

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2024**

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

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Casey Lynch, Chair

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Lynch, Chair)

In Attendance:	Torry Brean	Janelle Clark	Jonas Dyer
	Debbie Foster	Holly Hailton-Bleakley (Arr 7:05)	Casey Lynch
	Kristi Mansolf	Robin Joy Maxson	Dawn Perfect
	Lauren Schulte	Andrew Simmons	Dan Summers

Members absent: Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Paul Stykel

Casey Lynch, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Lauren Schulte, RCPG Vice Chair, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1-4-24 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 4, 2024, MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Lauren Schulte and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains 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 submit speaker slip to the Vice Chair, each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, and the elected body of the RCPG cannot respond.**

Speaker: Michele Gilmore, Ramona Resident

Ms. Gilmore lives on 7th Street in Ramona. Traffic was light years ago but it has increased over the years along with an entitlement attitude. There is a blind hill on 7th where the road crests going southbound to Telford Lane and 8th Street. People can’t see drivers coming on the road. Drivers don’t pay attention to the 25 mph signs – there are several on 7th Street. People go 60 mph on 7th. The posted speed limit signs don’t slow people down. There are multiple 25 mph signs going north and south on 7th Street. People have their radios blasting when driving through this quiet neighborhood. Ms. Gilmore said she talked to Lieutenant Malan about this issue and he recommended speaking to the RCPG. Ms. Gilmore is asking for stop signs on 7th Street.

Speaker: Jodi Reid, Ramona Resident

The resident who lives at 3341 Dye Road continues to insist that she has a legal right to enter and exit her property via Toca Lane in spite of the fact that nowhere on her deed does it say she can do so. She has also recruited one of her neighbors to forcefully demand that she be given unfettered access to her property using Toca Lane. Ms. Reid has contacted several authorities: County Fire, our County Supervisor, title/deed escrow services, and attorneys regarding this matter. All of whom have had no idea, required money, or are only vague with suggestions to help this matter to be settled. Since the RCPG has been involved with this very thing in the past, the neighbors are asking that a subcommittee take a long hard look at the Toca Lane easement and let them know what their best course of action would be. The neighbors all desperately want to legally protect their quiet country community.

2185 Toca Lane has requested several permits for their property. They have told neighbors several things they want to do: Hemp farm, Farmer's Market open to the public and the latest, an event venue. These will cause a lot of traffic on their country dirt road. They also believe these are well outside the allowable activities permitted in a residential neighborhood. The neighbors ask that an RCPG and subcommittee seriously look into the resident's intentions or refer it to someone who can help with it.

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

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 7-D AHEAD OF ITEM 7-A.

Upon motion by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Lauren Schulte, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-D: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY : TM 5344 TE2, Cumming Ranch Project, Highland Valley Road and Highway 67. Informational Presentation and Update by a Project Representative. 125 houses are proposed for 682.6 acres with 2 open space lots of 201 acres and 113.1 acres. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT. (Taken out of order)

Chris Brown was in attendance to present the Cumming Ranch project. The project is a bigger project for Ramona that was approved several years ago by the RCPG, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Tentative Map approval included an EIR, a traffic study and an environmental study. The project is still for 125 homes on 1 acre units. Gene Driscoll, the person in charge of the project, has passed away.

The project is in the Final Map process. One change is that the open space was increased by 3 or 4 acres. Some roads have changed, too. The trails are still the same. The changes are not substantial. The Final Map should be available in the next few months. The project was approved with septic. Now sewer is available and the project will be on sewer.

Mr. Brean asked if Mr. Brown knew the overall contribution of the project to PLDO?

Mr. Brown did not know.

Mr. Summers asked if the project would be on the west side of Highland Valley Road?

Mr. Brown said the project will be on both the east and west sides of Highland Valley Road.

Ms. Maxson asked about the open space for the project?

Mr. Brown said that the project is 682.6 acres and 457 acres will be in open space.

The Chair said that is close to 70 percent open space. The Chair asked how many pump stations there would be?

Mr. Brown said there will only be 1 pump station due to the elevation.

The Chair said that septic is on the way out. The Department of Environmental Health is very strict now about septic. It is good the project is moving to sewer.

7-A: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY : Update from San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Ramona Substation for the community of Ramona.

