



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



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 4:30PM – 6:30PM
NRPR, 3500 West River Road, Warehouse conference room
Tucson, AZ 85741

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Members Present

Sandra Stone	Ellen Kurtz
Dan Brocius	Patricia Martin
Nan Walden	Bill Mortimer
Robert Bedoya	Amanda Castillo
Thomas Sheridan	Nancy Williams
Ralph Ellinwood	Dino Alfaro

Members Absent

Jerry Juliana
Robert Bedoya
Wavalene Romero

Non-members in Attendance

Jim DiGiacomo
Diana Kelts
Kerry Baldwin
Linda Mayro

- B. Approval of previous notes: The 5/17/11 meeting summary with changes was approved unanimously.
- C. The Chair recognized and welcomed back former member Bill Mortimer. Ms. Dinah Bear has been appointed as the formal alternate for Nan Walden. Tom Sheridan has requested Mr. David Yubeta as his alternate and the request will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- D. Reports and action on activities concerning Canoa Ranch
1. The Friends of Canoa Ranch Heritage Foundation continues to grow. It has a web site and Deezie Manning's daughters have joined the Foundation Board.
 2. Jim DiGiacomo provided a brief overview of an Anza Days event to be held at Canoa Ranch in partnership between the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce and Pima County. The event will include tours of the ranch buildings and hiking, biking and equestrian use of the Anza Trail on October 1, 2011. Over 150 have pre-registered for the tours. Sandra Stone and Ellie Kurtz offered to help on tour day.
 3. Kerry Baldwin provided information on the two other events currently scheduled on the ranch. They are the Green Valley Photography Club on December 16, 2011 and artist paint out on May 5, 2012.
 4. Ellie Kurtz provided information that the Foundation did not get the Freeport McMoRan grant applied for to do design work on historic pond. The ongoing Army Corp restoration project does plan to use the pond as part of its water system. We will see how this comes out and all parties will continue to work towards finding water for and rehabilitating the pond in some form.
 5. The committee acknowledged the role Robie Pardee played in initial work on Canoa Ranch. His memorial service was attended by several members. There is now a memorial to his work at Feliz Paseos Park.

6. There was no interest by the Committee in trying to have a presence at the Tucson Rodeo parade.

E. Program Manager for Canoa Ranch Information Items

1. The next Phase of the ongoing 2004 Bond projects should start later this fall. The focus items remain as previously outlined for the Committee- restroom complex, additional building repairs, additions of water and electrical points to facilitate limited public tours, site drainage and building stabilization. One positive move is that the County now has a set of contractors on call to do historic building repairs and retrofits. This group includes the firms that have done most of the work so far at Canoa and know the ranch and have made strong commitments to the restoration and rehabilitation process.

The Committee voiced its concern that it does not seem that there is funding committed to maintaining the Bond investments already made at the Ranch over the past seven years. Committee member Walden proposed that the Committee develop a letter for the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors encouraging that a supplemental budget request from NRPR be approved so that a consistent funding stream is available to support routine O&M activities to protect the multi-million dollar investment at the ranch. The Committee would like to see opportunities for local sweat equity to also help preserve and enhance the property where possible. Ms. Walden offered to research and develop a letter with appropriate background for review by the committee members.

2. The TEP sub-station is running behind schedule due to construction delays. The county staff and TEP have had to meet recently to go over problems generated when a TEP sub-contractor didn't stay within TEP project footprint. TEP is doing all they can to correct concerns identified. The mine will be stringing new fiber optic cables on poles within their ROW over the next month. Again, the county staff has worked with mine representatives to ensure no damage is done to historic resources.
3. Site security continues to be somewhat problematic, though there is no major vandalism to structures or archeological sites being reported. A new tenant has moved into the caretaker house by the main compound. A recent For Sale sign on county lands was put up on wrong side of freeway and has been removed. The Raftery's have moved back down to the ranch from their summer location.
4. Kerry Baldwin provided an update of items from his report to the Committee.

F. Call to the Public:

Ms. Walden acknowledged Mr. Jay C. St. John of the Sahuarita School District and thanked him for all of his efforts in the area and interest in Canoa ranch.

Ms. Diane Kelts from Freeport-McMoRan was also present and available to provide information.

G. Possible Agenda items for future meetings:

1. Discuss guidelines for meeting process, board selection (motion Nan Walden; 2nd Jerry Guliani at previous meeting)
2. Funding letter review and adoption

H. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by committee acclamation