

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

**May 5, 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:	Scotty Ensign	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Elio Noyas	Dawn Perfect
	Michelle Rains	Paul Stykel	Dan Summers
	Kevin Wallace		

Members Absent: Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains, Andrew Simmons

**ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4-7-22 (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5** with Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons 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: Jim Quinn, Ramona Resident

Mr. Quinn received a notice from the County regarding the Oaks and an easement being vacated on the property. He has used the road for years, as have other families, and he doesn’t understand how the road could be vacated as everyone using it has been granted the right to use it. The map and the information the County sent is very unclear over what is going to be occurring on the property in the future.

Speaker: Michael Hayes, Ramona Resident

Mr. Hayes received the same notice. The notice from the County said the item would be on tonight’s RCPG agenda. The information was very unclear on the notice.

Speaker: Michael McNulty, Ramona Resident

Mr. McNulty had the same concerns as Mr. Hayes and Mr. Quinn about the same property.

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG has not received project information from the County on this issue. She will follow up with the County and see about getting the project information.

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

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

Upon motion made by Michelle Rains and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5** with Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons 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 Dawn Perfect and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5** with Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons absent.

**ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS**

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

Lieutenant Vengler talked about the danger on trails and being prepared when going hiking. The most rescues occur at Cedar Creek Falls. He cautioned about taking dogs down there, especially in the summer.

Lieutenant Vengler said there is a curfew in place from 10 pm to 5 am for those under 18.

Mr. Ensign asked if there were any changes with having the cannabis dispensaries within the community? Is there more crime?

Lieutenant Vengler said there 3 dispensaries in Ramona and the Sheriff's Department hasn't seen any changes in crime related to the dispensaries.

Mr. Ensign asked if there has been more crime in Ramona overall recently?

Lieutenant Vengler said no, and that some of the people living in the river beds are usually a nexus to drugs and alcohol, but they haven't seen more crime overall recently.

Mr. Summers said there was a shooting and burglary in the vicinity of a dispensary.

Lieutenant Vengler said the murder Mr. Summers is talking about happened next door to a dispensary. He wasn't aware of a murder at a dispensary.

Mr. Ensign said there was a burglary at one of the dispensaries.

**8-B: Introduction of Junior Ramona Chamber of Commerce by Amber Ramirez, Farmers Insurance**

Amber Ramirez, liaison to the Junior Ramona Chamber of Commerce, introduced members of the Junior Ramona Chamber of Commerce. The members are hoping to learn more about Ramona and businesses in Ramona and are attending meetings of various community groups.

**8-C: TPM 21299, 3 Residential/Subdivision Lots Proposed. Scope of work is to subdivide a 4.22 acre lot into 3 parcels. All existing structures will remain and a pad with a driveway will be constructed on Parcel 2. The 2 existing houses will be accessed by 2 proposed separate driveways. 1512 Walnut Street.  
Mansolf, West Subcommittee**

Ms. Mansolf said the project representative at the West Subcommittee meeting was unable to make the meeting tonight, and she found out right before the meeting. She will be in touch with the applicant to coordinate their attendance at the June 2 meeting.

The Chair said the item will be postponed until next month.

**8-D: Presentation by Billy Moore and Terence Shigg of ANY BODY CAN on potential development of a Ramona-based Youth Program. ABC is seeking Community Planning Group support on the concept of this program for our community.**

Billy Moore began the presentation. The Any Body Can project was started in 1957 by boxing champion Archie Moore. It is a prevention program that provides a positive alternative to drugs and gang violence in some communities. They are planning to do a boxing show at Ramona High on June 11. Archie Moore owned 100 acres by Mt. Woodson at one time. He always wanted to come back to Ramona. There was a training camp on Salt Mine Road in the 1960's, and Archie Moore trained professional boxers such as Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) there. Archie Moore wanted to start a youth organization in Ramona. Any Body Can teaches youth to put their best foot forward.