Lieutenant Malan said he had nothing to report. He said if people have questions for the Sheriff's, they can go to the desk at the Ramona Sheriff's Substation to ask or call the Sheriff's non emergency number.

7-B: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY : Presentation from San Diego County Sheriff's Licensing Department to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the San Diego County Code (sections 21.101 – 21.117), specifically related to Entertainment Licensing.

Jessica Martinez of the Sheriff's Department made the presentation. If people own an establishment that provides entertainment to the public, licensing for entertainment is required through the Sheriff's Department. There are many types of permits and licenses the Sheriff's Department can provide.

If someone has entertainment at their establishment and they don't have a permit – what happens? First the owners receive a friendly letter from the Sheriff's Department. It is not a cease and desist order, and the Sheriff's follow up after 30 days. A cease and desist order is firmer and it also goes to the Sheriff's Lieutenant. Typically people comply and get a permit, but if not, the matter becomes an enforcement issue.

To get a permit, there is an administrative form that needs to be completed that describes the type of entertainment to be proposed, and the location at which the entertainment takes place. There is a yearly entertainment license and a special event permit. When these issues go to the Sheriff's Lieutenant, he can impose restrictions. He can be stricter not more lenient. Once permits are in place for a year, they can't be modified mid year. This is a cooperative process, and they will work with people to get the permit.

Ms. Maxson asked if an establishment has a license and there are 5 complaints from neighbors, can the license be amended?

Ms. Martinez said the County will look into the matter.

Donald Chase from Planning and Development Services was in attendance in case there were any questions.

7-C: POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Presentation by the Chair regarding an update to the Tieredd Winery Ordinance.

The Chair said that RCPG member Michelle Rains brought forward the issue that several wineries are having live, amplified music without the proper permitting in place to do so, and he commends her for it. For boutique wineries, the permit issued is a by-right permit, and to host entertainment such as live music is not allowed at this time with that permit. This is happening in the community, however, and the Tiered Winery Ordinance needs to be looked at and updated as the Ordinance relates to boutique wineries. Events such as small music concerts are not intrusive. The community has a wonderful opportunity for having music in the community. The Chair passed out a handout that summarized a possible letter to the Board of Supervisors relating to changing the boutique winery portion of the ordinance to accommodate live music. The following motion was made to open up the topic for discussion for and members of the public speaking:

MOTION: A LETTER BE PREPARED AND SENT TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BETTER DEFINE WHAT IS ALLOWED AND INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR THE BOUTIQUE WINERY OPERATOR TO HOLD SMALL PERFORMANCES, CONFORMING TO THE DESIRE OF THE PUBLIC TO USE THESE FACILITIES. SUGGESTED REVISIONS FOLLOW:

6910(b)(6) Events, including but not limited to weddings and parties, are prohibited except as provided in this Section. An event, for purposes of this Section, is defined as the use of the site for organized activities or gatherings (other than wine production, wine sales, wine tasting, agricultural instruction and educational tours), including any activities or gatherings that are advertised or promoted. **For purposes of this section, a performance by a solo artist or group is allowed subject to all applicable licenses required by the Sheriff pursuant to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the San Diego County Code (sections 21.101 – 21.117) and subject to compliance of all Noise Abatement and Control procedures defined in Chapter 4 of Division 6 of Title 3 Public Safety, Morals and Welfare of the San Diego County Code (sections 36.401 – 36.435).**

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With the motion from the Chair and a second from Jonas Dyer, the item was open to discussion/speakers. The Chair asked that members of the public do not repeat what others have said. Due to the number of speakers, each speaker would be limited to 2 minutes.

Speaker: Cheryl Grielyak

Ms. Grielyak asked that changes to the ordinance allowing live, outdoor music be requested to occur in 1 year to 18 months. There is \$49 million in revenue in this industry. Requesting a stay of enforcement, pending formal notice, would be wonderful.

Speaker: Carol Williams

Ms. Williams says she supports the changes requested for the winery ordinance. There are 175 members of the RVVA and 49 wineries. She supports expanding the ordinance so wineries can have events with noise/music. She also supports the stay of enforcement but asks that it be paused as the update is in process. The winery industry in Ramona contributes significantly to the economy. Live, amplified music performances attracts more tourists and can stimulate economic growth by increasing revenue for all Ramona businesses.

