

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held November 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL (Piva, Chair)

In Attendance:	Chad Anderson	Torry Brean	Jim Cooper
	Matt Deskovick (Arr 7:20)	Scotty Ensign	Carl Hickman
	Eb Hogervorst	Barbara Jensen	Kristi Mansolf
	Donna Myers	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong
	Richard Tomlinson		

Excused Absence: Paul Stykel, Kevin Wallace

Jim Piva, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Scotty Ensign, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING 10-2-14.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2014, WITH ATTENDANCE CORRECTIONS TO REFLECT CARL HICKMAN AND EB HOGERVORST WERE PRESENT, AND PAUL STYKEL AND DENNIS SPRONG WERE ABSENT (EXCUSED).

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 11-0-1-0-3**, with Jim Cooper abstaining, and Matt Deskovick, Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair announced the leading 7 candidates in the November 4, 2014, RCPG race in the Gubernatorial Election : David Ross, Kristi Mansolf, Frank Lucio, Scotty Ensign, Rick Terrazas, Dan Scherer and Elio Noyas. Prop Q did not pass. Incoming Board members will have to attend the County PDS Mandatory Annual Training before they can be seated. Continuing members must also attend one of the training sessions the County will be offering.

The Chair invited Mr. and Mrs. Degenfelder to the front of the room and presented them with a custom designed certificate recognizing their over 30 years of service to the community.

The Chair said that when he attended the County Planning and Sponsor Group Training on October 25, he learned of a new online tool the County has that enables people to generate a Property Summary Report. It takes a few minutes to generate and customers can obtain preliminary parcel development and environmental information for properties within unincorporated San Diego County. The information is available at <https://gis-public.co.san-diego.ca.us/ISRP/home>

Ms. Mansolf announced the Mt. View Church plans to come to the RCPG meeting December 4, 2014, and to the West and Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meetings on December 1, 2014. SDG&E would like to come to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting on December 1,

2014, but would like to wait to attend the full RCPG meeting. The County is asking the RCPG to review 4 to 5 dead eucalyptus trees in the County Right of Way on Pile, just east of Pamo, as they would like to remove them.

The Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church is going to the Planning Commission on November 12, as is the Deer Canyon Telecommunications Facility.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda.

Speaker: Eric Metz, Ramona Resident

Mr. Metz is the owner of the Lenora Winery in Ramona. The Lenora Winery is Ramona's second oldest winery. The wine tasting room next to the Ramona Café was one of 4 in Ramona. The wine tasting room closed until the San Diego County Tiered Winery Ordinance went into effect. Since March, 2011, Lenora Winery has conducted its wine tasting in its wine making area located in the vineyard. Attendance grew slowly, but now, with more than 25 wine tasting rooms in Ramona, attendance on the weekend has noticeably dropped.

Lenora Winery is planning on moving its existing wine tasting operation from the winery up to a beautiful hillside view of the Santa Maria Valley. Mr. Metz has contacted the County regarding his interest in buying the new property and converting it into a winery. He is also planning on having events on the property. He will be bringing his request for expansion to the RCPG in the very near future for review.

Speaker: Vicky Tate, Ramona Resident

Ms. Tate discussed the SDG&E solar project near the Creelman Substation. She has talked with County DPW about paving of the road. The neighbors would like it paved from San Vicente Road to Ashley.

Speaker: Jim Tate, Ramona Resident

Mr. Tate said the latest letter from the County to SDG&E regarding the proposed solar facility discusses paving the road. The neighbors would like the whole road paved in front of the substation, San Vicente to Ashley Road. They have learned that there is a County program – DLI-RIO-N which applicants pay into for a fair share of a project. The County is proposing the road be paid into for improvements/paving San Vicente Road to the first driveway of the project. Not only will SDG&E not be paving the road, but they will only be paying toward a part of the paving.

The Chair said he contacted Terry Rayback of County DPW, and asked him to do a road seminar for the RCPG members at the first meeting in January.

