

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

December 5, 2024

7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane

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
	Holly Hamilton-Bleakley	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Andrew Simmons (Arr 7:15)	
	Paul Stykel	Lauren Elyse Welty	

Members absent: Debbie Foster, Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains ,
Dan Summers (*resigned*)

Casey Lynch, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Lauren Elyse Welty, 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 11-7-24 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 7, 2024, MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Lauren Elyse Welty and seconded by Jonas Dyer, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Debbie Foster, Dawn Perfect, Michelle Rains and Matt Rains absent, and Dan Summers resigned.

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: Giancarlo Zazueta, from Supervisor Joel Anderson's Office

Mr. Zazueta was in attendance to give a legislative update from Supervisor Anderson's office. Supervisor Anderson awarded nearly 50 Ramona organizations and businesses with almost \$1 million in grants on February 13 of last year at the Ramona Chamber of Commerce office. Eight received grants for specific projects and programs, securing the funding through the County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and the Community Enhancement Program. Forty small businesses were awarded a total of \$605,750 from the Small Business Stimulus Grant, which started in 2021. Small business grants are still available to qualifying small businesses. San

Diego County founded the Small Business Stimulus Grant Program to provide economic assistance to businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19, helping them pay back rent, payroll, and other operational expenses.

Supervisor Joel Anderson, whose district includes East County where thousands of migrants are regularly crossing the border in Jacumba, has said our region has had over 135,000 migrants released onto the streets since last September. The migrant center had processed over 80,000 people, with nearly all moving on to locations outside of San Diego County, until the migrant center shut down in February.

The County Board of Supervisors will have their first meeting of the year on January 7, 2025, when they will vote on officers for 2025.

After securing an increase of more than \$25 million in last year's County budget to improve our road conditions, Supervisor Anderson has continued to support additional resurfacing projects in every community. This year, Supervisor Anderson advocated for roads that constituents specifically identified as needing attention. The County's Road Resurfacing Project allocates \$65.5 million to the resurfacing of over 101 centerline miles of county-maintained roads.

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

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

Upon motion made by Lauren Elyse Welty and seconded by Andrew Simmons, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Debbie Foster, Dawn Perfect, Michelle Rains and Matt Rains absent, and Dan Summers resigned.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

- 7-A: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY : Update from San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Ramona Substation for the community of Ramona. (*Lieutenant Malan was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict*)
- 7-B: Recognition of Ramona Archway Association for the addition to the Community of the Ramona Archway Centerpiece (*Item May be Moved To January, 2025, Agenda*)

Mr. Stykel said he would like the RCPG to write a letter to all Ramona Archway Association participants, appreciating their work on this landmark project.

MOTION: TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THE RAMONA ARCHWAY ASSOCIATION PARTICIPANTS WITH A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM THE RCPG.

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Debbie Foster, Dawn Perfect, Michelle Rains and Matt Rains absent, and Dan Summers resigned.

The Chair said he would write the letter to send to all participants.

7-C: Discussion/Possible Action: Mt. Woodson Parking Lot Update from County Staff

Emmet Aquino with County Parks and Recreation gave the presentation. The Mt. Woodson Parking Lot project is now under construction. Next winter the project will be completed. The 4 parking areas include 11 ADA accessible spaces.

The Chair said it has been 8 years since the RCPG has undertaken this project. It is fairly quick to get to construction on a project within 8 years.

Mr. Brean asked about keeping the Mt. Woodson HOA updated with project details. This would be just for the parking lot project and not include the Fry-Koegel Trail.

Mr. Aquino said they will be working with the HOA as the project proceeds. They will work with them on signage.

Janelle Clark has concerns about overflow parking. When the parking lot is full, or if people don't want to pay the parking fee, she is afraid people will park on Archie Moore Road. The speed limit is 55 mph on Archie Moore and there are 7 fire hydrants along that road. The road is not wide enough to support traffic and parking. She has concerns that if fire personnel are working in the area, the road may be blocked. Vehicles may be forced into oncoming traffic lanes to avoid parked cars.

Mr. Aquino said he hopes the parking lot alleviates people parking on residents' property. This topic is on his radar and the County will be monitoring it.

The Chair said it was a surprise to the RCPG that there would be a charge for parking. This has never been part of the discussion.

Mr. Aquino said this is a valid point and he will take this issue up with his team. This is how the project was presented. There will be signs to let people know they can't park along Highway 67 on Caltrans right of way.

Ms. Clark asked if there would be 'no parking signs' on Archie Moore Road?

Mr. Aquino said the signs would only be on Highway 67.

Ms. Clark asked that Archie Moore Road be considered for having striping on it. The ad hoc subcommittee had talked about this.

Ms. Mansolf said we can work together on these issues.

The Chair asked - if when the parking lot is done – will the old trail entrance be closed off, and will it be clear where the new trailhead will be?

Mr. Aquino said they will work with their social marketing team. This is a work in progress. It will take time to work all of the details out.

