

**County of San Diego**  
**Ramona Community Planning Group**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 3, 2022**  
*Meeting was In Person*  
**Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona**

**ITEM 1: Call to Order**

**ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM 3: 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
Andrew Simmons	Paul Stykel (Arr 7:10)	Dan Summers

Members Absent: Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Kevin Wallace

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 for the meeting.

**ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10-6-22 (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2022, MEETING, AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Andrew Simmons and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 10-0-1-0-4**, with Lynn Hopewell abstaining and Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace 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: Randy Withrow, Ramona Resident

At the last RCPG meeting on October 6, Mr. Withrow made several points in voicing his opposition to closure of the left turn lane at Arena Dr and San Vicente and extension of the raised median. One of the points made was that the change would cause a delay in emergency vehicle response time to neighborhoods and households currently served by the left turn lane. After Mr. Withrow had finished speaking, a member of the RCPG said that as long as the new raised median has a rolled curb, emergency vehicles could still cross over the median to make the left turn. Mr. Withrow subsequently contacted three emergency responders in and outside of Ramona to confirm whether they would drive over a raised median with a rolled curb. By the

way, the information Mr. Withrow is providing tonight applies not only to a raised median extension on San Vicente at Arena Dr, but to all raised medians throughout our area. It turned out that all three responders, including a Fire Brigade chief, a SD sheriff Dept sargeant from the Ramona Sheriff sub-station and a Fire Station Engineer at a fire station in the Estates area said they WOULD NOT drive across a raised median, regardless of if it had a rolled curb or otherwise, with the following explanations: 1) Crossing over any raised median is against department policy 2) Many emergency vehicles have low slung equipment mounted beneath the vehicle, which could be damaged by crossing a raised median. 3) A raised median itself can be damaged by being crossed, particularly by heavier emergency vehicles such as large fire trucks. 4) Sheriff's deputies are personally liable for damage to their vehicles while responding to emergencies, and therefore personally avoid crossing a raised median. 5) Emergency responders will not risk crossing raised medians against oncoming traffic (such is the case at Arena Drive and San Vicente). 6) Raised medians containing soil that supports plants, grass or other vegetation can become soft and muddy after a period of rain, causing emergency vehicles to bog down and get stuck. If any RCPG members would like to contact Mr. Withrow for the names and contact info of the emergency responders he spoke to, please get his email address from Kristi Mansolf. Mr. Withrow thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the RCPG.

Speaker: Crystal Harris, Ramona Resident

Ms. Harris asked what the problem was with making a left turn onto San Vicente?

The Chair said that because this item is not on the agenda, we can't respond to her question. We can only provide information.

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

**MOTION: TO MOVE UP ITEM H, PRESENTATION BY COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ON DECORATIVE COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION SIGNS.**

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace 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 Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS:**

**8-H: Presentation by County of San Diego on Decorative Community Identification Signs - Demand Assessment & Implementation - Expansion of the Regionwide Community Identification Signs program (*Taken out of Order – moved up to before Item 8-A*)**

Kenton Jones of County Traffic Engineering made the presentation. At a recent chairpersons' meeting, a presentation was made to community group chairs about the expansion of the sign program at the County. Today many communities utilize standard small white-on-green roadside signs to demark the entrances to communities along County-maintained roads. Now as an option, there is an existing program where community applicants can completely self-fund the design, construction, and maintenance of much larger ground-mounted or street-spanning signs. The County is embarking on a regionwide community outreach to present implementation and funding options back to the Board regarding expanding the program. A document was provided to the Ramona CPG showing communities within Ramona. Mr. Jones would like feedback on the document. Is it accurate?

Some communities have already created decorative community signs within their communities. Some have formed non-profits specifically for this purpose. Ramona has a great decorative community identification sign at the Highland Valley/SR 67 intersection, and Ramona would also like a sign within the Town Center. Signs can be ground mounted or street spanning.