Speaker: Elaine Littleton

Ms. Littleton is the president of the Ramona H.E.A.R.T Mural Project. The Ramona H.E.A.R.T. Mural Project's mission is to encourage economic vitality by increasing tourism, promoting community pride, and celebrating our rich cultural heritage through an outstanding outdoor visual arts program. Everyone has benefited from boutique wineries and the winery industry has increased tourism in Ramona.

Speaker: Tim Connelly

Mr. Connelly thanked the RCPG for taking action on the winery ordinance item. We are doing something amazing in Ramona with the winery industry. Music is a big part of the industry. The ball is rolling. Let's keep wineries full of people.

Speaker: Bob Krysak

Mr. Krysak said Ramona is undergoing a Renaissance. The Ramona H.E.A.R.T. Mural Project, "To Create," and now music will give out community 3 pieces/elements we need to grow going forward. He heard that Supervisor Anderson plans for this item to be on the May Board of Supervisors agenda. The Chamber of Commerce supports amplified music at wineries. 2,500 people have signed a petition in favor of amplified music at wineries.

Speaker: Jon Hasz:

Mr. Hasz said the Ramona art scene gives us a market outside of town. Online, people are worried about the amplified music. An update on the decibel levels will allow for more solutions. Acoustic guitar makes less noise than farm equipment.

Speaker: Ashley Norton

Ms. Norton is a musician. She said musicians sing through out time for many reasons. It is time to change the winery ordinance to include live, amplified music. There is overwhelming support to do so. She is asking for consideration that the noise limitations be under the decibel level that currently exists.

Speaker: Eric Goforth

Mr. Goforth owns Ramona radio. Half of the music is local San Diego music. He spends 6 nights a week going to shows. People love to get together with music.

Speaker: Astra Kelly

Ms. Kelly is a full time musician. In 2010, she started playing in wineries. She has moved here and wants to book shows. Ramona is a music community and a music loving community.

Speaker: Hank Newman

Mr. Newman spoke in support of the changes to the winery ordinance.

Speaker: Teri Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt spoke in support of the changes to the winery ordinance.

Speaker: Rita Eastman

Ms. Eastman said live amplified music is a win, win situation to have in the community. She is supporting the changes to the winery ordinance.

Speaker: Peter Bidegain

Mr. Bidegain said Ramona was once known as a gas station stop. He bought a building in Ramona and has established a beer and wine bar in it – he opened Reds, Whites and Brews in 2016. He had presented his vision to the RCPG. At the time the RCPG Chair said his business was needed in Ramona, and the vote was unanimous. Music has been a game changer. Every month he sees an impact in Ramona businesses.

Speaker: Stephen Briggs

Mr. Briggs is a Poway resident who used to just drive through Ramona. Now he comes to Ramona 3 times a week to listen to music.

Speaker: Marijo Clements

Ms. Clements is a Rancho Bernardo resident who has come to Ramona 3 or 4 times a week since 2020 to listen to music. For musicians, their main source of income is from playing music.

Speaker: Catherine O'Connor

Ms. O'Connor moved to Ramona 4 years ago. She was glad to hear the winery ordinance was on the Board of Supervisors agenda. She is a champion of wineries. There are over 100 wineries in San Diego.

Speaker: Ruth Barnett

Ruth Barnett shared her experience of being a neighbor to a winery that has had live music with amplified sound. She purchased an amplification reader and found the noise level of the music was twice over the county limit. She would rather live at peace with her neighbors than create a battle. Miss Barnett said she shares a love of music and is an artist at 2Create Gallery. She agrees that music should be allowed at wineries. If everyone worked together to find a compromise, it would be a great situation. Ms. Barnett asked that musicians adjust their volume to lower levels when they perform at wineries. She can lay in bed and feel the vibration from the music as she is 120 yards from the speakers.

Speaker: Beth Edwards

Ms. Edwards' concerns are that people who live in A70, A72 agricultural zones and Rural Residential zones could be subject to amplified bands and concerts without neighbors' input. This could be every day and without any limits. This could be on any neighbor's property where most farms in San Diego County are under 10 acres, so are in very close proximity to people's homes. She would have potentially 6 wineries within earshot of her home, and even though she owns a winery -- it's not what she wants to listen to every weekend. Most people living in these zones prefer peace and quiet, and they should be notified as effected stakeholders and have a say in hours, days, and number of events just like a discretionary permit would provide. And if it is going to be a by-right addition, then perhaps a minimum number of acres for Boutique Wineries should be considered and a distance away from neighbors as well. Noise travels. Milagro Winery has music until 10 pm and she lives over 2 miles away and can hear the lyrics, even though they supposedly have it set to be the proper decibel level. Multiply that by six current vineyards in her area. Everyone likes music until it's a genre we don't like. These are neighborhoods, not commercial zones. We need venues with music and entertainment within our commercial zones, not out on windy country roads after 6pm.