Mr. Shigg said he grew up in Los Angeles and he stayed out of trouble by playing sports as he grew up. He had suggested the June 11 boxing event in Ramona to introduce Ramona to the Any Body Can youth sports program. There are 2 Any Body Can sports program locations locally, one in San Diego and one at Liberty Station. They can charge a small fee for the program, but if someone can't afford the fee, they are welcome to just come, as part of the

community – part of a family. Mr. Shigg said that as part of the program, they would create a youth mentoring and tutoring program in Ramona. They would help students with schoolwork, offer mentoring and counseling services, and provide families with food boxes and school supplies.

Mr. Summers said Archie Moore had a peek-a-boo style of fighting. Mr. Summers' dad was a professional fighter, and he brought Mr. Summers to the training camp on Salt Mine Road. His father boxed with Archie Moore.

Mr. Ensign asked how Any Body Can will facilitate promoting educational services in Ramona?

Mr. Shigg said they start a wrap around program at schools and offer physical fitness, chess, tutoring in math, reading comprehension and creative writing. This is what they have been doing with the San Diego Unified School District. They would like to partner with the Ramona Unified School District. One example of the success of the program is a young lady who went through the program and grew up in the hood, graduated in 2016 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

The Chair said that we can support development of the program.

Ms. Rains said that she would support the youth program. It sounds great.

Mr. Lynch said we can write a letter to Supervisor Anderson and maybe the Supervisor can step in as they may have discretionary funds. We can write a letter and ask Supervisor Anderson to possibly help support the program with some financial assistance.

There was some discussion on having a statue of Archie Moore placed in Ramona.

Mr. Moore said that someone in Houston, Texas, once suggested having a statue of Archie Moore. Currently there is no statue of Archie Moore in San Diego.

**MOTION: THE RCPG TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO SUPERVISOR ANDERSON REGARDING ANY BODY CAN'S CONCEPT OF DEVELOPING A YOUTH PROGRAM IN RAMONA.**

Upon motion made by Michelle Rains and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5** with Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons absent.

**8-E: Where the County budget stands and how it affects our PLDO projects going forward.  
Wallace, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee**

Mr. Wallace said Emily Hubbard is taking over for Marcus Lubich at County Parks. She met with the RCPG Parks and Recreation over the phone to update them on PLDO projects. The RMWD will take over stewardship of Wellfield Park. County Parks is funding the lighting and the scoreboard projects with PLDO funds. The RCPG Parks and Recreation Subcommittee are open to, and welcome ideas. They have heard some people want to expand some of the park amenities that are there, like disc golf. The frisbee pits are popular, too.

Ms. Perfect said the Board of Supervisors approved \$900,000 for the sports field lighting and scoreboard projects. These will be put out for a public bid. These projects were first proposed in 2013.

Mr. Lynch asked how much was approved by us for the projects?

Ms. Perfect said she thought about \$700,000 was approved. The balance of PLDO funds is \$2.1 million. \$900,000 will come out for the LED scoreboards and sports field lighting.

Mr. Lynch said the Cumming Ranch project is getting close to approval. There will be PLDO money from that project.

**8-F: Monthly update from Marvin Canton**

**8-F-1: Progress on EIR on SVC project**

Mr. Summers said Marvin Canton is in charge of the San Vicente Corridor project. The EIR is well underway. The longest part of the project is working with people affected by the project and obtaining their cooperation.

**8-F-2: Progress on repaving SR 67 with conduit**

Mr. Summers said the repaving on SR 67 will be a major paving project. The entire road will be repaved from Maplevue in Lakeside to past 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Ramona, and it will be like a new road. The contractor plans to start work in June. The contractor will determine where to start on the road. As part of the project, a conduit will be put in so 5G can be installed in the future. Work will be primarily done at night.

**8-F-3: Report on Mina De Oro shoulder widening**

The contractor had a problem getting staffing for the project initially, and the project was off to a slow start. The project is a road improvement of 1/2 mile by Mina de Oro, on the south side of the road.

**8-F-4: Report on Clean California projects including crosswalks, parking spaces, signal light enhancements**

Mr. Summers said the paving has been completed in downtown. Parking spaces have been added. Cross walks are coming. This is a traffic calming and safety enhancement project. The intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Main will have a bright yellow outline on the fixture as a signal light enhancement.

