Perfect, Andrew Simmons, Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace voting no, and Scotty Ensign absent.

Mr. Noyas asked about crossing guards at the schools in the San Diego Country Estates?

Mr. Lynch said crossing guards are typically wearing an orange vest while working as a crossing guard.

Mr. Noyas asked about the Safe Routes to School Program and whether or not Ramona has tried to get funding through this program?

Ms. Perfect said Ramona has not been successful getting funding through this program.

ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS (Possible Action)

9-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Mr. Rains said that a discussion of San Vicente Road from Arena Drive to Gunn Stage at the San Diego Country Estates, will be on the next Transportation/Trails agenda.

Mr. Summers said that Maya Phillips was voted on as a member to the Ramona School Board.

Mr. Summers announced that on March 21, both fire engines at Station 81 and 82 had 3 people on them.

Mr. Brean attended a Sustainable Land Use Framework Meeting. Multi faceted developments aren't really considered, while access to transportation and job centers is being looked at. The meeting looked at what this program could mean for different areas in the region. Sustainable development was discussed, and what sustainable development means for the county in our individual regions. When offered an opportunity for feedback, Mr. Brean replied that sustainability for Ramona would be about balance in relationship to our existing very high housing stock. Ramona has relatively high housing in relationship to access to services, jobs, and transportation.

The Chair said SANDAG is starting a new pilot program, where beginning May 1, anyone 18 and under will be able to ride the bus, Trolley, COASTER, and SPRINTER for free through the new SANDAG Youth Opportunity Pass pilot program. Eligible riders will need a Youth

PRONTO app account or card to participate in the program. The Youth Opportunity Pass program is the first of its kind in the San Diego region.

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

Ms. Hopewell gave the Design Review Board report in Mr. Ensign's absence. In addition to the other items discussed this evening that had Design Review Board input, the T Mobile sign, previously approved, asked to change from a white sign to a black sign, and the change was approved.

Barb Roberson is the liaison with Code Enforcement. They had lost their contact at the County and now have a new one. They are hoping things will start moving forward again.

9-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

9-C-1: Concerns from Members

The Chair said a concern had been brought up that a wet signature is required for Form 700 and that the form could not be filed electronically, while other agencies will accept digital signatures on their Form 700's. The County is looking at Form 700 to see if it could be filed electronically. Other groups will have the opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Mr. Stykel said he emailed his Form 700 to the Registrar of Voters with a digital signature

The Chair said that a concern has come up with projects being sent out from the County and there is a question on whether the projects are for review by the RCPG or the Ramona Design Review Board. If the projects are for review by both groups, there was some discussion on whether or not there should be a joint meeting to review them.

Mr. Lynch said that when the Form Based Code was being reviewed, there were a couple of joint meetings between the RCPG and the Design Review Board. Currently, some site plan project waivers are sent out for RCPG review and some are sent out for Design Review Board review.

Ms. Mansolf said that projects/properties with the "B" Designator over them go to the Design Review Board, and projects/properties with the "D" Designator over them go to the RCPG. Some have both the "B" and "D" Designator, and so they are sent to both groups. Projects/properties with the "S" Designator over them sometimes are sent to both the Design Review Board and the RCPG, or they may be sent to just one of the groups.

Ms. Foster has a concern about the homeless people at the vacant K Mart property in Ramona. The K Mart property is a disaster. She also has concerns about the condition of McDonalds. Nothing has been done since the fire and it looks like a mess with the blue tarp.

Ms. Perfect brought up the white building across Main Street from McDonalds that is also looking unmanaged/unkept and has graffiti on it.

The Chair said that Supervisor Anderson's office is looking into the vernal pool issue and the potential to develop along Main Street

9-C-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

The Chair said that Jim Bolz from the County Capital Improvement Project Program would like to make a presentation on the Ramona Street Extension project, at the May 5 meeting. We can ask him to also give us an update on the Dye Road Extension project, at that time.

9-C-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members

No new subcommittee members were brought forward.

Ms. Hopewell said she resigned from the 3rd Ambulance ad hoc.

9-D: Meeting Updates

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

The Traffic Advisory Committee agenda went out for the March 11, 2022, meeting, and there were no Ramona items on the agenda.

No additional information was brought forward relating to Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings.

**9-D-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 5-5-22,
Location/Format to be Determined**

The Chair said the next RCPG meeting will most likely be held at the Ramona Library.

ITEM 10: 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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