Funding options include the current applicant funded program with a fee waiver. Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants can be obtained with the utilization of matching funds, and community funding can also be used. For the sign costs:

County Total Cost per sign: \$165,000-\$590,000  
County Maintenance per sign: \$500 - \$5,000 per year

The Chair said to add this item to the next agenda and to include the community list.

Mr. Lynch said there is a non profit in Ramona that is working on a street spanning monument sign.

Mr. Jones said that this is a new program that will help communities to reach their goals by providing funding and maintenance. It is important to get community comments back to the Board.

Mr. Ensign said Mr. Piva made a presentation to the Ramona Design Review Board and he got a lot of good feedback.

Mr. Jones said Lakeside talked about getting a monument sign. They got an architect to do the drawing. They had to do a site plan as the first step.

The Chair said that Jim Piva is far into the design process. Staff level meetings were the next step. The staff level meetings happened and now the non profit is far along into the process. Caltrans is looking for Clean California Funding for the project.

Mr. Jones said it sounds as though the State is involved. The County can help even if the sign will be over the State highway.

The Chair said Mr. Piva has looked into taking on the maintenance of the sign and the insurance.

Speaker: Stephanie Norvell, Ramona Resident

Ms. Norvell is part of the non profit working on the monument sign in Ramona. She said the project is moving forward. Caltrans is allowing the sign over the State highway. The State has grant money and the County has grant money for the monument signs.

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

Lt. Vengler said that the Ramona Sheriff's had a fantastic turnout for the Merchant's Trick or Treat event on Halloween, Monday, October 31.

Mr. Noyas asked Lt. Vengler if he were aware of a recent shooting in Ramona?

Lt. Vengler said someone was injured recently; however, there were no gun shots.

**8-B: ZAP 22-006. The proposed project would be a request for a Minor Use Permit to construct 39 megawatts (MW) / 78 megawatt hours (MWH) of battery energy storage located on approximately 1.70 acres at the southwest corner of an 11-acre property on the north side of Creelman Ln between Ashley and Keyes. The property has a single-family residence. The proposed project would include 32.2-foot long, 5.6-foot wide, and 8.7-foot-tall battery storage containers on individual concrete equipment pads, approximately 5-feet apart, and would connect to the substation on the south side of Creelman Lane via underground lines. Review of the Scoping Letter Noyas, South Subcommittee**

Skyler Tennis provided some of the details of the scoping letter requirements. They don't know yet if the proposed project would develop structures within a 100 year flood hazard area and if the structures would get in the way of or change flood flows. Utility undergrounding will be required for distribution of overhead poles onsite and adjacent to the project property in the public right of way. An undergrounding of utility waiver request may be considered, but this would require Board of Supervisor approval. There is a planned trail pathway (#12 – Dye Road Pathway) on the project's frontage along Creelman, so the project will be required to install the trail pathway fronting the parcel. The plot plan needs to be updated to show existing and

proposed septic systems or water wells and whether or not they will be retained or demolished. Other similar aspects of the plot plan also need to be updated.

Speaker: Bob Romeo, Ramona Resident

Mr. Romeo asked if an evacuation route turn around would be included as part of the project and if there would be a water main for the building? The property is in the floodplain and the battery storage project will create a fire hazard in the area.

Mr. Tennis said the County is requesting them to pave in front of the project.

Mr. Romeo said the road is a non mobility element road. Mr. Romeo asked if EnerSmart will be asking for an exception to the 40' road requirement per item 1-5 of the scoping letter?

Mr. Tennis said that his company would not be asking for an exception.

Mr. Romeo said the road is a dead end road. The residents need a place to turn around. The residents need a road to use for evacuation. He also has concerns with large trucks being on the road. Creelman was on the top 10 road list previously.

Speaker: Francie Stepp-Bolling, Ramona Resident

Ms. Stepp-Bolling said she enjoys walking on the road now. If it gets paved, people will drive too fast. If the road is paved in front of the project, she would like to see the pathway put in. She has no objection to the project.

