

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

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held March 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Scherer, Chair)

In Attendance: Jim Cooper Scotty Ensign Chris Holloway
 Frank Lucio Casey Lynch Kristi Mansolf
 Donna Myers Elio Noyas Dave Ross
 Dan Scherer Dan Summers Rick Terrazas
 Richard Tomlinson

Excused Absence: Torry Brean, Paul Stykel

Dan Scherer, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Scotty Ensign, RCPG member, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 2-2-17

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2017, AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair announced Items 7-C and 7-D will be tabled until next month.

Ms. Mansolf announced the medical marijuana issue is going to the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2017.

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.

Mr. Spicuzza and Mr. Minervini both wanted to speak on Item 7-D.

Speaker: Charlie Spicuzza

Mr. Spicuzza talked about the Caltrans flexile channelizer project for SR-67. He said there will 15 miles of rubber cones in the middle of the road, and they won't help much if someone crosses over the centerline. He requested to see the letter the RCPG wrote to Caltrans on this issue.

Speaker: Joe Minervini

Mr. Minervini talked about the curve between Cloudy Moon Drive and Rockhouse Road and the need for a permanent barrier on the centerline. He wanted to see the response from Caltrans to the RCPG letter sent out early this year. San Vicente Road has the double-double centerline and it doesn't stop people from crossing over the line. He asked the RCPG to jump on this issue. He doesn't want anybody else to die on the highway.

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

Mr. Scherer said that due to a technical question that has come up, he would like to table Items 7-C and 7-D until next month.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEMS 7-C AND 7-D UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-A: (East Subcommittee Project) Ground Mount Solar Project, 23720 Highway 78 1376 Square Foot Solar Array. "S" Scenic Special Area Designation Applies

Greg Howard presented the project. The solar panels will be 500 to 600 feet from Highway 78. There will be 78 panels. The system will be a 20 KW system to serve a single family residence on over 5 acres of land.

Mr. Lucio gave the East Subcommittee report. Members of the subcommittee went and looked at the site. The panels will be 4-1/2 feet high at the highest point. The panels will be on the side of the property away from the highway.

Mr. Noyas asked if the panels would be stationary or would they track the sun?

Mr. Howard said they would be stationary and they will face to the southeast. The panels will not impact the neighbors' views or people driving on the highway. The panels will be black and there will be no glare.

Mr. Cooper said the solar project will be well camouflaged from the highway. The facility will not be leased.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS SUBMITTED.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Frank Lucio, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

7-B: (East Subcommittee Project & Transportation Trails Subcommittee Project) MUP 03-035W1, Modification of a Major Use Permit for the Mountain Valley Ranch Event Barn, 842 Highway 78. Expand the permitted use of the existing barn and surrounding recreational and parking areas from equestrian and agricultural-based uses to allow public events (weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.)

Markie Battaglia presented the project. There will be no new development. They are modifying an existing Major Use Permit so they can have events. A traffic and sound study were completed, and

both were accepted. There will be no impact on Highway 78. When they have events, they will keep the 2 barn doors closed so the noise won't travel up the hill. As per the County requirement, notices were sent to 25 adjacent property owners.

Mr. Lucio gave the East Subcommittee report. The subcommittee approved the item. People will have to be off the premises by 10 so music will get turned off at 9.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

7-C: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Project) Discussion of the Paving of Etcheverry Street – *To be continued at the 4-6-17 meeting*

7-D: (Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Issue) Presentation on Research Results on SR-67 Accidents -- *To be continued at the 4-6-17 meeting*

7-E: Report on 2-10-17 Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Medical Marijuana Ordinance; Consideration of Future Direction

Mr. Cooper attended the Planning Commission meeting as an individual. There were speakers on both sides of the issue and the Board referral on the medical marijuana item was discussed. The Planning Commission did not support the Board of Supervisors' position. The Planning Commission supported Option 8 as sent to the Board of Supervisors, and added something to preclude outdoor advertising. The Board of Supervisors' meeting on this issue is March 15, 2017.

