

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES
July 3, 2025
7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona**

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Lauren Elyse Welty, Chair

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Welty, Chair)

In Attendance:	Basil Aruin	Maureen Dant	Andrea Gibson
	Holly Hamilton-Bleakley		Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Terry Maxson	Dawn Perfect
	Andrew Simmons	Paul Stykel	Dustin Turley
	Lauren Elyse Welty		

Members absent: Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer, Debbie Foster

Lauren Elyse Welty, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Robin Joy Maxson, 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 6-12-25 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2025, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Andrew Simmons and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer and Debbie Foster 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: Glen Morgan, Ramona Resident

Mr. Morgan said he would like for the Rancho Canada de San Vicente property to be on a future agenda to discuss having public access to the preserve. The State bought the property in 2008 and it is closed to the public. RTA has tried to negotiate with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for public access since 2018. Assemblyman Carl Dimaio has been looking for ways

to help. There are 13 miles of roads on the property and they are asking for access to the property to use the roads. The property is 5,000 acres.

The Chair said this item would be on a future agenda.

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

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

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Andrew Simmons, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer and Debbie Foster absent.

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 Navarro said the Sheriff's are working with the property manager of a property they are interested in using temporarily, while the Sheriff's Substation is being rebuilt. They are working to finalize a lease agreement before they can bring this item to the Board of Supervisors. In May the old Substation will be demolished. It will probably take 2 years to build the new Substation. They will be meeting with the construction company who will be doing the work on the following Monday to look at options.

Mr. Stykel asked if there were holding cells at the last Substation, and would there be holding cells at the new Substation?

Lieutenant Navaro said there were holding cells at the last substation and there would be holding cells at the new location.

Ms. Maxson asked about enforcement of the speed limit in Old Town, Ramona?

Lieutenant Navarro said they are trying to get a License Plate Reader for Old Town Ramona. Every weekend there is a reserve deputy working traffic. Usually the reserve deputy is out at SDCE.

Ms. Maxson asked if more funding is needed for CHP and traffic enforcement?

Lieutenant Navarro said they are still working with the grant funding they received. He can't speak for the CHP. They try to step up traffic enforcement for big events.

7-B: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: Update on Archie Moore Memorial Project by Dan Summers.

Dan Summers passed out brochures about the project and made the presentation. Billy Moore came and spoke to the RCPG about 2 years ago. He talked about the ABC Program – Any Body Can – that Archie Moore started that used boxing to keep kids off drugs, out of gangs and off of

the streets. The program aimed to teach young people discipline, respect, and other positive values through sports - particularly boxing. Casey Lynch had said we should have a statue of Archie Moore in Ramona. Archie Moore loved Ramona and wanted to raise his family here. He bought 110 acres in Ramona and built a training camp there. He trained Mohammed Ali for 6 weeks and other boxers. Why a statue commemorating Archie Moore? He was the light heavyweight boxing champion for 10 years. No one wanted to fight Archie Moore. He learned to fight in reform school. He was the most winning fighter with 242 career fights. He started the ABC Program, which spread across America. He deserves more recognition. Mr. Summers has not started to ask for funding yet. He will start a foundation to collect money for this project. Congressman Darrel Issa said that he will initiate a bill in Congress to change the name of the Ramona Post Office to the Archie Moore Ramona Post Office. Mr. Summers has contacted William Behrends, the sculptor of the Jackie Robinson statue in Brooklyn, New York, and Mr. Behrends said he would be honored to make a statue of Archie Moore for the Ramona Post Office. The action to change the name of the Post Office will have to go through Congress, and it will be brought there by Congressman Issa.

Ms. Perfect asked if a mural was included with the project – in addition to the statue?

Mr. Summers said that a mural was also part of the project.

7-C: Action Items: Transportation/Trails Items

Perfect, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee

1. Elm St. at Poplar St. Safety concerns from residents. Traffic study done in February, 2014, and previous RCPG actions February, 2018.

Ms. Perfect said the mailboxes on Elm Street that were requested to be moved to Poplar Street are still on Elm Street. RMWD is planning changes to the Park on the Elm Street side in the future, so the consensus of the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee was to wait until the changes occurred to ask that the County do a traffic study.

