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FINAL Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER – meeting called to order by Casey Lynch at 7:03pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Casey Lynch
3. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT
Consideration Will be Given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership.
Attendees: Lynn Hopewell, Casey Lynch (Chair), Matt Rains, Richard Tomlinson, and Jackie Sedler
Absent: Ken Brennecke, Rebecca Geiger and Dawn Perfect
4. Corrections/Approval to the T&T Minutes 11-30-21 – tabled. Casey Lynch and Lynn Hopewell to meet via phone conference to discuss minutes from previous meetings.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None
6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Roselyn Morales wanted to talk about the area near the water district park, it's like the trails there. Casey Lynch said she should attend the Parks and Recreation subcommittee meeting. Also suggested she speak with Dawn Perfect regarding the status of cars driving on the open space area.
7. SDCE Traffic Calming Measures (Next Zone Discussion)
Casey Lynch asked if Richard Tomlinson and Jackie Sedler got the maps he sent. Richard did, Jackie didn't. Casey resent to Jackie. Casey also sent to residents attending the meeting. Wanted to put out the information in a more simplistic format so that members of the committee and public could understand. Then have the committee submit to the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) and once they review share to San Diego Country Estates residents. Rebecca will be writing an article showing what changes are suggested. A lot of times when talking about traffic calming it's better to have a visual reference. First calming measure discussed was closing the left turn lane at San Vicente Rd. and Arena Drive. The traffic would have to travel to Gunn Stage and go to Gunn Stage Place to reach Arena Dr. You'll still be able to turn left going West bound from Gunn Stage Rd. The purpose

is that Arena Drive has become a substitute collector road vs. Gunn Stage which is supposed to be used. Casey believes it'd create a more neighborhood feeling by removing the left turn lane at San Vicente Rd and Arena Drive. The crosswalk would be enhanced, a flashing beacon would be installed to let people know about the crosswalk. Larry Bagalini said that people on the divided road have a tendency to speed on San Vicente Rd. if you could slow them down think people would use the crosswalk. People speed going in/out of the Country Estates. Casey said he has stood and watched the traffic pattern. Crosswalks are probably underutilized. Thinks the closure of the left-hand turn would force cars off the collector road and more into the neighborhood. Hopefully that calms the speeds on Arena Drive. Heather McGee asked is the crosswalk also a golf cart pass. Casey yes. Jackie Sedler said there's data behind why this is proposed it indicates that this is a good way to force people to redirect traffic. Darren Shaw thinks it's a good idea to close turn lane but concerned about crosswalk. He's newer to the area so sees how people speed in the area. Possibly install speeding bumps that indicates there's a need to slow down. Add that to the recommendation. Casey that comes through, traffic engineers are pulling that data now. The traffic engineers are stuck with the State of California traffic manual that they have to follow and stay within those guidelines. There is some flexibility, so will make those suggestions once we have more support and interest. Casey said the flashing light makes sense for the night the rumble bumps would be good for the daytime. Putting all this out to get public support again. The last time had approximately 3,000 signatures in support of the project, so it went through smoothly.

San Vicente Rd. and Gunn Stage Rd., involves three turn lanes on southbound side of Gunn Stage Rd. as it intersects San Vicente Rd. Two are right hand and one left hand. As far as Casey can tell going back to 2003 looks like there were only two turn lanes. Casey asked if others remembered. None did. Casey can see the crosshatch, looks like you only had one left turn lane. Now they're separating the left and right turn lanes. Larry Bagalini asked if that's prior to the street lights being installed? Casey said there's a street light. Richard said he doesn't remember when the street light came but believes it was changed when the street light was installed. Casey that was suggested by the County Engineer, he thought it was encouraging speed when cars turned westbound. Believes it'll slow speed when they have one right turn lane. Larry can see where that would be a hinderance and slow speeds. Heather McGee wonders if that lane was added why have the business/strip mall. How would it impact businesses and rush hour traffic? Casey said that'll be studied as to the ingress and egress into the stores. Matt asked if we're expecting people to go down Gunn Stage to get to Arena Dr. Casey cars going westbound will still be able to make right turn onto Arena. Casey thinks it'll be similar to what was experienced with Aldi and the porkchop put in there. People weren't comfortable with it until they got used to the new configuration. Larry the reason he wanted to come to meeting is to speak about San Vicente Drive and San Vicente Rd. as that's how he comes down to go anywhere. The left-hand turn going east/west is not very safe. People are speeding and if there's a truck in the slow lane there could be a car/motorcycle in the next lane, and they're hidden. Have to make sure that people are staying in their lanes before pulling out. Suggested a stop light there. Casey said not what County suggested but can talk to the County about. He agrees with Larry that it's dangerous to turn left. James what Larry is speaking of is Vista Vicente Dr. not San Vicente Dr. and San Vicente Rd. As far as he's concerned it's a dangerous spot. Jackie Sedler thought the engineers suggested a circle at that location, is that right? Casey no, the County doesn't have a traffic circle. Jackie thinks we should bring it up to them. Casey will let Raul know and they'll look at. Heather McGee said if you make the left from San Vicente Rd. to Gunn Stage you have to go where there's a U-turn opportunity to get into the shops. Can't make a left into the strip mall. Larry said he always makes the U-turn at San Vicente Rd. and Gunn Stage and then the right turn into shops.

All way stops, where currently there's only one. From Vista Ramona suggested turning into a 3-way stop, getting them to stop before making right onto Arena makes sense. At the planning group level have had a home owner talk about the speed on Arena Way. The stop sign may be helpful to reduce speed. The other stop signs are just enhancements. Richard Tomlinson said just to be clear, it's the same 5 areas we looked at a month ago. Casey yes, just laying down so it's clearer what's being proposed. Casey didn't take a vote at last meeting would like to vote so it can move to the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) so their support can be given.

All way stops at Arena Way and Gunn Stage near equestrian center that would be adding crosswalks too. It would be a 3-way stop and crosswalk. The reason is that anyone walking along Gunn Stage there's no crosswalk for them to use. There's no stop sign on Gunn Stage right now. Where there's speeding on Arena coming into Gunn Stage think this would slow traffic. Jackie Sedler said with the other diagrams will there be crosswalks or just stop signs? As she'd not seeing crosswalks. Casey said they didn't have crosswalks on their list. Just crosswalks at Gunn Stage and Arena. A lot of the roads aren't technically collector roads, so don't think the County is talking about adding crosswalks. Just about slowing traffic down. Casey asked if we should ask that question. Jackie wouldn't mind proposing if it makes sense, not sure how close to schools that area is. If it would make it safer for students going/coming from school thinks it's a good idea. Matt Rains aid there is a school close. Darren, he drives that way to get home and thinks people on Gunn Stage drive as fast as on San Vicente Rd. His concern is that to do what we're suggesting, maybe some speeding bumps, or something like what's suggested on San Vicente Rd. Casey getting traffic to stop is the easiest way to get drivers to slow down. The County engineers will give us things that they know can get passed.

Casey said that's all the areas to be discussed tonight. Wanted to make it clearer what's being proposed with a visual so it can move to the RCPG.

Motion made by Richard Tomlinson to advance to the whole RCPG, 2nd by Lynn Hopewell. Motion carried 5-0-3-0, Ken Brennecke, Rebecca Geiger and Dawn Perfect absent.

8. Adjournment – motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2nd by Matt Rains. Motion carried 5-0-3-0, Ken Brennecke, Rebecca Geiger and Dawn Perfect absent.

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