Speaker: Ren Bowden

Mr. Bowden said Proposition 64 was not on the table at the Planning Commission meeting. Medical marijuana will not change. Commissioner Leon Brooks' comments were well thought out. A ban makes things worse. Many of the cities in the County have already banned it. If a ban goes forward in the County, Ramona will get 3 dispensaries.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini said medical marijuana should be sold by pharmacies. Supervisor Jacob is considering a ban and then amortization after 5 years for phasing out medical marijuana businesses. She may try to eliminate them in Ramona. Chris Brown said there will be 3 facilities in Ramona, but it will only be for 5 years. He respects Supervisor Jacob's opinion on this issue.

The Chair said the RCPG supported Option 8.

Mr. Cooper did not feel the RCPG needed to send anyone to attend the March 15 Board of Supervisors hearing. He will probably attend as an individual.

7-F: Update on Warnock Solar Facility Landscaping

Mr. Noyas said that Scotty Ensign and himself, will be meeting at the Warnock solar facility with the owner and a representative from the County to review the problems with the landscaping. The meeting will be at 3 p.m. on March 9.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Appointment of 2017 Design Review Board, RCPG Representative

Mr. Ensign's term as Design Review Board, RCPG Representative has expired. In order to continue serving as the RCPG Representative for the Design Review Board, the RCPG has to confirm his position for another year.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTTY ENSIGN AS THE RRCPG REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RAMONA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

8-B: MSCP Regional Workshop for Developing North County MSCP

Ms. Mansolf said the County is working on the North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) and they are hosting stakeholder meetings over a 2 month or so time period to discuss the plan. The RCPG was invited to attend one of the meetings, and she would like to go and report back to the RCPG on the project. She had sent the email invitation to all RCPG members, and if anyone else wants to attend they should let the County know.

There has been a South County MSCP plan in place since 1996, and Ramona south of SR-67 and SDCE is included in it.

8-C: Standing Rule Changes Regarding "Announcements and Correspondence Received"

Mr. Cooper read the changes proposed for the "Announcements and Correspondence Received" Section of the RCPG Standing Rules:

A PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (RCPG) STANDING RULES AS DATED MAY 7, 2015

"ITEM 5 Announcements and Correspondence received" of the standard RCPG agenda listing is normally reserved for the Secretary to present various pieces of correspondence received from local, district, or related official entities.

This item is not currently addressed in the RCPG existing Standing Rules.

The proposal is to add the following paragraph to the RCPG Standing Rules of May 7, 2015.

"2. AGENDA:

B. 5. (NEW) "ITEM 5 Announcements and Correspondence received" of the standard RCPG agenda listing is normally reserved for the Secretary to present various pieces of correspondence received from local, district, or related official entities. Public correspondence received by the RCPG may also be presented at this time based upon the Chairperson's individual decision but will normally not include such correspondence received without name, signature and address."

Items B. 5 will be renumbered B.6

Item B. 6 will be renumbered B.7

MOTION: TO AMEND THE STANDING RULES AS SUBMITTED.

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

8-D: Annual County Training for Planning Group Members; Biennial Ethics Training; and Form 700

The Chair reminded the RCPG members to complete and turn in their Form 700 by April 3, take the Planning and Sponsor Group training, and if it has been 2 years, to take the ethics training.

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

Mr. Ensign gave the Design Review report. There was a lot of discussion over the La Casita vineyard mural. The mural will be resized in the near future. The Arco sign is non-compliant. The characters are too large on the sign and the illumination needs to be changed. There is a new code compliance officer at the County who will work with the Design Review Board to bring businesses into compliance.

8-F: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-F-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Tomlinson said the south part of San Vicente Road has retention basins that hold water and will attract mosquitoes. If the water doesn't drain within 96 hours, there is supposed to be a vector control plan in place.

Mr. Lynch said he would like the contact information for the Project Manager for the Caltrans flexile channelizer project.

8-F-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Ensign said he would like to know what the plan is for Highway 78 going out of town.

8-F-3: Addition and Confirmation of New Subcommittee Members – *No names brought forward*

8-G: Meeting Updates:

8-G-1: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings

Mr. Cooper said the Board of Supervisors will be discussing release of PLDO for 3 Parks projects at the March 15, 2017, meeting.

8-G-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 4-6-17 at the Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.

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 #5: 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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