



CANOA RANCH COMMUNITY TRUST AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



February 19, 2013

Location: Historic Hacienda de la Canoa, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley, AZ
Committee Members Present Committee Members Absent

Sandra Stone (Chair)
Dino Alfaro
Dinah Bear
Amanda Castillo
Karen Cesare
Ralph Ellinwood
Ellen Kurtz
Patricia Preciado Martin
Bill Mortimer
Dr. Jay St. John
Tom Sheridan, PhD.
Nancy Williams
David Yubeta

Felicia Nuñez

Pima County Staff

Simon Herbert, Program Coordinator
Office of Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation
Rafael Payan, Ph.D., Director, Natural Resources, Parks and
Recreation
Robert Vaughn, Canoa Ranch Manager and Special Projects and
Trades Division Manager, Natural Resources, Parks and
Recreation

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:30 P.M.

B. Introductions: Karen Cesare the new member from District 1 was introduced.

C. Corrections or Additions

Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2012, were accepted by Nancy Williams and seconded by Bill Mortimer.

Sandra Stone mentioned while looking at the invitation that the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa was part of a Mexican and Spanish Land Grant and we have to include all the Native Americans and part of their mission is to include all the peoples that lived here, and let people know that Arizona had a very mixed history.

Ellen, who is with the docent program, mentioned that on the days she was here, Patricia and Tom came to speak and did an excellent job.

Patricia was upset that the fact that this was a Mexican and Spanish Land grant was overlooked on the invitation. Robert replied that they worked very hard to put as much information as possible. She felt it should have been a highlight of the invitation. Robert also said that this information would be included on the interpretative signs and it was unfortunate that it was missed previously. Robert also told the committee that they were still working on histories and are still gathering information.

D. Previous meeting items:

1. Historic Hacienda de la Canoa and Hacienda de la Canoa are the names registered for name usage and trademark purposes. Historic signage has always referred to the ranch as Hacienda de la Canoa. The Historic Hacienda de la Canoa heritage area only refers to the complex within The Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park.
2. Robert was asked whether there would be more dedications and he explained that this dedication was to unveil the brass plaque that names this historic site.
3. Sandra mentioned that they did receive some money, and that in spite of the fact that some people thought this ranch purchase was a waste of County money, it is very important not only for southern Arizona, but more than that. Robert also emphasized that the dedication on March 2, 2013, was not the end but the beginning as there is a lot to be still done. Also, the County recognizes that this is a priority. Rafael asked that this be looked at as a soft opening and that hopefully this will be the start and that by getting people more interested, there may be more resources available and that this will evolve.

E. Phase IV Construction Updates

1. Volunteers from NRPR worked at the site, washing windows and cleaning the buildings.
2. During the restroom construction it was found that the footer of the structure was unusable and all had to be torn out while supporting the building. All the plumbing and electrical work was put in. It turned out well, but more money was spent than first expected.
3. The Phase IV work was begun in August 15, 2012 and completed on time on January 15, 2013. A tremendous amount of work was done to the site drainage to keep water away from the adobe walls. David Yubeta, Simon Herbert, and the construction crew worked on finding the right mix of adobe plaster so we are hoping it will last longer. It will have to be maintained every 18 months and we have staff trained to do the repair. The blacksmith's shop now has electric and water in part of the shop and the grain room. The new septic system is in place. The building 106 foundation on the corner kept sinking and there are now hydraulic pillars under that corner and we are hopeful that will work. There are crack monitors on it and it seems stable. Simon has been transferred from the Office of Sustainability and Conservation to NRPR, so he will now

be part of NRPR's staff.

4. There was work on the building and courtyards external walls plastering and lime wash. Security lighting was installed outside the building as well. General water and plumbing repairs were done. New irrigation was installed up to the main entrance for when the new trees will be planted on the driveway.
5. The new parking lot on the north side has not been done. It is to keep open for other uses at a later date. The pecan mulch can be raked away, but for now it keeps the dust down.
6. Architectural monitoring has been conducted, berms were built to keep out flooding as well as a retention basin. Work was done to rodent-proof the buildings as well. Work was also conducted to safety proof the buildings, removing trip hazards so we can bring people in.
7. Minor glass repairs were also carried out. Leaks were fixed and window and door frames were repainted.
8. We are getting ready to repaint the caretakers house, which will have office space for staff. We are also working on a maintenance plan for the site.
9. The retaque corrals have been reviewed. There has been lots of clean up, dead vegetation remove, trees replanted. A smooth wire fence has been installed and steps cut into the berm to allow people to walk up to it. Security gates have been installed as well to control the traffic on the site. Walking paths with pea gravel are being installed as well. We are also working on interpretative signage. The entry road will be graded and may be paved at a later date. The well was repaired as well as a new pump installed, the casing was replaced by 10" casing and the well was deepened.
10. There will be an entry ramada built. We have a new maintenance area where tools can be stored on site.
11. All the buildings exteriors will be painted by March 2, 2013. The flood damaged flooring was removed. The plumbing and electrical in this house is being evaluated.
12. Regarding tours, there will be a golf cart on site for people who may need a ride.
13. There was a comment that there was a specific time of year when mesquite was harvested so it lasted longer and wanted to know when it was. Robert explained that most of the wood salvaged was already dead. She was told it was harvested at the full moon. She also asked as to the size needed. Robert said the mesquite in the middle of the corral had an average diameter of 4". The poles on the outside are approximately 6".
14. A question was asked about what had been done about fire protection. Robert explained they had been working with the Green Valley Fire department, and are waiting on phone lines and the internet connection to be installed to connect the fire alarms.
15. Robert said they would need bond funding to move forward.

F. Recent Activities

1. Robert had a conversation with the California-Oregon Trails Association. There will be an event in March where they will bring out the Spanish Barb horses. The Spanish Barb Association will have a display. It will be on March 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.
2. We will publish a calendar of events in the future. In the meantime, there is a lot of information on the Canoa Ranch website.
3. Tom and Patricia were at the volunteer training and talked to the volunteers who were very good and very interested in the project. Robert also mentioned that all the archival material will be housed at NRPR. He also said that a lot of the old photographs have been invaluable in showing what was grown, planted and helped to inform him on what could be re-created. The Green Valley Gardeners Club has also helped immensely.
4. A member wanted to know what the bunkhouse would be used as. In the master plan it is to be used for the riding stable. He is interested in re-creating the ranch to show how it was from the early 1500s as well. Patricia said it could showcase the work of the women who worked at the ranch as well and wanted to know who Robert wanted to interview. Robert explained they were talking to the children of the people who worked and lived here.
5. There are many volunteers, including those who will clean. There will be special training on March 25, 2013 for the special project volunteers.
6. A question was raised as to how the archeological sites like the pit houses uncovered near the frontage road would be handled. Robert suggested they could be fenced off so they would not be vandalized.

G. New agenda Items:

1. Green Valley Hospital issues: The site is the northwest corner of Canoa. The Canoa Architectural and Review Committee met with the architectural group from the hospital. Dr. Jay St. John and David Yubeta attended. The committee has nothing to do with helicopters and such, but things like planning on this side of the freeway and harmony with the ranch. A lot of representatives from the Springs were present. The presentation was very well done. A concern was expressed that once the hospital is developed there are several more acres of commercial property between that and the Springs that could be developed. Also there is a possibility that the hospital would tie in their walking paths with the Anza trail.
2. Incursion resolution: The developer prepared a mitigation plan to revegetate the area. Archeological monitoring is also being done in that area.
3. March 2, 2013 Dedication

H. Call to the public: Robert was thanked for the great job he has done.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:16 P.M.