



# CANOA RANCH COMMUNITY TRUST AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



November 13, 2012

*Location:* Historic Hacienda de la Canoa, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley, AZ

## **Committee Members Present    Committee Members Absent**

Sandra Stone (Chair)  
Dan Brocius  
Ralph Ellinwood  
Ellen Kurtz  
Bill Mortimer  
Dr. Jay St. John  
Nan Walden  
Nancy Williams  
David Yubeta

Dino Alfaro  
Amanda Castillo  
Patricia Martin  
Felicia Nuñez  
Tom Sheridan, PhD.  
Dinah Bear

Pima County Staff

Simon Herbert, Program Coordinator  
Office of Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation  
Linda Mayro, Director of Office of Sustainability and  
Conservation  
Robert Vaughn, NRPR Special Projects and  
Trades Division Manager

Audience

Catherine Cole Ferandelli, FICO  
Paul Green, Tucson Audubon  
J.D. Stitzer, FMI Sierrita  
Arnold Velasco, FMI Sierrita

## I. Call to Order

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

B. Introductions: Catherine Cole Ferandelli representing FICO; J.D. Stitzer, FMI Sierrita; and Arnold Velasco, FMI Sierrita, Linda Mayro, Director of Office of Sustainability and Conservation.

C. Corrections or Additions

1. Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2013, shall stand as read by Board.

## II. New Meeting Items:

A. Robert Vaughn: The names **Historic Hacienda de la Canoa and Hacienda de la Canoa** will be 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 Grijalva Conservation Park.

## B. Phase IV Construction Updates

1. The main entrance – Aggregate laid, there are plans to do a hard surface on top. Mr. Huckelberry wants hard surface. Whatever it is, it will blend in with nature of site.
2. The Entrance gate by cattle guard will identify area as the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa. Traditionally it was a series of metal posts with a bronze plaque on it. Working through design and will share with committee.
3. Cox will bring in fiber optic east side of property will tie into guest house Mr. Velasco was at a meeting and Cox has not requested an easement.
4. NRPR will trench within the site, outside property Cox will do work.
5. Water well – flow test completed, waiting for report. NRPR is ready to move forward on purchase of pump for well.
6. Interpretive signage designed by NRPR geomedia division - Joy Mehulka, and Wendy Burroughs, Environmental Education and Simon Herbert, Program Coordinator.
7. The first tour is scheduled for February 16. Volunteer Recruitment Fair is scheduled for January 15, 2013. Tours will be held twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at noon, the tours are approximately an hour long.
8. Tour guide training completed by February 6, 2013.
9. Phase IV construction done by January 15, Special Projects and Trades crews will continue work after that date.
10. NRPR Electricians evaluating electrical circuits in the Howell Manning, Jr. Residence, and what needs to be done to get power back on in house.
11. Sallie Muse is the volunteer coordinator contact information: 520.877.6004; email [CanoaRanch@pima.gov](mailto:CanoaRanch@pima.gov).
12. Committee offered to help as volunteer tour guides.
13. Committee: Will there be a process in place to capture visitor's information. Can contact information be gathered from reunions, other events, and oral histories to be included in database of contacts.
14. Dan Lamot has videos, Robert Vaughn offered our services to catalog media.
15. Many Pima County agencies are involved in the progress at Canoa Ranch.
16. Actively recruit school groups to tour Canoa Ranch.
17. ADA compliant paths in designated areas, will use compacted DG (decomposed granite) the same surface used at the Pima Prickly Park.
18. Plans are for there to be a gate and ramada at the parking lot.
19. Native Plant Nursery will begin growing the trees for plant.

C. Recent Activities

1. Arizona State Museum tour was successful.
2. We will schedule group tours as needed, even if outside scheduled days of Tuesdays and Saturdays.

D. Ellie Kurtz introduced Paul Green, Director of the Tucson Audubon Society. Mr. Green was asked by Kerry Baldwin to create a preliminary check list of items for further discussion.

1. They are interested in providing bird leaders.
2. A group in Green Valley is interested in establishing a birding group that is focused at Historic Hacienda de la Canoa.
3. Long term interest in being engaged restoration work on Santa Cruz, in conversation with Flood Control.
4. They are interested in the rehabilitation of pond for migratory birds.
5. Audubon Society would like to work together to make the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa a birding and tourist destination.

III. Vacancy on Canoa Ranch Community Trust and Oversight Committee

A. Letter to Board of Supervisors recommending David Yubeta replace vacancy left by J. Juliani.

1. Motion made by Dr. Jay to elect David Yubeta to Committee.
2. Nan Walden seconded motion.
3. Unanimous approval of motion.
4. Chair will write letter to Board.

B. Tom Sheridan needs to have an alternate.

IV. Proposed Hospital

- A. The proposed hospital is a 32 bed, 2 story structure located on the East Frontage Road of I-19 and the northwest corner of the Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park.
- B. Plans have not been submitted to Development Services. No permits have been issued.
- C. JR McDowell Enterprises began grading a road without permits. A small incursion was made on Pima County property without permission.
- D. Public Notice of Meeting on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 1:30 where the plan is to be presented.

- E. Flight path detrimental to adobe.
  - F. Sandy Stone, President of The Springs HOA – a committee formed to review impact hospital may have on their community. Concerned about variances requested by developer and the additional 28 acres for commercial use.
  - G. Robert Vaughn explained to the Springs HOA committee helicopter noise may negatively affect the visitor experience to the Ranch.
  - H. Discussion about sending a letter to express concern to protect the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa and advise the Board that the Committee is not opposed to the hospital only its location, and the safety issue of hospital vehicles on the Frontage Road, which it cannot support, and disregard for the community.
    - 1. Motion made by Dr. Jay for a letter of concern about hospital
    - 2. Nancy Williams seconded motion.
  - I. Pima County Zoning meeting agenda item due on Friday by noon.
  - J. Meet at 4181 S. Wolf Run Road on Wednesday to compose letter.
  - K. Will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday to finalize letter.
  - L. Next meeting January 15, 2013 location to be decided.
- V. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:16 P.M.