

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

A regular meeting of the Parks subcommittee of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held at 6:30 PM, July 29, 2014, at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona.

In Attendance: Torry Brean, Denise Drum, Kim Lasly, Jeff Moody, Dawn Perfect

Absent : None

Torry Brean, Parks Chair, acted as the Chair of the Meeting. Torry Brean also acted as the Secretary of the Meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

ITEM 2: The Chair determined a quorum was present.

ITEM 3: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair) –
The Chair announced that the RCPG has received the annual request from the County for our updated PLDO 5-year priority list. This will be ajenized for next month.

ITEM 4: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Ajenized) Presentation from Public on Land Issues not on Current Agenda
None.

ITEM 6: Status Update on Current PLDO Listed Projects (Discussion and possible action)

1. Amphitheater Fencing, Sod and Seed (Approved for \$27,500) – Update on progress by project champion Jim Cooper

Mr. Cooper reports that new requirements for \$508,000 in engineering costs pose a hurdle for this project. He is currently working to set-up meetings with the County to address the high costs, which seem out of scale with the rest of the project. They will re-identify all components of the project to present simultaneous, rather than the individual pieces they had intended to develop in a series of steps. They will also be eliminated any volunteer labor components to their plan to better comply with County Planning and Development Services' requirements. They are working to identify equestrian access points to the area. The plan has been modified to use trailers for food services and restroom facilities rather than fixed structures. Amphitheater proponents will be presenting to the Kiwanas association to potentially be a non-profit sponsor for submittal of the major use permit and to present to the Ramona Municipal Water Board. They will be presenting during the PLDO prioritization agenda item next month to modify the original proposal.

2. Ramona Soccer League Field Expansion (Approved for \$150,000) – Update on progress by project champion Dawn Perfect

Ms. Perfect reports that children are currently playing in the grassy area, but they are still in dire need of lighting. The major use permit process is requiring additional engineering for the lighting structure. An estimate was provided by MW Peltz & Associates

totaling \$136,000 to completing the additional engineering required for the installation. Concern is expressed about the high cost of these added requirements. They will be presenting during the PLDO prioritization agenda item next month to request the additional funds.

3. Skateboard Park Development (Approved for \$90,000) – Update on progress and assignment of new project champion.

Tracy Engel is identified as the new project champion, with support from Dwight Webster. Ms. Engel reports that the newly formed skateboard park group is enthusiastic about continuing the effort and seeing a skateboard park plan through to fruition. They ask for support in keeping the skateboard park initiative on the PLDO list and top of mind.

4. Girls Softball LED Scoreboards (Approved for \$40,000) – Update on progress by project champion Jeff Moody

Mr. Moody reports that the major use permit process has triggered the need for additional engineering work to be done, which will increase the needed funds by approximately \$28,000. The planned scoreboard will be powered exclusively by solar power, which will eliminate costs involved with connecting to the power grid. They will be presenting during the PLDO prioritization agenda item next month to request the additional funds.

5. Boys & Girls Club Tennis Court Conversion to Basketball Courts (Approved for \$70,620) – No action. Planning state complete; next step is going before the BOS.

The chair announces that this item is essentially completely, and will be going before the BOS in the immediate future.

6. RHS Baseball/Softball Fencing and Dugouts (Approved for \$100,000) – No action. Planning state complete; next step is going before the BOS.

The chair announces that this item is essentially completely, and will be going before the BOS in the immediate future.

Ms. Perfect asks why the plan is now listed as securing \$150,000 in PLDO funds rather than the approved \$100,000.

Mr. O’Neal from County Parks states that he will look into the matter and resolve any inconsistency.

7. Community Athletic Complex (Approved for \$250,000) – project champion Steve Powell. No action.

No report given.

8. Barnett School Playground Project (Approved for \$75,000) – Update on progress by project champion Denise Drum

Ms. Drum reports that a previously predicted increase in the cost of school equipment did not come to pass, and the projected cost of the project has not increased. The entire project will cost \$125,000, and they are currently seeking a funding source to come up with the additional \$75,000 not provided by the PLDO.

The chair asks if anyone would like to talk about the projects collectively.

Ms. Lasly states that she would like to see more information about where all the funds are coming from for each project, including their fundraising efforts over the past year, prior to voting the prioritization list next month.

Mr. Minervini asks why public park funds are being used to fund development within existing organizations, like the Ramona School District.

Ms. Perfect states that it is common for a joint use agreement to be formed between County Parks and other organizations.

Mr. Cooper states that an agreement is in place for County Parks to supply the Parks Subcommittee with the administrative costs applied to the Ramona PLDO fund balance each quarter.

Mr. O'Neal states that he can provide this information prior to the next meeting.

ITEM 6: Corrections/Approval of Minutes –

Motion: To approve the minutes from 2/24/14.

Upon a motion by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Jeff Moody, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7: Adjournment – 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Torry Brean