

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
MT. WOODSON PARKING ISSUE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
15873 HWY 67, RAMONA, CA 92065
RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA
February 13, 2023, 7 pm

1. Call to Order – at 7:05
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Lynn Hopewell lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Members Present
Kristi Mansolf, Chair: Scotty Ensign, Lynn Hopewell and Kevin Wallace.
Absent: Mike Fry

Guests: Jim Edwards and Brian Adams

County Representative: Dave Knopp

Ms. Hopewell asked to move approval of the minutes to the top of the agenda.

7. Approval of Minutes of Meetings 10-3-22 (*Taken out of Order*)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 10-3-22 AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Lynn Hopewell and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 4-0-0-0-1**, with Mike Fry absent.

4. Announcements & Correspondence Received

Mr. Knopp said the County is starting a pilot program for people who want to try camping but don't have the supplies to do so. The County will provide them with tents, firewood, etc. for their camping stay. The program will be tried out at 2 County Parks before being an available service County wide. One of the parks that will have the pilot program is Dos Picos.

5. Presentations from the Public on Non-Agenda Items – None
6. Mt. Woodson Parking Lot (Discussion, Possible Action)

Mr. Ensign said that he recently walked the property where the parking lot will be with Ms. Mansolf, Matt Rains and staff from County Parks. The County showed where the parking lots will be, and once people arrive and start going into the parking lot area, it will be one-way traffic. The existing gate will be moved closer to the parking lots but before the stream, and there will be a turnaround area before the gate. There will be a bridge built over the stream where people enter the area.

Ms. Mansolf said that when she and Mr. Ensign left the parking lot area and were at the gate to make a right turn on to Highway 67, they were looking at the visibility for the cars exiting the parking lot onto Highway 67. It was hard to see cars coming down the road and heading south due to the topography, until they were very close.

Mr. Powell asked to speak, and he made a presentation of the concerns of the Mt. Woodson development. He is also the Board president for the HOA. They are 100 percent in support of the parking lot. The golf course also supports the parking lot. When Supervisor Jacob was in office, he met with Adam Wilson and others of her staff. They identified the initial components of the project early on in the process and plans for the project were refined as it moved along. Concerns were for dust, noise, lights and car emissions. There were concerns it would be like Thornbush at SDCE before they put in a parking lot for a popular hiking trail there. They want directional signage and fencing. At one point now recently we have been told that the RMWD easement is a trail to Fry- Koegel, and that it has been there all along, but there was no public notice of this trail.

Mr. Knopp said there has been brush clearing done along the RMWD easement under a CAL FIRE grant that was awarded to the County.

Mr. Powell said the HOA wants signage and a breakaway gate for this recently identified connection. At the Board of Supervisors' hearing on 1-25 -23, the item was to go on consent. It was pulled from the consent agenda because people wanted to speak on this issue. People from the Mt. Woodson development were in attendance and they were mad there was a connection point to the Fry-Koegel trail in their neighborhood that was not part of the project before. Staff says if there is a problem, they will address it. There can be 20 to 200 trail hikers. There are about 30 dogs in the houses by where the trail goes, and the dogs go wild every time someone goes by on the trail. As they do now, people will leave their trash and use the trail as a bathroom. Mechanisms that will deter the public to stay on the trail need to be put into place. The County says the trail has been there, but it hasn't been on a map. Seven hundred to 1,000 residents will be impacted and they need to know the whole story.

Mr. Knopp said the County Department of General Services analyzed the trail and put stakes in to delineate the location of the trail.

Mr. Powell said the only access now to Fry-Koegel is from the road. In December there will be a trail connection. The easement that is a waterway will not be used.

Mr. Ensign said there is a public easement and it is a RMWD easement. We have heard that the public getting off the trail and/or causing disruption in the area will only be dealt with if it becomes a problem. Objects to help deter people from getting off the trail are chains, boulders, fencing and signage. Signage will be very helpful and a breakaway gate.

Mr. Wallace suggested a split rail fence.

Ms. Mansolf said the Fry-Koegel was a condition of approval for the Mt. Woodson subdivision, but a parking lot for the trail was not. The only way she knows to access the Fry-Koegel trail is

to park on 67, go through a segment of the golf course and past the houses, and then there is a marked trailhead. She is surprised no one thought about a parking lot to go with the trail.

Mr. Powell said there was land that could have been used for parking. He has the approved documents and he will go through the maps and entitlements to see if a parking lot for the trail is included in them.

Ms. Mansolf asked Mr. Knopp about Caltrans and the encroachment permit. Does the County have any idea when it will be issued? She was thinking that if it hasn't been approved yet, the RCPG could write a letter asking Caltrans of the status of the permit a short time after construction of the parking lot has begun.

Mr. Knopp said there has been no update from Caltrans on the encroachment permit.

MOTION: TO LOOK AT MITIGATING MEASURES, SUCH AS SIGNAGE TO DETER PUBLIC ACCESS FROM THE PARKING LOT TO THE FRY-KOEGEL TRAIL THAT WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE MT. WOODSON DEVELOPMENT.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 4-0-0-0-1**, with Mike Fry absent.

7. Approval of Minutes of Meetings 10-3-22 *(Taken out of order after Item 3)*

8. Adjournment – 8:55

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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