Speaker: Michael Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer went to the Board of Supervisors about 6 years ago to talk about live amplified music within the community associated with the wineries. He thanked the Chair for writing and sending the letter to the Board of Supervisors. Professional musicians make their living performing. Mr. Dwyer lives in La Mesa and performs/works in Ramona. He thinks in Ramona there are more single performers than bands. Playing the guitar is hard for him without amplification.

Speaker: Emily McCann

Ms. McCann has been in Ramona 4 years. Two of her neighbors are music makers. She likes the music from the wineries, which she hears only faintly. She runs a 501(c)3 humane establishment type of project on her property. She has goats as part of this project, and they like the live music. The live music on the weekends was a pleasant surprise when she first moved onto the property and she and the animals continue to enjoy it.

After the public comment period, planning group member Torry Brean clarified that boutique wineries are required to stop pouring at sunset and would not have live music playing into the night. He said that making sure the decibel levels are within the ordinance levels at the property lines of wineries makes the most sense, though some bigger wineries will have more flexibility than those on smaller lots. He supported the Chair's motion and suggestions and said that if wineries don't succeed and we don't find ways to support wineries, instead of vineyards we will have more houses.

The Chair amended his motion to include requesting a stay of enforcement in the letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Repeat of motion to include amendment

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To request an immediate stay of enforcement for live music at Boutique Wineries.

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Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Jonas Dyer, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

The Chair said that while unlikely, the stay of enforcement would happen, it would take the community of Ramona showing up in support of the stay of enforcement once the winery ordinance is added to the Board of Supervisor's agenda for the upcoming meeting where the item will be heard.

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7-E: Update from the Association of Planning Groups

Ms. Maxson gave the Association of Planning Groups report. SANDAG is working on the Draft 2025 Regional Plan. The process will take 18 months to 2 years. Ms. Maxson recommends that the RCPG send a letter to SANDAG regarding the two issues important to Ramona within this plan: safety during wildfire evacuation which means widening SR67 to four lanes and the continued removal of VMTs as a form of a tax. The Draft 2025 Regional Plan needs to be more inclusive of the rural areas.

7-F: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY: PARKS AND RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Brean, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

- 1. Update on existing PLDO list projects:**
 - a. WELLFIELD PARK SPORTS LIGHTING AND SCOREBOARD**
 - b. SKATE PARK**
 - c. TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS**
 - d. 5K ROUTE GOING THROUGH WELLFIELD PARK, PLUS SCORING EQUIPMENT**
 - e. DOG PARK**
 - f. BMX LEAGUE PARK**
 - g. SPLASH PAD**
- 2. Discussion about Potential PLDO List Additions**
- 3. Consideration of making a formal request to the County asking about the current status of the skate park (*Possible Action*)**

Mr. Brean gave the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee report. Wellfield Park improvements will start over the next couple of months. The work may be completed in the next year for some of the existing projects on the PLDO List. The skate park has been wanted for the community for 30 years. It is not known yet if the skate park will be done. The subcommittee would like a commitment from the County on the skate park. They would like a letter written to Supervisor Anderson asking about the skate park.

Ms. Perfect said they would like to know if the skate park is in the works.

The Chair said the skate park would be about 3 acres in size.

Mr. Brean said Emmet Aquino from County Parks and Recreation was in attendance at the Parks and Recreation meeting. Currently planned Wellfield Park improvements would total about \$2.4 million. Seven percent of PLDO fees are set aside when initially collected to cover

administrative costs. This is the only time administrative costs are removed from the community's balance.

The Parks and Recreation Subcommittee met Darcy LaHay, the new Parks and Facilities Administrator at the RMWD. Future plans are to work on the dog park and the 5K route.