Mr. Noyas said no action was taken at the South Subcommittee meeting. There were questions asked and comments made.

There was discussion on sending the South Subcommittee draft minutes to the County.

**MOTION: TO SEND (DRAFT) SOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES TO THE COUNTY.**

***(Discussion on the motion)***

Mr. Stykel said he doesn't see what sending the draft south subcommittee minutes to the County will do.

Mr. Lynch said we will be sending feedback to the County.

Mr. Brean asked if the proponent had a response to the scoping letter?

Mr. Tennis said he talked to SDG&E about undergrounding the utilities and also had a meeting with the County on this issue. They also talked with the County about paving the road at the meeting.

Mr. Brean asked about ongoing maintenance?

Mr. Tennis said that establishing the project will require a very large crane to put in the battery storage units. Everything will be very modular. The crane will be out there about a week installing the project. There are not a lot of moving parts to the project. Once the project is installed, someone will visit the site about once a month, so there will be little traffic.

Mr. Brean said the project will occupy 2 acres out of the 11 acres of the property.

Mr. Tennis said there will be no way to expand the project. They will not be creating a new electrical peak to charge the batteries.

Mr. Brean asked about the relationship between EnerSmart and SDG&E?

Mr. Tennis said EnerSmart will be interfacing with SDG&E. EnerSmart's contract will end in 20 years and will have to be renewed.

Mr. Ensign asked if a better drawing could be provided of the project in the future?

Mr. Tennis said he would like to see the dead end road issue figured out.

Ms. Mansolf said she asked the County planner if Creelman was a County maintained or a privately maintained road. The planner said Creelman was privately maintained.

One of the neighbors said if the road is privately maintained, why is there evidence of parts of it being County maintained? For instance, there are stops signs on parts of the road and a "dead end" sign, and the signage looks like County signage.

Ms. Mansolf said she will follow up with the County planner and ask about the signs.

*(Voting on the motion)*

Upon motion made by Elio Noyas and seconded by Debbie Foster, the motion **passed 11-1-0-0-3**, with Paul Stykel voting no, and Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace absent.

**8-C: Vacation of Pine Street between Highway 78 and Haverford Rd.  
Rains, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee**

Ms. Mansolf said she had followed up at the County on the Pine Street Vacation letter the RCPG had sent in 2021. The person who had received the letter in 2021, had not responded to the RCPG. But the same person now is still doing the vacations at the County (Thomas McCabe). Mr. McCabe said he doesn't remember receiving a formal request to vacate Pine Street from either the adjacent property owner or the RCPG. He asked for clarification on who would be processing the Pine Street Vacation. He is the one who processes road vacations, but only after they go through a Preliminary Assessment – a process managed by DPW. The applicant needs

to submit an exhibit of exactly what will be requested to be vacated. The information submitted will be reviewed with feedback in 3 weeks' time after it is submitted. Richard Chin is also involved. If DPW supports the vacation and finds no concerns, then Mr. McCabe will accept an application to vacate.

He attached the form, and should anyone want to go ahead with the vacation, he will discuss with us or the applicant what items are needed, such as the public noticing package. The average cost to process a vacation is \$5,000. It takes about 5-6 months to process and then the final step is the Board of Supervisors' decision. There is no guarantee for approval and sometimes County Counsel staff gets involved. He asked for clarification on the vacation.

Mr. Lynch said we saved the proponents over \$100,000 by approving their site plan waiver request. We should have asked them to push back the building and we should have asked for the vacation. We should vacate paper streets that will never be built.

Mr. Stykel said our board went above and beyond. Now it is up to the property owners to get the vacation done if they want to.

The Chair asked if we could pursue the vacation as a road issue?

Mr. Lynch said that a privately initiated vacation done by the property owner would go smoother. For us, it would be harder to initiate. With a scenic waiver, we can't condition it. If we make suggestions, we can hope the owner will carry it forward. It will cost money for the County to do it. The property owner has the opportunity to pursue the vacation.