Speaker: Bob Romeo, Ramona Resident

Mr. Romeo said he was also going to speak on the SDG&E Creelman Substation. SDG&E put a smoke stack up on the property which they said in a memo they intended to stop work on until there was further study and outreach. No outreach has been done. Mr. Romeo told the SDG&E PIO that it is the policy in Ramona to make projects fit into the community. The AT&T lines are too low on

the property (not conforming to standards), and SDG&E is not giving any input, so now AT&T is giving up on bringing the poles/wires into compliance.

The Chair encouraged the neighbors to the Creelman Substation to not give up.

Ms. Tate said there is a constant beeping from the tower.

Speaker: Gerrie Griffin, Ramona Resident

Mr. Griffin lives off Hanson Lane and he asked for guidance and assistance in seeing how to make Hanson Lane safer for children who have to cross the street going to school. Right now there is a crosswalk at Hanson Lane and San Vicente, and at Hanson Lane and Ramona Street. Students run across the street between the 2 crosswalks. The children living within a 2 mile radius do not have bus service and they walk to school. The speed limit is a 25 mph zone. He would like to see a crosswalk in the middle between Ramona Street and Hanson Lane on Hanson Lane.

Mr. Hickman said that a crosswalk has been investigated between Ramona Street and San Vicente on Hanson Lane. It may be needed at major times of the day with high traffic, but it will be there 24/7. For a crosswalk, there needs to be 20 pedestrians in an hour. The County doesn't like crosswalks mid-block. The County recommends people walk to the corners with the crosswalks. Mr. Hickman recommended Mr. Griffin go out and take a count on how many people are crossing between crosswalks.

The Chair said that due to Proposition Q not passing, bus cuts will exacerbate the problem.

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

Sergeant Strahm of the Ramona Sheriff's Substation was in attendance to give an update on the Santa Maria Creek Cleanup.

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 8-A TO BEFORE 7-A.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Matt Deskovick, Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

(Mr. Deskovick arrived at 7:20)

ITEM 8-A: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Update (Taken Out of Order)

Seargeant Strahm said some people have been arrested in the creek. There have been meetings with County staff on the creek cleanup, but no date has yet been set to do the work.

The Chair said Ms. Tobiason was going to undertake the project, but she has to back out due to family health issues.

Ms. Mansolf said the Iron Mountain Conservancy (IMC), a Ramona non-profit, is looking at taking over the project. The IMC was very active in years past, then not so active, but now they are returning to active status and want to be involved in a project that will benefit the community. Cleaning up the Santa Maria Creek of invasive plants is a good project for them. A meeting with County staff and the IMC was scheduled for the next day.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-A: Presentation by LaVonna Connelly on Information Regarding the Flourishing Industry of Foreign Flight Schools in County Owned Public Airports

Ms. Connelly came across information related to airports in her consulting work. She wanted to give a quick overview on a few issues relating to airports to help make sure the Ramona Airport develops in a way that is a good fit for our community.

The Ramona Airport is part of the County-wide system of airports. Revenues go into a common pot – the Airport Enterprise Fund. This money is used to expand/develop each airport as needs and opportunities arise. Airport designations can change over time. A higher level of designation means a higher level of funding.

For receiving FAA grants, the airport is obligated to certain assurances. There is no curfew, no noise code and no restrictions on businesses.

Gillespie Field slowly became a higher level airport. There are a number of foreign flight schools operating at Gillespie Field. Pilots take off and land 140-160 times a day (touch and goes), at 1 to 4 minute intervals for 1 to 2 hours. There are no curfews and and leaded aviation gas is used. Residents living in the area are concerned with emissions pollution, noise, collision risk and security.

Ms. Connelly asked if there was a Master Plan for the Ramona Airport? If so, what was the last amendment? What types/weight of planes can land on the landing strip? Does Ramona get to weigh in on airport issues when changes are proposed?

Ms. Mansolf said that there is an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Ramona Airport. It was put together and finally adopted in about 2006, and she attended the meetings and brought information to the RCPG. Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans were developed for all County Airports at about the same time. The meetings had all the stakeholders involved, including SANDAG, Caltrans, the County and the City. The plan laid out guidelines for developing land around the airport and looked at such things as flight paths, setbacks and security. After the plan was adopted, the Ramona Airport wanted to vacate Montecito Road going through the airport (a paper road) so they could increase security at the airport and also be consistent with FAA standards. The County came to the RCPG to request the vacation of Montecito Road through the airport. The RCPG then asked for the emergency evacuation route through the Ramona Grasslands.