MOTION: TO DIRECT THE CHAIR TO SEND A LETTER TO COUNTY SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OR A COMMITMENT REGARDING FUTURE PLANS FOR A SKATE PARK IN RAMONA.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

**7-G: JOINT MEETING: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND TOWN CENTER PDS2023-STP-79-040W1 Ramco Ramona Gas Station, Site Plan Minor Deviation & Sign New 7500 SF Gas Station to existing Car Wash Site.
(Moved to April agenda)**

The joint meeting of the Ramona Design Review Board and Town Center was canceled as the applicant was not ready to present his plans at the time the meeting was scheduled. The item will be on the April agenda if the proponent is ready to present the project at that time.

Torry Brean, Dawn Perfect and the Chair attended the joint meeting between the Town Center Subcommittee and the Design Review Board on January 25, 2024. The proponent wants to put a convenience store between the gas pumps and the car wash. The project currently has circulation issues. Circulation within the gas pumps could be a problem as there is not enough room for larger vehicles to back up and/or turn around within the facility.

**7-H: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY EXCEPT FOR ITEM b: Ramona State Routes Subcommittee Items
Summers, RSRS Subcommittee**

- 1. Current and resolved SR 67 issues;**
 - a. Status of SR 67 repaving project; final painting and channelizers**

Mr. Summers said work on replacing the channelizers will be starting shortly. This is the final step in the project. A different contractor will be doing the work on the channelizers than has been working on the project. The painting of the road by Lakeside still needs to be done. The subcommittee wants to see Mr. Welborn in person, and they invited him to the April meeting.

- b. Request a letter from the RCPG in support of additional crosswalks at 6th, 8th, and 9th streets with traffic calming measures to include digital speed monitors at both ends of the business district (Possible Action)**

Mr. Summers said RSRS would like to request crosswalks similar in design to those recently installed at 7th and 10th Streets, by Caltrans, to be installed at the intersections of 6th, 8th and 9th Streets. These would add beauty and safety to the downtown district. Mr. Summers said he

thinks the digital monitors are effective, and the subcommittee wanted to see them for traffic heading west.. He slows down for them. He feels most people pay attention to them. They were thinking that digital monitors in the vicinity of 5th and 6th Streets would be most beneficial. The following motion was made.

MOTION: TO WRITE A LETTER TO CALTRANS REQUESTING CROSSWALKS AT 6TH, 8TH AND 9TH, AND TO REQUEST DIGITAL SPEED MONITORS FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

c. Status of request to see the traffic study resulting in a light at Mussey Grade and SR 67

Mr. Summers said there has been no response yet regarding the request to see the traffic study that would result in a traffic light at the Mussey Grade and SR 67 intersection.

d. Is there room for center medians between 6th and 9th?

Mr. Summers said that a center median doesn't need to be a full block . There is plenty of room between 6th and 10th to put in a median. Right now the subcommittee is just discussing medians between 6th and 10th.

Ms. Foster said a pork chop is a median. She feels pork chops need a reflector. Medians provide a safe place for people crossing the street.

The Chair said that pork chops in roadways are an issue because big trucks run over them.

e. 13th Street crosswalk

Mr. Summers said the 13th Street pork chip would make it incompatible with putting a crosswalk at that intersection.

f. SR 78 and Haverford intersection needs repaving

Mr. Summers said it was brought up at the subcommittee meeting that the intersection of SR 78 and Haverford needs painting. The subcommittee will talk to Mr. Welborn about this issue.

g. Center medians between 6th and 9th (*Brought up under Item 7-1-H-d above*)

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received.

Chair to Report on one item of concern from Member of the Public.

Ms. Mansolf announced that the Mt. Woodson parking lot project had gone out to bid. The bid package is out for the new park. All roads are to be covered with class 2 base within the park. All trees and brush will be removed in the work area. A new bridge will be built and installed. There will be 2 solar gates, a kiosk and bathrooms. The total bid price is not to exceed \$1.5 million.

The Chair announced there was a Planning and Sponsor Group Chair meeting at PDS on Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m., and he was planning to attend.

The Chair said an item of concern came up. The Ramona Leadership Council is an individual private think tank. The meetings are not public meetings. The Ramona Cemetery came up at the Leadership Council meeting. Members of the Leadership Council wrote letters to the Board Members of the Cemetery, as individuals, asking them to step down. In the opening line of the letter, it states the group/entity the individual serves on.

Mr. Summers said he had asked that his name not be associated with the School Board, but the School Board was listed with his name anyway.