Mr. Ensign said the owner can still build without the vacation.

Mr. Smisek said "thank you" to the RCPG. He thinks it is possible the water main and SDCE utilities are on the easement.

- 8-D: Review of Zone 2 as proposed by the County - (Median Closure and Stop Signs)**
- 1. Close Median on San Vicente Dr @ Arena Dr to restrict all left turns.**
  - 2. Reduce southbound right turn lane on Gunn Stage Rd @ San Vicente Rd.**
  - 3. All-Way stops at the following intersections:**
    - a. Gunn Stage Rd @ Arena Wy**
    - b. Arena Dr @ Del Amo Rd**
    - c. Arena Dr @ Arena Way**
    - d. Arena Wy @ Open View Rd**
    - e. Arena Wy @ Vista Ramona Rd**
    - f. Vista Ramona Rd @ Sargeant Rd**
- Rains, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee**

Ms. Hopewell said the County did not show up to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Meeting on October 20, and the traffic calming item was tabled. The County will attend the November 16 Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting.

The Chair said the County will have a new proposal to present at the next Transportation/Trails meeting. For now, none of the Transportation/Trails items will be discussed (8-D and 8-E).

- 8-E: Updates on traffic calming zones by the County:**
- 1. Highway Patrol enforcement clarification for citizens.**
  - 2. Reported road condition concerns to SANDAG regarding areas 10th & Main northbound lane & Haverford and HWY 78 southbound lane.**
- Rains, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee**

**8-F: Presentation by Mindy Sloan, Pickleball Court Champion, on the Addition of Pickleball Courts to the PLDO list.**

Ms. Sloan gave a presentation to the RCPG on pickleball. Pickleball can be played inside or outside. Four pickleball courts can fit into the same space as one outdoor tennis court. Portable pickleball courts are common, paddles are light weight, balls are like wiffle balls. Games are faced paced and the sport is easy to learn.

According to Forbes Magazine in July, 2022, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. for the second year in a row. The number of players has doubled in the last five years with 4.8 million pickleball players in the U.S. There has been a 39.3 percent increase in the last 2 years. 70 countries have joined the International Federation of Pickleball.

Research studies provide evidence of significant improvements in cognitive, physical, emotional and social health. Pickleball supports better eye hand coordination and response time, which is important for driving. It improves agility, coordination, muscle strength and function. It strengthens balance which will help to avoid falls. And it is multigenerational.

Ramona has too few public pickleball courts. There is one pickleball court on the Collier Park tennis court, and it does not include lighting for early morning or evening play. The Country Estates has 8 pickleball courts for its members. Riviera Oaks Resort and Racquet Club has 5 courts for its members. Poway has a Pickleball Training Center which has 28 courts, and the Poway Unified School District offers school facilities on weekends. More pickleball facilities are needed in Ramona so people don't need to leave Ramona to play pickleball.

**MOTION: TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PICKLEBALL COURT IN THE COMMUNITY OF RAMONA – SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace absent.

- 8-G: PLDO Priority Request from County Parks (Annual)**
- 1. Wellfield Park Sports Lighting and Scoreboard**
  - 2. Tennis and Pickleball Courts.**



3. **5K Route Going through Wellfield Park, Plus Scoring Equipment**
4. **Skate Park**

Ms. Perfect said the PLDO Priority List was discussed last month. The list that we see on the agenda was what was approved by the Parks Subcommittee. Some of the projects have no location. The Wellfield Park Sports Lighting and Scoreboard are well through the process. For tennis and pickleball, no location has been identified. The 5K route is planned for Wellfield Park. The Skate Park is planned for the RICC. The items as shown are in priority order.