Mr. Deskovick said he would like to ask the County what prompts change at an airport?

Mr. Sprong said he was skeptical when the County came to the RCPG asking for Montecito Road to be vacated.

Ms. Connelly said the airport is an enterprise and it can have an impact on the community.

There was discussion on a possible motion to ask the County for information on the airport and potential changes to the airport, and it was decided that Ms. Connelly would work with Mr. Sprong to come up with airport issues/questions relating to future airport development to include in a letter before the next meeting.

MOTION: TO TABLE SENDING A LETTER REGARDING RAMONA AIRPORT QUESTIONS UNTIL NEXT MONTH (DECEMBER 4, 2014).

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

7-B: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Project) Information Received from County on Inquiry of Road Resurfacing on Hanson Ln between Ashley and Barnett Roads

Mr. Hickman said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee voted to extend the road resurfacing project on Hanson Lane (slurry seal, #9) from San Vicente Road to Keyes Road, amending the original project which was on Hanson Lane from Ashley Road to Keyes, based on review at the request of a neighbor in that area. County staff has been consulted and said they would consider the request if the RCPG added the item to the RCPG Road Resurfacing List, adopted in April, 2014.

MOTION: TO REQUEST THE COUNTY MODIFY THE RCPG ROAD RESURFACING LIST AND EXTEND/MODIFY THE SEGMENT ORIGINALLY LISTED AS ASHLEY TO KEYES ON HANSON (#9), TO BE SAN VICENTE TO KEYES ON HANSON.

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

7-C: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Project) Road Width along G St between 7th and 8th St. Consideration of Emergency Access

Mr. Hickman said the G Street segment is consistent with other County roads in Ramona. The Transportation/Trails Subcommittee discussed whether or not a parking prohibition would be appropriate for the area, and they decided it would not. There is an existing parking prohibition now on G Street that is in effect from 7 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday. It was put there years ago to discourage Montecito High students from parking on G Street.

Speaker: Laura Withrow, Ramona Resident

Ms. Withrow apologized as she was unable to attend the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting. Blacktop sidewalks were put in by the RUSD along a portion of G Street that makes parking problematic. She has a small car and it is very difficult for her to get out of her driveway. The blacktop sidewalks are not down the whole street, but are by her house. She doesn't think the lane widths meet the road width standards with the blacktop sidewalks in place. She is concerned emergency vehicles will not be able to get down the street should there be an emergency.

A decision was made to send the issue back to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee for further review.

MOTION: TO TABLE AND BRING BACK NEXT MONTH (DECEMBER 4, 2014) THE WIDTH OF G STREET, 7TH TO 8TH.

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

7-D: Request for a Recommendation for a Minor Deviation to an Existing Sear's Sign. The site is governed by an existing Site plan and per Section 7609D.V in

the Zoning Ordinance, a recommendation is needed prior to issuance of a minor deviation submittal.

Pat Brady represented the project. The proposal is to increase the size of the letters on the Sear's sign from 12 inches to 24 inches and to add downward pointing lights to illuminate them. A minor deviation is required for the change.

Mr. Cooper said the project is in the Colonnade area of the Form Based Code, and the Design Review Board has purview over sign projects. He would like to see it go to the Design Review Board for review.

MOTION: TO REFER THE PROJECT TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

7-E: STP 12-021, Kahoots, Kelly Ave and Letton St, Confirmation that PDS Rely on Previous Recommendation as Project Resubmittal is Unchanged

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG received a new set of plans for the project. She asked the Project Manager if the RCPG needed to review the new plans since it was recently approved. The Project Manager said the project did not change, and she thought it would be good if the RCPG reconfirmed their previous approval.