Ms. Perfect said the School Board has no representation on the Leadership Council and does not want to participate the way the Leadership Council is operating now.

Ms. Clark said it was unacceptable and the letter should have come before the RCPG for a vote.

The Chair said this will not happen again. The Cemetery issue was wrong and it doesn't reflect the purpose of the Leadership Council. As RCPG Chair, he can speak for the RCPG at meetings and bring the information back to the RCPG. He plans to go to the next Cemetery meeting on the following Tuesday.

Ms. Clark said that as Chair and representative of the RCPG to the Leadership Council, the Chair has a legal obligation to report back to the RCPG after every meeting. When the Chair is representing the RCPG in that capacity, he is acting on behalf of the public. This does reflect on the Leadership Council and gives an example to them making decisions and discussing RCPG business on our behalf without the RCPG consent.

The Chair said he is not representing the RCPG at the Leadership Council meetings. The Leadership Council is a think tank.

Ms. Clark said that the Chair just said that he did represent the RCPG and now he's saying he did not? Which one is it? We have 3 RCPG members actively attending these meetings, so who is representing us? The article in the Sentinel showed Robin Maxson's name with RCPG under it and she hasn't reported back to the RCPG. So, whoever is attending these meetings has to report back to this Board. It needs to be made very clear to the Leadership Council that they do not represent the RCPG, because the RCPG is an elected government body that stands on its own. The RCPG is the elected officials, not them and the optics are that back room deals are being made.

The Chair said he will bring back Leadership Council information back to the RCPG moving forward. Will this work?

Ms Clark said no, not really, how can the RCPG trust that is what the Chair is going to do, as he has not reported back to this Board in over a year. He has been attending meetings and not once reported back to the RCPG. Ms. Clark wants transparency.

Mr. Dyer said people have the right to get together and talk.

Ms Clark said people do have the right to get together however, there are legalities when it involves elected officials representing the RCPG in private think tank meetings and not reporting back to the Board and the public – that is where the impropriety occurs.

Ms. Hamilton-Bleakley said there is a thin line when someone is acting like they are representing a group. It is a swinging door.

Mr. Brean said the role of the Chair is to be the spokesperson for the group. There should be clear lines of delineation. At the Leadership Council meetings, no one is voting on issues. RCPG issues do not include the Leadership Council.

Ms. Perfect said the School Board make a statement that they are not part of the Leadership Council.

The Chair said he will bring the information back to the RCPG from the Leadership Council meetings in the future.

The Chair said that the RSRS subcommittee items can cause co-mingling. Co-mingling can't happen – we have to live by the agenda. The Brown Act cannot be an issue. He will not talk on RCPG agenda items at the Leadership Council meeting..

Mr. Dyer said the Leadership Council is a private group. We can't set the precedents of a private group.

The Chair said that emails are going around within the RSRS Subcommittee, which is part of the issue.

Ms Clark said that an email was sent out to the RSRS subcommittee by Mr. Summers, which talked about the reluctant residents who will be part of the SR 67 widening project. These residents have already told Caltrans, no. The Leadership Council obtained these residents information illegally, and want the RCPG to lie to our constituents of how we've obtained their information, so we can do Caltrans bidding for them and obtain soil samples from the “reluctant residents” The email did not violate the Brown Act due to the fact the discussion was based around how the RCPG interacts with the Leadership Council.

Mr. Summers said that an email went out to the RSRS subcommittee talking about the reluctant residents who will be part of the SR 67 widening project that are not wanting to sign to give Caltrans access to their property to obtain soils samples. Mr. Summers said the email came from Krysak. It was an idea that came up at a Leadership Council meeting.

The Chair said business should not be conducted via email. The Leadership Council is an avenue to get issues addressed. With the RSRS Subcommittee, there was a blurred line with the emails. A better job is done when things are done in-house.

Ms. Maxson said that issues are communicated to members in an email for discussion at the subcommittee. The subcommittee then brings the results to the RCPG.

Ms. Clark said that's not the issue, this issue is that a discussion was already had on behalf of this Board, and the email stating the RCPG should lie to our constituents and the letter to the Cemetery Board are proof of the unbridled access the Leadership Council has to the RCPG via the attendees from this Board. We are the planning, land, and development body in this town, and everything should come before us that is within the scope of this Board. It's very apparent that Caltrans and the think tank are side stepping our constituents' legal right to due process.