Speaker: David Thieme, Ramona Resident

Mr. Thieme said that pickleball is the fastest growing sport. Having tennis and pickleball at 1 facility is not the best. Many communities have dedicated pickleball courts. Some communities have converted tennis courts into pickleball courts. Tennis is dying while pickleball is growing. He wants to know what can be done to make pickleball courts happen. He would appreciate feedback on how to advance pickleball in the community.

Mr. Summers said the community has been waiting for a skate park for 25 years. He would like to see it moved up on the list.

Ms. Hopewell would also like to see the skate park moved up. She would like to see it above pickleball.

Mr. Lynch said that \$750,000 is being spent on 6 lights for the soccer field because there is a need. Regarding the skate park – there is no money to build it and then it will have to be maintained. \$250,000 has been assigned to the skate park, not including maintenance. The kids aren't here to representative themselves.

Ms. Perfect said the County is committed to building the skate park and they know where they want to build it. No one is happy with how long the skate park is taking to be built. It may take a partnership opportunity with the County, Collier Park, Dos Picos Park and/or a school. Schools are not always available.

Mr. Stykel is concerned with the public perception.

Mr. Brean said public perception matters.

Ms. Perfect said that it makes no difference.

Mr. Lynch said he disagrees. By moving the skate park down on the list, it will be dying on the vine.

Mr. Summers said he heard someone say at the County that the skate park is no closer than 5 years away.

Mr. Noyas reminded everyone that the County works for us.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PLDO PRIORITY LIST AS FOLLOWS: 1) WELLFIELD PARK SPORTS LIGHTING AND SCOREBOARD; 2) SKATE PARK; 3) TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS; 4) 5K ROUTE GOING THROUGH WELLFIELD PARK, PLUS SCORING EQUIPMENT.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 11-0-0-1-3**, with Dawn Perfect stepping down and Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace absent.

**8-H: Presentation by County of San Diego on Decorative Community Identification Signs - Demand Assessment & Implementation - Expansion of the Regionwide Community Identification Signs program** *(Taken out of order at top of the agenda)*

**8-I: Monthly update from Caltrans on SR 67 projects.**

**1. Update on repaving SR 67 project**

Mr. Summers said Mr. Canton and all RSRS members were in attendance at the RSRS meeting on October 26. For the repaving project, the guardrails will be done first. As part of the project, a broadband conduit will be installed along SR 67 and the work will start in Lakeside.

**2. Update on Mina De Oro boulder removal**

Mr. Summers said it is anticipated that the boulder to be removed at Mina De Oro will be done in about 2 weeks.

**3. Update on SR 67 and Mussey Grade Road Intersection. Awaiting word from Erwin Gojuangco**

People down Mussey Grade Road are getting involved. Caltrans had determined there is no need to repair the pavement on SR67 at the Mussey Grade intersection. Administrative staff from Caltrans was asked to meet there. The community started a petition for Caltrans after the 3 major accidents at the Mussey Grade/SR 67 intersection. At the meeting October 26, Caltrans (Erwin Gojuangco) said what was really needed at the intersection is a new signal light. Mr. Gojuangco also said Caltrans would like to put in a right turn only from Mussey Grade to SR 67. People would then need to make a u-turn to get back to going the right direction on SR 67. The right turn only will prevent accidents, as will the traffic signal. The repaving project is anticipated to start in April 2023 in Lakeside. Caltrans said moving the Mussey Grade/SR 67 intersection up on the repaving list would change the contract.

Mr. Summers said the RCPG is thankful for the light, and a right turn only takes the risk from leaving Mussey Grade Rd. Mr. Gojuangco and Mr. Amen will be getting together to discuss how this will be done.

Mr. Lynch said RSRS doesn't speak for the RCPG. The light at Mussey Grade could be a disaster and it will delay the goal. Cars will back up at the light. The South Bypass is still an option and will take people to Dye Road.