Speaker: Bev Torres, Ramona Resident

Ms. Torres said the Ramona Post Office wanted to see support or documents before making any changes to the mailboxes. She was going to see if she could get accident report information as there have been several accidents at the intersection of Elm and Poplar due to there being a blind curve there. Poplar was a dirt road until 2021. Until 2021 trash removal service would not go down the road, nor would the post office go down the road for postal delivery. Eric Webb built a home on Poplar in 2021 and he was required to pave Poplar and to create a turn around on Poplar, so now trash trucks and postal delivery trucks will use Poplar.

Mr. Stykel said he thought it would be beneficial for Ms. Torres to go to the Post Office and discuss the item with them.

Ms. Torres did go to the Post Office in 2018 and she will go again in the near future.

MOTION: RCPG TO AGAIN CONTACT THE POSTMASTER REGARDING UNSAFE MAILBOX PLACEMENT AND RECOMMEND MOVING MAILBOXES OFF ELM STREET TO POPLAR, REFERRING TO THE RCPG ACTION IN 2018 AND ONGOING SAFETY CONCERNS.

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer and Debbie Foster absent.

2. Ramona Capital Improvement Project List (CIP)

Ms. Perfect said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee tabled this item. She has had a hard time getting updates from the County on the projects on the list. Our last CIP list was submitted in 2021. We did get an update from the County in 2023 but no new information has been received since then. The County just sent an email reminding us to send them our CIP list. Do we want to send them our most recent list?

Mr. Aruin said that regarding D Street, he followed up with Supervisor Anderson's office about the sidewalk project on D Street from the CIP list and the County said initially it was descope. But after that County staff talked to Mr. Aruin and sent a follow up email saying that the project was still going forward. The bids are in and construction will start in the Fall of 2025.

Ms. Dant saw the request for our CIP list from the County and she wanted to add paving the Acres dirt roads to the CIP list.

The Chair said the Acres roads are private. The County would have to get every homeowner in the Acres to agree to pave the roads for this to happen.

Ms. Dant said the Acres is a community that she would like to add to the CIP list, and the County is asking us for projects for the list.

Mr. Simmons said that the road easements in the Acres are private road easements. Seventy to eighty percent of the residents there don't want pavement on the roads. People there like the dirt roads for their horses and dirt bikes. For us to go down that road would alienate 800 residents.

Ms. Dant said she thought that assumption should be challenged. The County is asking for projects for the CIP list and she would like to add the Acres.

Ms. Maxson said we can vote to add it to the list or not. The Acres is a special area.

Ms. Perfect said she would want adding a new project to the CIP list to go to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee prior to adding. A road improvement on a private road can trigger special taxes.

Ms. Dant said there are already easements on maps. The dust is horrible. Kids waiting for buses are exposed to it as well as kids in strollers.

Ms. Perfect said she will run this through the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee. Then the item will go to the RCPG. At the Subcommittee meeting, she is hoping to get input from the residents.

The Chair said there can be a petition for people who live in the Acres to see who wants it paved.

Mr. Simmons said the County will charge for every service they provide. The roads will need to be surveyed.

Mr. Stykel said it may take 8 to 10 years to get done.

MOTION: AFFIRM PREVIOUS CIP LIST (2021) SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY AND REQUEST A STATUS REPORT UPDATE ON ALL ITEMS.

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Terry Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer and Debbie Foster absent.

7-D: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY: Parks and Recreation Items
Gibson, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

Ms. Gibson had a Parks and Recreation meeting, however, she did not have a quorum. Anthony Laws and Dawn Perfect were in attendance.

Ms. Mansolf said she tried to contact Kevin Wallace to see if he still wanted to be on the Subcommittee, but did not get a response, so she recommended taking his name off the list.

Ms. Hamilton-Bleakley said she would like to be removed from the Subcommittee list at this time.

Mr. Simmons also said he would like to have his name removed from the Subcommittee list.

Maureen Dant and Basil Aruin said they would like to serve on the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee.