Ms. Mansolf asked if the County plans to add interpretive signage about the local vegetation and wildlife, in addition to informative kiosks about Mt. Woodson's historical ties to the CCC's, who built the roadway people walk on in the 1930's.

Mr. Aquino said he will work with the RCPG on developing some type of kiosk or signs to inform visitors of the area's environmental assets and historical roots.

7-D: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

1. Discussion item: Pickleball modification to tennis court at Collier Park.
 2. Discussion item: Ramona Skateboard Park at Ramona Community Park (formerly Wellfield Park).
 3. **Action item:** Annual update to the Ramona PLDO project priority list.
- Brean, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

Mr. Brean said the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee would not have had a quorum if they met, so they did not meet.

Jen Spencer, with the County Department of Parks and Recreation, gave an update on the pickleball court. The project is on the list for the project to be completed. County Parks knows the project is a priority. The pickleball court is being funded through a different process than PLDO.

Mr. Brean said the pickleball project was on the PLDO list last year, also.

Ms. Spencer said the Community Gardens at Collier Park will start construction in the spring. There are grant funds available to do this project.

The Chair stepped down and said he wanted to talk about the skatepark project. A skatepark has been something Ramona has wanted for 20 years. At one time it was told it would be at the RICC, but there is no place to put it at the RICC now. There has been discussion on putting it at Wellfield Park (Ramona Community Park). He has met with a skatepark contractor, and they identified a spot for the skatepark at the Senior Center. There will be pump tracks for bicycles, too, where bicyclists can ride through the trail without peddling. He would like to see the skatepark be number 1 on the PLDO Priority List. Over 8 years ago, \$250,000 was allocated to the skatepark. He has been looking at potential schematic designs. PLDO doesn't follow a champion anymore. Residential construction, such as the housing to be constructed behind the former K-Mart building, will add to the PLDO money for Ramona.

Ms. Maxson asked if the \$250,000 put toward the skatepark 8 years ago is still available for the project?

The Chair said it was.

Darcy LaHaye, with RMWD Parks and Recreation, said the lights near the soccer field will be in by February. The scoreboard for the girls softball field has been installed and is working great.

The Chair said the PLDO Priority List doesn't initiate the projects. Having money in the account and community support is the start. It takes time to fund the projects. The problem with the skatepark has been operations and maintenance. With the RMWD involved through their Parks Department, they can accept the operation and maintenance responsibilities.

MOTION: TO UPDATE THE PARKS PLDO PRIORITY LIST AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. TO MAKE THE SKATEPARK AT WELLFIELD PARK (RAMONA COMMUNITY PARK) #1 AND TO COMMIT AT LEAST \$2.2 MILLION OF PLDO FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE SKATEPARK PROJECT.**
- 2. TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS**
- 3. DOG PARK**
- 4. 5K ROUTE GOING THROUGH WELLFIELD PARK, PLUS SCORING EQUIPMENT**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Janelle Clark, the motion **passed 9-0-0-1-5**, with Casey Lynch stepping down, Debbie Foster, Dawn Perfect, Michelle Rains and Matt Rains absent, and Dan Summers resigned.

- 7-E: **Discussion/Possible Action:** Send a letter to CalTrans outlining potential community originated solutions to the Mussey Grade/SR 67 intersection safety problems in advance of the upcoming community meeting to discuss said issue in early 2025.
Brean

Mr. Brean said with the resignation of Dan Summers, the RSRS Subcommittee has lost its captain. Mr. Summers worked with Caltrans and other entities. Mr. Brean said momentum has been gained for SR 67 improvements, and he doesn't want to see this momentum stop. He has written the letter relating to Mussey Grade alternatives to present to Caltrans

The Chair said Stephen Welborn of Caltrans will be coming in January to the RCPG meeting, and he will be discussing all Caltrans issues relating to Ramona. It will probably be in February that Caltrans will have the community meeting for Mussey Grade Road.

Mr. Brean said the point of the letter is to present some of the concepts we have talked about relating to the Mussey Grade/SR 67 intersection. It would be good for Caltrans to know, when they come, the options we have been discussing.

MOTION: TO SEND THE MUSSEY GRADE/SR 67 LETTER WITH THE CHANGE RELATING TO THE DYE STREET EXTENSION. ADD THAT THE DYE STREET EXTENSION IS A JOINT VENTURE PROJECT BETWEEN CALTRANS AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

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

7-F: **Discussion/Possible Action:** Plan and discuss Email Draft of onboarding email to send to new members and potential candidates or group appointed members.
Lynch (Chair)

The Chair gave Ms. Welty credit for the work that was done on the onboarding information to be presented to new members. A member had brought up this topic. The onboarding information talks about all aspects of related issues for new RCPG members. There are hyperlinks that provide quick access to relevant, informational topics.

Only formatting changes were suggested by RCPG members.

Ms. Maxson said that there are RCPG members that are liaisons with other groups. Does the Chair maintain this list?

