



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



FINAL MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010 4:30PM – 6:30PM
NRPR, 3500 West River Road, Main conference room
Tucson, AZ 85741**

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm

Members Present

Sandra Stone
Dan Brocius
Amanda Castillo
Ralph Ellinwood
Nancy Williams
Dino Alfaro
Ellen Kurtz
Patricia Martin
Jerry Juliani

Members Absent

Nan Walden
Deezie Manning
Robert Bedoya
Thomas Sheridan
Wavalene Romero

Non-members in Attendance

Kim Lamont	Simon Herbert	Linda Mayro
Diana Kelts	Sam Negri	

B. Approval of previous notes: The 05/18/10 meeting summary was approved unanimously

C. Call to the public: There were no public comments

D. Updates: Committee member alternates status including discussion of qualifications of same
Chairman Stone address this at the November meeting.

E. Reports and action on activities concerning Canoa Ranch

1. Establishment of "Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation, Inc."

Member Ralph Ellinwood stated he created a 501C3 for grant purposes. He is the designated president, Ellie Kurtz is the Vice President and Sandra Stone is the Secretary-Treasurer.

2. Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Meeting: No news at this time

3. Reunion photos project: Sam Negri stated he is still working to put the group together.

4. Eastside I-19 frontage road: Progress is coming along. The two bridges are getting work done. The northbound exit at Continental Road is still closed.

5. Greater Santa Cruz River Valley Tourism Council - Arizona Centennial 2012:

Jim Jacamo from the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce states the Greater Sonoita River Tourism Council is formed. They would like to use Canoa Ranch as their main location.

6. Freeport-McMoRan grants: They have started a grant program that will consider giving out grants ranging from \$10,000 - \$50,000. Stipulations include that the project/work has to serve greater Green Valley or the Sahuarita area. The first grant deadline is November 15th. The committee stated that new bathrooms are needed at the ranch.

7. Stone Avenue Temple – Centennial time capsule: Chairman Stone brought the time capsule tin in for all to view. The fee is \$50. The Committee is not interested at this time.

F. Program Manager for Canoa Ranch Information Items

1. Canoa Ranch Emergency Repairs: Repairs are progressing and on time with a scheduled finish of February, 2011. There are weekly meetings held at the ranch. Site walls are being repaired, along with the roof on building 101. Building 104 is half-roofed. Building 110 (Foreman's house) needs extensive repairs. It is getting a new screened in porch.

2. Next Canoa Ranch Master Plan Project: Kerry Baldwin stated that a containment system is possible for water collecting. In 2004 Pima County approached the Army Corps of Engineers about restoration projects at Canoa, including the pond, landscaping. By December of 2011 they hope to complete a feasibility study for the ranch.

3. Site Security—Site Stewards: Site security continues to be an ongoing challenge. New signs were installed at all entry points around the ranch, fences repaired and conversations held with local law enforcement representatives. No significant vandalism has been noted or reported. Current issues with hunters on property still being addressed with AZGFD and the new signage should help. Quad trespass continues to occur from time to time.

4. Anza Trail update: Abrego Trailhead vegetation was trimmed up around the Ramada and the Anza trailside weeds knocked down. As a watchable wildlife site, Abrego will not ever be a manicured park area and our habitat plants are some local's weeds.

5. NRPR programs, budget and activities: The caretaker house is vacant and the remodeled offices heat/air system was hit by a power surge and repairs are estimated at over \$9,000. Our current annual O&M budget for the property is \$5,000. A potential funding source is being negotiated that may bring in \$300,000 for environmental projects on Canoa. We hope to use the funds to establish a new production well for better water availability on site for buildings, pond and future irrigated fields. We will also be focusing funds on the restroom complex to try and get it done and available for limited show-me tours.

H. Agenda items for, and date of, next meeting: November 16, 2010: Members agreed to hold the next committee meeting at the Canoa Ranch. They will address committee member alternates at that time.

I. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled at NRPR for November 16th, 2010, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.