



**Canoa Ranch Community Trust/Oversight Committee of the Pima  
County Board of Supervisors**

**FINAL MEETING SUMMARY - APPROVED**

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010 4:30 – 6:30 PM**  
NRPR, 3500 West River Road, main conference room  
Tucson, AZ 85741



- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Dan Brocious	Dino Alfaro
Ralph Ellinwood	Patricia Martin
Nancy Williams	Sandra Stone (Chairperson)
Jerry Juliani	Ellie Kurtz
Deezie Manning	Amanda Castillo
Bill Mortimer	Tom Sheridan

**Non-members in Attendance**

Sam Negri	Kim Lamont
David Yubeta	Linda Mayro
Tom Moulton	

**Members Absent:**

Nan Walden  
Wavalene Romero  
Robert Bedoya

- B. Approval of previous meeting summary: The 1/19/10 meeting summary was approved unanimously.
- C. Call to the public: Tom Sheridan introduced David Yubeta as his potential replacement. Kim Lamont introduced herself as potential alternative for Nan Walden. Sam Negri, Tom Moulton and Linda Mayro from the county were also acknowledged.
- D. Updates: 1. Committee member alternates status including discussion of qualifications of same: Chairman Stone spoke of the general process to initiate alternative members and to replace members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. She will provide further clarification of the process to initiate the alternates into the committee, and replacements of board-appointed members.
2. Master Plan Website: Member Brocious suggested breaking the master plan download into smaller subparts, making it easier to open. County rep Brian Priest said he would discuss this with Joy Mehulka who does the departments web work.
- E. Reports and action on activities concerning Canoa Ranch
1. TEP station: The TEP substation is no closer to active work since the last report. The land was acquired by TEP from Pima County. TEP provided a draft plan on running electrical service and main trunk lines underground in main complex. This will not be implemented until actual project work begins under next Bond program funding on building renovation and construction.
2. Reunion photos project: Nothing new to report at this time.
3. Former residents: County staffer Linda Mayro reported that County Supervisor Chuck Huckleberry has requested that the Canoa Committee compile a history, with photos and stories, of the Canoa Ranch. He has asked that similar actions be taken on all the ranches owned by the county, but wants to use Canoa as a template. Sam Negri, county staffer, spoke of his experience in working on this kind of project and offered his assistance to gather stories from former residents. County staffer Tom Moulton said he would like to work up tourism into this project and is willing to help capture video documentation of former residents. Kim Lamont will follow up on locating the video from the Canoa reunion. Other committee members will provide names and sources relevant to this project.

4. Eastside I-19 frontage road: Southwest Gas has put a new high pressure line under I-19 close to the historic front entry point. The metal gate had been knocked down and the entry now has two chain link panels that get locked up each night. This project could continue until April. A temporary new gate will be installed once SW Gas is done. Chairman Stone wants confirmation that the frontage road street lights will be done correctly.

5. Status of establishing a "Friends of Canoa Ranch" group: Member Kurtz reiterated that the Audubon Society is still very interested. No new information beyond that is available at this time.

6. Plans for committee member volunteers to lead small tours of Canoa: NRPR staff would help generate initial maps, props and a general outline for talks, as well as printing up copies of handouts. The county would not actively pursue groups but would respond when asked, by hooking groups up with Committee contacts to work out details. Tours would be focused on ranch history and the Master Plan, and this would be based around the main ranch headquarters. The Committee now needs to appoint a member representative to work with our NRPR staff on fleshing out details. Chairman Stone and co-chair Kurtz agreed to represent the committee.

F. Program Manager for Canoa Ranch Information Items

1. Canoa Ranch Emergency Repairs: Linda Mayro said the main house roof is in need of repair but no action has been taken at this time.

2. Next Canoa Ranch Master Plan Project: Linda Mayro said the next phase of work has been put out for bids and some bids have started coming in. The utilities are being addressed as well.

3. Site Security – Site Stewards: Member Bill Mortimer, who is the current caretaker for Canoa will be resigning from the committee and leaving his caretaker position soon. The county is pursuing a replacement caretaker. Member Sheridan suggested that graduate students be considered as potential caretakers.

4. Anza Trail: The Abrego Trailhead vegetation was trimmed up around the ramadas and the Anza trailside weeds were knocked down. With recent rains, additional weed control will be done as funds and staff time are available.

5. NRPR programs, budget and activities: NRPR took about 7.5% cut in FY 09/10 and an additional 1% for the rest of this year until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Between 2-5% cuts could occur with FY 10/11.

G. Agenda items for next meeting [May 18, 2010]: None were offered.

H. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 4:30pm in the warehouse conference room located at NRPR, 3500 W. River Road.