Ms. Welty said the list will be sent to the secretary.

Mr. Brean said 'thank you' to Michelle Rains (who was not in attendance) for bringing up this topic.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ONBOARDING DOCUMENTATION WITH CHANGES.

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

7-G: **Discussion/Possible Action:** APG report on updates in the unincorporated area. Consideration of sending a letter supporting effort to hold meeting between Congressman Darrell Issa, SANDAG CEO Mario Orso and Unincorporated Community Planning/Sponsor Group Representatives to address: "Transportation funding and safety in the Unincorporated Area; addressing fatality rate on rural highways, safe wildfire evacuation, lack of public transportation resulting in geographic isolation of vulnerable populations and continued diversion of transportation funds from rural highway projects.
Maxson

In Ms. Maxson's role as the RCPG's representative to the APG she stated that the APG sent a letter to Congressman Darrell Issa regarding the lack of funding of road projects in rural areas as a result of TransNet funding going into the coastal areas. Rural communities have been paying into TransNet since 1988. Congressman Issa met with East County mayors and SANDAG in

July regarding transportation issues. Despite multiple communications, Congressman Issa has not set up a meeting with representatives of the Unincorporated Area. The APG would like to prompt a meeting with the Congressman and the representatives of the Unincorporated Area. The APG letter to Congressman Issa requests an in-person meeting between the Congressman, SANDAG CEO Mario Orso and Unincorporated Area leadership to discuss transportation planning and funding. The APG is also sending a separate letter to SANDAG CEO Mario Orso requesting an accounting of the TransNet funds and how they have been spent in the Unincorporated Area especially in comparison to the suburban/urban areas.

In Ms. Maxson's role as an RCPG member she requested the RCPG consider sending their own letter to Congressman Issa supporting the need for this in-person meeting between the Congressman, SANDAG CEO Mario Orso and Unincorporated Area leadership. Ms. Maxson provided a draft of the letter for RCPG review. Should the RCPG approve this letter it should also be shared with the CEO of SANDAG. Ms. Maxson read the letter she prepared.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: THE RCPG APPROVE THE LETTER AS PRESENTED AND SEND TO CONGRESSMAN ISSA.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Lauren Elyse Welty, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Debbie Foster, Dawn Perfect, Michelle Rains and Matt Rains absent, and Dan Summers resigned.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Announcement: Pursuant to the Vacancy of RCPG Seat #11 Left Vacant by the Resignation of Dan Summers, Effective 11-10-24, the RCPG Will Take a Vote to Recommend One Replacement for Seat #11 at the January, 2025, First Meeting of the Year – Date to be Determined. The RCPG will Hear from Parties Interested in Filling the Seat at the first meeting prior to Voting. ***All Applicants must have Certified applications prior to the meeting to address the RCPG***
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair_Resources/Application.pdf

The Chair said that the vacancy of Dan Summers' seat will be addressed in January at the first meeting of the year. The RCPG will vote for a new member once applications for the seat have been accepted by the County. The new members of the RCPG will be part of this decision.

8-B: Additional Announcements and Correspondence Received.

The Chair announced that the County Traffic Engineering section sent out an email, when they sent out the TAC agenda, talking about the new Safety Corridor speed limits that will be implemented in the near future.

The Chair also announced that the Department of Environmental Health and Quality, Land Use Team, conducted a comprehensive evaluation and update of the 2015 Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) and San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances related to [Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and Improper Disposal of Sewage](#), which included careful consideration of comments provided by various stakeholders. The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board unanimously approved [Resolution R9-2024-0130](#) for San Diego County's 2025 LAMP on November 13, 2024, and it will go into effect on February 1, 2025.

8-C: Discussion Items:

1. Concerns from Members

Ms. Mansolf said a constituent brought to her attention a new billboard along SR 67 with language that could be interpreted to represent profanity. She would like to place this item on the next RCPG agenda.

The Chair said this item could be on the agenda, and possibly Greater Ramona would consider having a subcommittee meeting to discuss it.

2. Future Agenda Item Requests

The Chair said Stephen Welborn will be coming to the RCPG meeting in January to make a presentation on the SR 67 Improvement Project

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members
(None were brought forward)

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

Mr. Dyer gave the Design Review report from the November Design Review Board meeting:

Waiver Requests:

- 1801 Main Street (Starbucks) – TABLED
- 668 Main Street (Rachel's) – APPROVED
- D & 11th Street (Mixed Use) – TABLED

8-E: Recognition of Outgoing RCPG Members

Outgoing RCPG members Torry Brean, Casey Lynch, Matt Rains and Michelle Rains were recognized by Giancarlo Zazueta, from Supervisor Joel Anderson's Office, for their service to the community. Supervisor Anderson's office had prepared Certificates of Appreciation for outgoing members as requested by the Chair.

8-F: Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings
(No additional information was brought forward)

2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be after the election is certified – date and meeting location to be determined

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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