Mr. Sprong said we would need to have new information if the RCPG were to look at the project again. We would also have to reconsider our previous approval to review it. He didn't feel comfortable reviewing the project again without new information being presented.

Ms. Myers said the Kahoots project has already gone on and on at great expense to the owners.

MOTION: IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE PROJECT, OUR PREVIOUS VOTE STANDS. IF THE PROJECT HAS CHANGED, IT NEEDS TO BE RE-PRESENTED TO THE RCPG.

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Matt Deskovick voting no, and Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

7-F: TM 5587, Condo Conversion, Kelly Ave Apartments, Confirmation that PDS Rely on Previous Recommendation as Project Resubmittal is Unchanged

The RCPG members expressed the same concerns for Item 7-F, the Kelly Avenue Condo Conversion, as were expressed for Item 7-E, Kahoots.

MOTION: IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE PROJECT, OUR PREVIOUS VOTE STANDS. IF THE PROJECT HAS CHANGED, IT NEEDS TO BE RE-PRESENTED TO THE RCPG.

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Matt Deskovick voting no, and Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Update – Moved to Before 7-A

8-B: Committee Reports (Possible Action)

8-B-1: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Ensign gave the report from the Ramona Design Review (DRB) Committee meeting. The Salerno Winery presented new signage. Starbucks wants more signage and a digital LED menu board that will change throughout the day. There are 14 signs on the property now. They were asked to come back and re-present the project. The Kapelczaks and Mr. Celaya came to present their project on B Street that has been there for many years but is unpermitted as it stands. They presented letters from Ransom Bros. and Ramona Irrigation saying they had no objection to the proposed improvements. The DRB asked them to move some stuff on the edge of the property inward on the lot. They were also asked to get the shed off of the property line. The plan was approved., however it is not set out according to the recently adopted Form Based Code, and it is in the Form Based Code area. Stater Bros. is upgrading their signs. Rite Aid has changed their logo and their sign.

8-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-C-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Anderson said the big chicken farm on Highway 78 expanded but did not go before the RCPG for review.

8-C-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Deskovick said the cars waiting to left turn from Highland Valley Road onto Highway 67 have to wait a long time before turning. There can be 50 cars waiting, but only about 5 get through before the light changes to red. He asked that this item be placed on the next agenda – signal timing at the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 intersection.

The Chair said any changes to the approved/funded intersection improvements would slow down the project.

Mr. Hickman the intersection improvements should fix the problem.

Ms. Myers said a young lady working at the Ramona Community Library is concerned with the access for Starbucks drive-through. The entrance is backing up onto Main Street. She would like to see the entrance to the Starbucks drive-through be off 13th Street rather than Main to reduce congestion.

8-C-3: Addition and Confirmation of New Subcommittee Members

Mr. Hickman said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee voted Lynn Hopewell in as the new member, replacing Karen Carlson.

Ms. Mansolf said she had been contacted by Thomas Levin who expressed interest in serving on both the CUDA and South Subcommittees. He had been serving on the South Subcommittee until recently.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM LYNN HOPEWELL AS A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE. TO CONFIRM THOMAS LEVIN AS A MEMBER OF THE CUDA AND SOUTH SUBCOMMITTEES.

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

8-D: Meeting Updates

8-D-1: Planning and Sponsor Group Chair Meeting PDS 10-25-14

The Chair said he learned at the Planning and Sponsor Group (CPG) Chair meeting that there is a process to lessen the number of CPG members on groups if there is a problem with attendance. The RCPG does not have this problem, but if we did we could write a letter to Supervisor Jacob requesting the number of members be reduced.

The Chair also learned the County is selling naming rights for community parks. A person has the right to name a park, and there would be no review from CPG's required. Three acres of park per 1,000 residents is the standard. For fifty or more homes, one park is recommended.

8-D-2: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings

8-D-2-a: Traffic Guidelines at TAC Meeting 10-24-14

8-D-2-b: Zoning Ordinance Update No. 30 and County Code Amendments POD 13-003 at BOS 10-29-14

8-D-2-c: Ramona Revitalization Meeting 11-12-14, 2:30 to 4:30

8-D-3: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 12-4-14 at the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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