**8-F-5: Signage for Mt. Woodson Hiking Trail  
Summers, Ramona State Routes**

Mr. Summers said there is a concern about the signage at Mt. Woodson. Right now there is no effective signage. Mr. Canton says the signage for the trail will go in when the parking lot goes in. They feel is not acceptable to have to wait for the signage and would like at least temporary signage installed ASAP.

Mr. Lynch said this is like controlled chaos. Temporary signage will take away the need for the parking lot. The attempt to get a parking lot started 6 years ago. He would hate the signage issue to distract from the other goal. He would like to hear from the neighbors on this.

Mr. Stykel doesn't know about the need for signs. People who go there just follow the others going up the mountain.

The Chair said this item came up so we could ask Caltrans to put in directional signage. It is more of a general request. People come around the corner and they don't know they are at Mt. Woodson. It would good to have something on the road that people would see ahead of time and even when they get there.

Ms. Mansolf said that there was a sign that was about 8 feet wide and 7 or 8 feet tall at Mt. Woodson, before Mt. Woodson Road when heading south on Highway 67. It was there for at least 30 years, and then someone hit and broke one of the sign posts, and the sign was hanging. The sign only said 'Mt. Woodson.' That sign could be replaced and Caltrans would not have to take it down after the parking lot goes in, as they would with temporary signage, because it would be replacing the former monument sign for Mt. Woodson, the tallest mountain in the immediate area.

Mr. Ensign asked if there was any response from the County on this?

Ms. Mansolf said that the County will not be installing directional signage along the road. That is Caltrans' responsibility, according to the County.

Mr. Summers said signs would eliminate confusion. A large number of people come here who are not familiar with the road. The County of San Diego, the City of San Diego, the City of Poway and the community of Ramona all had to agree to put in the parking lot. He doesn't feel the addition of signage will make things worse than they are now.

Mr. Lynch said there is a large sign for letting people know where Iron Mountain is on Highway 67.

The Chair said we will keep the pressure on Supervisor Anderson for this project.

**MOTION: THE RCPG WRITE A LETTER TO CALTRANS REQUESTING DIRECTIONAL TRAILHEAD SIGNAGE TO BE INSTALLED ASAP AT MT. WOODSON.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Michelle Rains, the motion **failed 4-4-2-0-5**, with Scotty Ensign, Casey Lynch, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace voting no, Kristi Mansolf and Elio Noyas abstaining, and Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons absent.

**8-G: Public safety concern regarding the intersection of Mussey Grade Road and SR 67  
Summers, Ramona State Routes**

Mr. Summers said that a Mussey Grade resident came forward to talk about the condition of Highway 67 where it connects to Mussey Grade Road. The paint and pavement has worn away. There was some discussion about having a stoplight at that intersection. Mr. Summers said that Mr. Canton said they will repaint and repave where Highway 67 connects to Mussey Grade. A stoplight is years away.

Mr. Lynch said it is hard to pull a horse trailer over that segment of Highway 67.

**8-H: Selection of one member of the RCPG to be appointed to a newly formed standing Subcommittee of the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) Fire Advisory Board. The Subcommittee will be responsible for hearing local concerns specific to fire services in the area comprising the Ramona Municipal Water District and work with County staff to develop and propose solutions to the Fire Advisory Board. The Subcommittee will meet on an as-needed basis and become effective upon the transfer of fire protection and emergency medical services to the SDCFPD. Upon formation, the Subcommittee will be comprised of one representative from each of three community agencies: Water District, Fire Safe Council, Planning Group.**

The Chair said there will be a standing subcommittee for the San Diego County Fire Protection District Fire Advisory Board, that will provide some oversight after the transfer of fire protection and emergency medical services to the SDCFPD. Representatives on the board will include someone from the RMWD, the Fire Safe Council in Ramona, and the RCPG. We have been asked to select someone from the RCPG to work on this committee. She would like to

recommend that Dan Summers be appointed/selected to represent the RCPG on the new standing subcommittee of the SDCFPD.

**MOTION: TO APPOINT DAN SUMMERS TO THE STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Elio Noyas, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5** with Torry Brean , Debbie Foster, Lynn Hopewell, Matt Rains and Andrew Simmons absent.

**ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS (Possible Action)**  
**9-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. From Conor McGee: Code Compliance Grading Program received complaints about the asphalt on 3/24 and verified violations of the County Grading Ordinance that same day. Since informing the property owner they have hired a civil engineer with the aim to develop the two parcels with single family homes. The material was brought on site for use as a driveway base.

In reviewing these parcels our staff noted they are “potential vernal pool” properties. At this time we have informed the property owner not to continue any work on the site to prevent damage to the vernal pools. We are also advising that the property owner will need to complete a biological assessment of the property to verify the existing of vernal pools. Once the assessment is complete Code Compliance will work with the property owner on next steps to resolve the violation.

We have requested stormwater BMPs be placed on the property to help keep the piles in place and avoid any further impacts from the activity.

2. County is developing a Broadband Strategy to address insufficient high speed internet in the unincorporated communities. The County is working with Community Planning Group Chairs for information and feedback related to insufficient internet.

3. DPW sent a Road Resurfacing Update and this was emailed to RCPG members. The update has good information on all County roads and I encourage sharing this with anyone when questions on road resurfacing status arise.

4. On April 13th Supervisor Anderson met with the Community Planning Group Chairs to discuss the upcoming Socially Equitable Cannabis Program taxation structure. There are two structures: General Tax and Special Tax. A General Tax structure would allow tax money collected from the legal cannabis facilities, of which 5 are in the unincorporated communities, to be available for all county cities. A Special Tax structure would keep the tax money in the unincorporated area. As we are being requested to provide a response or Planning Group comments on this issue to the Supervisor before the June BOS meeting - Chair is requesting that the Cannabis Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee meet before our June RCPG meeting to review the information and formulate a potential response for the RCPG to take action on in June. Also, the



Chairs have received an invitation by the Licensed Cannabis Facilities to tour a facility. Chair will be touring a facility on May 24th. Invitation to tour a facility has been extended to the Ad Hoc Chair, too.

5. Supervisor Anderson's office reached out to Chairs to find community partners to work on Computer Labs for Kids potential Grant. Supervisor is looking for community partners such as a Boys and Girls Club or Scouts that would be able to house a Computer Lab. This would be Computer Lab access in addition to what the schools and library provide. If anyone has any ideas to share with the Supervisor's office, please contact Maggie Sleeper.

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

Mr. Ensign said the Design Review Board had a small meeting. A smoothie shop representative came in to fix the problems with their shop.

Barb Roberson is working with County Code Enforcement on the DRB problem list. Ms. Roberson is not ready to update the list yet.

### **9-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

#### **9-C-1: Concerns from Members**

Mr. Lynch has concerns about the blue tarps along Main Street, where people are camping. He said it is time to look at the Form Based Code for updating.

Mr. Summers brought up Mr. Brennecke's recent correspondence where he talks about how to determine a majority vote. For a 15 member board, a majority vote is 8 votes. On the face, this doesn't seem equitable if 5 members are absent. He thinks this is unfair and he would like it to be added to the next agenda.

The Chair said that we don't set policy. We follow policy.

Mr. Summers said the policy is unfair. He is uncomfortable with it. It doesn't make it right.

Mr. Lynch said it is unfair that the people are not represented by 15 people. That is why it is important to come to the meetings.

Ms. Mansolf said that when she got on the RCPG, subcommittees were allowed to have a simple majority – or a majority of those present – to pass a vote. Then this changed, and subcommittees had to follow the same guidelines as the RCPG.

The Chair said to put this item on the next agenda.

#### **9-C-2: Future Agenda Item Requests**

The Chair said the subdivision on Walnut Street will be on the next agenda.

**9-C-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members  
(None brought forward)**

**9-D: Meeting Updates**

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

The Chair made the following announcements:

At the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting of May 10th, the Board will be reviewing the move in property tax for Fire Service from the Water District to the County as the Fire Service will now be managed by County.

At the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting of May 11th, the Board will be setting a hearing date of June 15th to review/approve the acquisition of 228 acres of open space land that will be added to the existing 3,600 acre Ramona Grasslands County Preserve. The County will be paying \$640,000 for the land. There may be potential trail access on this 228 acre addition.

**9-D-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 6-2-22,  
Location/Format to be Determined**

**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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