Ms. Dant asked if the next Parks and Recreation Subcommittee meeting has been established?

Ms. Gibson said a date has not been determined yet for the next Parks and Recreation Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Dant said she would like to see the Santa Maria Greenway added to the list of Parks projects.

Ms. Perfect said the Santa Maria Greenway Committee meetings monthly.

Ms. Dant says she attends the meetings. The County wants voluntary easements. Things are moving at a snail's pace. This is pristine land and sometimes there are illegal activities going on.

Ms. Gibson talked about the possibility of getting a community pool in Ramona.

Ms. Hamilton-Bleakley suggested that she consult with Mrs. Stacey Dusseault as a resource if Ms. Gibson wanted to explore that possibility.

The Parks list is as follows:

1. Wellfield Park Sports Lighting & Scoreboard
 - a. Project to be completed by the end of July 2025Project still on track to be completed by the end of July 2025
2. Temporary Skate Park
 - a. Temporary Skate Park location at Junior Fair- concrete slab to be completed early July 2025
 - b. Entity/ Non-Profit needed to oversee programThere needs to be a non-profit to oversee the Skate Park. It will not be in operation until a 501(c)3 organization is involved.
3. Collier Park
 - a. Ramona Community Garden- Completed
 - b. Existing tennis courts renovated/ modified to be used for tennis or pickleball?
 - i. Update or information?The courts have been restriped for pickleball.
4. Pickleball Court Potential Locations
 - a. Wellfield Park
 - b. Collier Park
 - c. 40 acres behind RHSThere are vernal pool on the 40 acres behind RHS. Discuss options.
5. New Park Project Ideas
 - a. BMX Park
 - b. Community Water Park/ Pool
 - c. Teen Center
 - d. Dog Park
 - e. Nature Center Playground (like that in Santa Ysabel)

7-E: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: APG Report on updates in the unincorporated area
Maxson

Ms. Maxson gave the APG report. The SANDAG 2025 Regional Plan is out for public review and comments are due by July 18, 2025. There will be a virtual meeting for giving input on this project on July 16. More information can be found at <https://sandag.org/2025regionalplan>

It was reported that the CEO of SANDAG, Mario Orso, had met with all of the 18 cities. He met with their City Managers. Mr. Orso plans to hold these city manager meetings regularly. As we do not know who from the County or even if the County was present at this meeting - the APG

requested the same consideration. The APG has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Orso to discuss Unincorporated Area issues. Also, Congressman Darrel Issa is sponsoring a bill that will provide tax relief for homeowners that invest in fire protection.

**7-F: Discussion and Possible Action: Ramona States Routes
Maxson, RSRS Subcommittee**

1. Report on Presentation by Emmet Aquino, Park Project Manager, County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation regarding Mt. Woodson Gateway County Preserve Parking Lot.

County of San Diego Parks and Recreation decided to make their presentation to the full RCPG in August. No discussion nor activity taken.

2. SR 78 and Haverford Intersection Safety Issue with Westbound Curve.

Caltrans responded to this request by the RCPG via a letter. "The existing curve warning signs are installed in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD). No additional signage is currently recommended. However, Caltrans will install delineators along the curve on westbound SR 78 approaching Haverford Road to enhance the visibility of the curve."

The Subcommittee discussed this issue and no action was taken.

3. Status of SR 67 Highway Improvement Project.

The Subcommittee discussed the release of Environmental Study funds through SANDAG for this project which demonstrates the project is moving forward. There was also discussion focusing on specific areas of concern for the community related to the highway - specifically evacuation. Evacuation issues will be discussed in September.