Ms. Mansolf asked where Caltrans expects people to make a u-turn on SR 67 after they make a right turn onto SR 67 from Mussey Grade? A right turn only will change the traffic load on Highland Valley Road if people choose to go down Highland Valley Road rather than make a u-turn along SR 67 somewhere

The Chair clarified that the report from Caltrans at the RSRS meeting was a list of actions Caltrans said they were taking or considering to improve the safety of the Mussey Grade and SR 67 intersection. The RSRS Chair responded to Caltrans by thanking Caltrans for their efforts to find solutions that will help with traffic calming at the intersection. The RSRS Chair did not endorse the list of actions by Caltrans. We provide feedback. Caltrans is coming up with the ideas. As the subcommittee said the intersection is dangerous, Supervisor Anderson suggested the Planning Group elicit the support of our State Representatives.

Mr. Summers said we did not ask for a right turn only at the intersection, or a stoplight. We asked for the road to get fixed.

Mr. Lynch said we need to inform the community of these proposals.

Ms. Hopewell said at a previous meeting that the Mussey Grade residents wanted a stoplight at the SR 67 and Mussey Grade intersection.

Mr. Noyas said nothing has been said about a traffic study. If there is a right turn only, people will use Archie Moore and Dye Road more. A good traffic study is needed.

Mr. Brean said he is not opposed to a stop light at the Mussey Grade intersection. He is not in favor of restricting the left turn at the intersection. The right turn only at the intersection will push people down Highland Valley Road and Archie Moore and cause more traffic.

Ms. Perfect said it is hard to control cars on Mussey Grade Road. There are visitors to Dos Picos County Park who will also be using that intersection.

Mr. Lynch would like to see resurrection of the South Bypass on a future agenda.

#### **4. Discussion of need for a crosswalk at 16<sup>th</sup> and Main Street Summers, RSRS Subcommittee**

Mr. Summers said a study was done to see if a crosswalk was needed at 16<sup>th</sup> and Main, and it was decided the crosswalk was not necessary as people can walk a block to the stoplight.

#### **8-J: Proposed Ramona Community Planning Group letter to Senator Brian Jones and to Assemblymember Randy Voepel requesting they instruct Caltrans to**

**correct the unsafe, deficient intersection of Mussey Grade Road and SR 67 - the site of fatalities and severe injury accidents - within the next 30 days.**  
**Summers, RSRS Subcommittee**

Mr. Summers said the letter was requested after Caltrans said there would be no improvements to the Mussey Grade intersection until after April 2023.

Mr. Lynch suggested focusing the letter on the pavement deficiency.

Ms. Perfect suggested asking for immediate repaving and restriping.

The letter as presented was revised slightly.

**MOTION: TO SEND THE LETTER PRESENTED, AS REVISED, TO STATE SENATOR BRIAN JONES, STATE ASSEMBLYMAN RANDY VOEPEL, AND COPY COUNTY SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON AND ERWIN GOJUANGCO FROM CALTRANS.**

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace absent.

**8-K: Update on status of letters on CMCP and Mr. Summer's appearance before SANDAG.**

Mr. Summers said that of the 234 draft proposals of the CMCP, none contained adding lanes to SR 67. Two more lanes are needed along SR 67 to help when there is the need to evacuate during a wildfire. Twelve letters were delivered to various entities, including the San Diego Fire Chief, the School Board, the Ramona Chamber, the San Diego Fire Advisory Board, etc. All of these entities had supported SR 67 becoming a 4 lane road.

**ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS (Possible Action)**

**9-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair announced that the emergency order for the State of California that would allow Zoom, virtual and telephonic meetings to be held will end February 2023.

The Chair reported that from last month's meeting we had Public Communication from a member of the public, "ingrid" who expressed concern over business flags and food trucks. Chair followed up by providing County Code Compliance contact information to Ingrid.

The Chair reported that from last month's meeting we had Public Communication from a member of the public, "Dan" who expressed concern over the posting of Meeting Minutes. Chair followed up by providing a copy of the RCPG Standing Rules and a link to the County's I-1 Policy.