Ms. Perfect and Mr. Brean said information should be brought back under a subcommittee or reported on under Public Communication.

Ms. Maxson said we are not exclusive recipients of information for Caltrans. They make presentations to other groups, too.

Ms Clark said she understands that, however, when decisions and discussions are happening on behalf of the RCPG, with the intent of using our Board to lie to constituents is where Ms. Clark is having a huge problem. Caltrans is back channeling to the think tank to do their work for them and then want to use the RCPG to embolden their cause.

Mr. Summers said the public not signing the Caltrans paperwork is slowing down the SR 67 expansion project. Caltrans would like to have a meeting with the people who haven't signed the paperwork.

Ms. Clark asked who is the RCPG to tell anyone what to do when it comes to their property? The residents have already given their answer to Caltrans. She ran for her position on widening the SR67, however, lying and manipulating to her constituents is not the way Ms. Clark is going to do it. This really angers her because Bob Krysak has no business interloping into RCPG business. He is the Chamber President and should focus on Chamber business instead of using the RCPG authority to make his NGO think tank appear legitimate. Caltrans didn't get the result they wanted so they decided to back channel their approach and if they want to get their soil samples, then Caltrans will need to be honest, transparent, and come before the RCPG.

8-B: Appointment of Subcommittee and Ad Hoc Chairs 2024

Ms. Maxson said she would like to step down as Greater Ramona Subcommittee chair, and Holly Hamilton-Bleakely said she will chair the subcommittee in 2024.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM, FOR 2024, SUBCOMMITTEE AND AD HOC CHAIRS AS FOLLOWS: HOLLY HAMILTON-BLEAKLEY, GREATER RAMONA SUBCOMMITTEE; TORRY BREAN, PARKS AND RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE; ANDREW SIMMONS, TOWN CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE, DAWN PERFECT, TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE; DAN SUMMERS, RSRs SUBCOMMITTEE, AND KRISTI MANSOLF, MT. WOODSON AD HOC COMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Tobin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

8-C: Discussion Items:

1. Concerns from Members

Chair to Report on one item of concern from member.

(It is the secretary's understanding that the one item of concern from a Member was addressed under Item 8-A)

2. Future Agenda Item Requests

The Chair said the cannabis item would be going to the Board of Supervisors in the near future, and so that should be on the next agenda.

Ms. Maxson asked that the VMT item be on the next agenda.

The Chair said that 7th Street traffic calming should be on the next agenda and should go to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee. The concern about the Hemp Ranch should not be on the next agenda as it is a Code Enforcement issue.

Ms. Perfect said that when on San Vicente Road heading away from SDCE, there are visibility issues along the road for a big area. She would like to have this item be on the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agenda.

The Chair said that the "S" curve in that area needs repainting.

Mr. Summers said he would like Mr. Welborn's presentation to the RCPG to be on the next agenda.

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members

Ms. Hamilton-Bleakley asked that Janelle Clark be added to the Greater Ramona Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO ADD JANELLE CLARK TO THE GREATER RAMONA SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Holly Hamilton-Bleakley and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

4. Reimbursement Requests

a. Reimbursement Request to PDS for Dan Summers for room rentals 12-6-23 and 1-3-24 for subcommittee meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR DAN SUMMERS FOR \$60.00 FOR ROOM RENTALS (TO HOLD RSRs SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS) FOR DECEMBER 6, 2023, AND JANUARY 3, 2024.

Upon motion made by Lauren Schulte and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 11-0-0-1-3**, with Dan Summers stepping down, and Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

b. Reimbursement request to PDS for the secretary for copies made for the 1-4-24 and the 3-7-24 meetings

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR KRISTI MANSOLF FOR \$45.08 FOR COPIES MADE FOR THE JANUARY 4, 2024, RCPG MEETING (\$13.58) AND FOR THE MARCH 7, 2024, RCPG MEETING (\$31.50).

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Lauren Schulte, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Matt Rains, Michelle Rains and Paul Stykel absent.

8-D: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Jonas Dyer) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Dyer had been unable to attend the Design Review Board meeting on February 29, 2024, but had been told by the Design Review Board Chair that no actions had been taken at the meeting.

8-E: Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings

No update was given on Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC meetings at this time.

2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 4-4-24, Ramona Library, 1275 Main Street.

ITEM 9: 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 #6: 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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