4. Status of SRs 67/78 Main Street Traffic Calming Measures for Safety.

The Subcommittee discussed the RCPG letter requesting a crosswalk at 6th Street and Caltrans's hesitation to add a crosswalk at this location as 7th Street has a crosswalk. Possible solutions to move this request forward and other safety enhancements to create a safe, walkable Old Town were discussed. The Chair will invite the Ramona Sheriff to a future RSRS meeting. The following motion was made at the meeting and Ms. Maxson brought it forward to the RCPG:

MOTION: TO REQUEST CALTRANS ADD THE FOLLOWING SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS TO OLD TOWN RAMONA: 1. TRAFFIC SLOWING RUMBLE STRIPS ON THE HIGHWAY'S SOUTHBOUND SIDE OF OLD TOWN FOR TRAFFIC APPROACHING RAMONA FROM THE EAST TO ALERT DRIVERS OF THE UPCOMING CHANGE IN SPEED LIMIT AND THE PRESENCE OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. 2. THE 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT OF OLD TOWN TO BE PAINTED ON THE HIGHWAY LANES FROM BOTH THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN

APPROACHES TO OLD TOWN IN ORDER TO SIGNAL TO DRIVERS THAT THEY ARE ENTERING A PEDESTRIAN ZONE WITH A CORRESPONDING LOW SPEED LIMIT.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer and Debbie Foster absent.

7-G: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: Caltrans is Planning to Remove and Replace 2 Declining Trees in the Historic Ramona Colonnade

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG received a letter from Caltrans about removing and replacing 2 declining trees in the Historic Ramona Colonnade. Removing and replacing trees is part of the original plan for the Ramona Colonnade. Trees are to be replaced in the same area from which they were removed. Caltrans sent the letter to let the RCPG know what they would be doing and no action is being requested from the RCPG at this time.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)
8-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair said she attended Supervisor Anderson's coffee at the Ramona Community Center. The meeting was very informative and Supervisor Anderson's office did a good job of addressing Ramona's issues. Supervisor Anderson is big on incorporation and he talked of incorporating 3 San Diego County communities as 1 city. It takes about 10 years for the incorporation process.

The Chair said she received a call from someone in PDS asking to be on a future agenda for a change to the Zoning Ordinance regarding music at wineries.

Ms. Mansolf said there had been some discussion/concerns regarding trash on the side of the road from the last meeting. She had said she would ask about it as it relates to SR 67. She received an unofficial answer from Caltrans that said that when the trash is picked up on the side of the road, the crews try and have a trash truck with them so they can compact and remove the trash. Sometimes this isn't possible so the trash is picked up later. As far as littering, there are court ordered/sponsored litter programs that are handled through the Courthouse's Litter Abatement Program and Caltrans partners with them.

8-B: Discussion Items:

1. Request Supervisor Anderson to Host a Revitalization Meeting in Ramona

The Chair said she would reach out to Supervisor Anderson's staff to see about coordinating a revitalization meeting in Ramona

Ms. Dant asked what a revitalization meeting is?

Ms. Perfect said our Supervisor would hold a meeting twice a year that included several County agencies/departments. The representatives from the County agencies/departments were often the lead people from those areas. Issues outside of land use were addressed. For example, County

Parks would be at the meeting, and the discussion would reflect what was happening in Ramona related to County Parks. The Sheriff's would be there, Public Works would be there, etc. Discussion was focused on Ramona.

2. Concerns from Members *(No concerns were brought forward)*
3. Future Agenda Item Requests

The Chair said the winery ordinance update/revision would be on the next agenda.

Ms. Dant asked about the Acres road paving being on the next agenda?

Ms. Perfect said she would not be having a subcommittee meeting prior to the next RCPG meeting, August 7. She thought her next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting would be August 26. She will put the Acres road paving and Rancho de Canada trails discussion on the August 26, Transportation/Trails meeting agenda.

4. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members

Andrea Gibson brought forward the names of Basil Aruin and Maureen Dant to the RCPG Parks Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM ADDING BASIL ARUIN AND MAUREEN DANT TO THE PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Andrea Gibson and seconded by Lauren Elyse Welty, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Janelle Clark, Jonas Dyer and Debbie Foster absent.

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

The Chair gave the Design Review Board report from their June 26, 2025, meeting, in Mr. Dyer's absence.

Waiver Requests:

Main Street Coffee (Fencing) - APPROVED
Ramona Food & Clothes Closet (Signage) – APPROVED

D. Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings
(No Additional Information Brought Forward)

2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be August 7, 2025,
Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main St

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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