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

Mr. Ensign said the change in Frosted Faces from veneer stone to stucco was passed by the Design Review Board. The sign on the Mexican restaurant, Paleteria Mexican was never approved and it was put up by the previous owner. The sign has not been lit at night. The sign met the size requirement and was approved. For Ransom Brothers the artwork that was originally there was not approved by Ransom Brothers. A mistake was made and they have been going back and forth with the artwork. After some discussion at the Design Review Board meeting the sign on the building and the monument sign were approved on the plans as submitted. A new business, Tropical Pineapple, Rise and Shine, presented their signage, which was approved after some discussion and a little modification.

**9-C: Vote on RCPG Representative for Ramona Design Review, Seat 9**

**MOTION: TO SELECT SCOTTY ENSIGN FOR SEAT 9, RAMONA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, RCPG REPRESENTATIVE**

Upon motion made by Lynn Hopewell and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Kevin Wallace absent.

**9-D: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

**9-D-1: Concerns from Members**

Mr. Ensign said he has concerns about the status of Creelman Lane, and he would like for it to be on the next agenda.

**9-D-2: Future Agenda Item Requests**

Mr. Noyas said he would like for discussion on the vernal pool item to be on the next agenda.

Ms. Foster has concerns about the porkchop on SR 67 in town, and she would like discussion on that item to be on the next agenda.

The Chair said she would like the Decorative Community sign issue to be on the next agenda so we can get feedback to send to the County. She would also like the RCPG sending a letter to SANDAG to be on the next agenda.

Ms. Mansolf said a member of the Ramona community would like to discuss coyote behavior at County Parks.

The Chair said this item should go to the Parks Subcommittee first before coming to the RCPG.

Mr. Summers said there is now an extra person at Station 80, Station 81 and Station 82. There are 3 new fire engines for Ramona and a third ambulance. All of this occurred because of CAL FIRE Chief Mecham. Mr. Summers would like to get a plaque to recognize Chief Mecham.

Mr. Noyas said that Airbnb's came into business in 2008 and there were 4 commercial categories identified. On a matrix, the 4<sup>th</sup> category was forgotten. He plans to give a 3 minutes presentation at the December 1 RCPG meeting on this item.

Mr. Brean said he would like to see lighting at Collier Park on the basketball and tennis courts.

Mr. Ensign said construction has started on the new RICC building and they are not following the Form Based Code Guidelines and other standards Ramona has in place.

The Chair attended the October 18th Supervisor Joel Anderson meeting for CPG and Sponsor Group chairs, and she was the only one to attend. Supervisor Anderson reported on Needle Exchange Program requesting CPG support. Chair stated the RCPG had already provided this support in the form of a letter and would resend the letter to his office. Supervisor Anderson suggested that the RCPG gain State Representative support for the safety improvement at Mussey Grade Road and SR 67. Then send his office a copy of the support requested letter. Chair reported the composting odor issue on Warnock Road and County staff provided a detailed report of the status of this issue. Supervisor provided an update on VMT impacts and the need to reinstate Trolley Plans for Ramona in order to mitigate VMT. Supervisor reported he had an October 19th Community Coffee scheduled in San Diego Country Estates.

The Chair attended the October 22nd Homelessness Forum in El Cajon hosted by Supervisor Adnerson. Supervisor Andersons stated he wants to put a shelter in every community in his district. Also reported was that shelter space could be provided on County land, privately owned land or purchased land.

Ms. Foster said the old K Mart building just sold for \$7.4 million.

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

**9-D-4: Reimbursement Request for Copies Made 10-6-22 and 11-3-22**

Ms. Mansolf made copies for the October 6 and November 3 RCPG meetings, that came to a total of \$32.16.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Casey Lynch, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**9-E: Meeting Updates**

**9-E-1: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings (*No updates given*)**

**9-E-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 12-1-22, Ramona Library, 1275 Main Street**

**ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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