



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



FINAL MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday, November 16, 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 4:58 pm

Members Present

Sandra Stone
Dan Brocius
Nan Walden
Ralph Ellinwood

Jerry Juliani
Patricia Martin
Ellen Kurtz
Dino Alfaro

Members Absent

Amanda Castillo
Robert Bedoya
Thomas Sheridan
Nancy Williams
Wavalene Romero

Non-members in Attendance

Simon Herbert
Tom Ward
Stan Riddle
Vanessa Bechtol

Linda Mayro
Bob Childs
Jim Green
Dawn Morley

Ray Carroll
Mark Bollin
Philip Franchine

B. Approval of previous notes: The 09/21/10 meeting summary was approved unanimously

C. Reports and action on activities concerning Canoa Ranch

1. Brief committee on Green Valley Chamber of Commerce plan, 'Historic Canoa Ranch; Preserving Southern Arizona's Rich History of Ranching'.

Kerry Baldwin briefly summarized the proposal from the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce, stating that a formal proposal would have to be made before presenting to the committee for further review. Bob Childs, president of the Green Valley Chamber, then presented a PowerPoint presentation idea to promote tourism in the valley. General questions and comments were exchanged between the committee and members of the Chamber. It was concluded that members from the county, the committee and the chamber would be assembled to further discuss and review the plan. The county members include Patricia Martin, Dino Alfaro and Sandra Stone. The members from the chamber include Tom Ward, Bob Childs, Mayor Lynne Skelton, Patty Ross and Mark Bolin.

2. Eastside I-19 frontage road.

The road construction project for the frontage road continues. This project is all under AZDOT and Pima County Department of Transportation. The new cattle guard entry to the ranch has been put in at the old historic entry but is not finalized nor will it be open until the final paving occurs and a new locking gate is installed. The same with the gate at the NW corner of the property by the mine wells.

3. Update of "Friends of Canoa Ranch" group.

The Heritage Foundation of friends of Canoa Ranch has applied to Freeport Mining Company for a grant of \$50,000, to fund an initial scope to restore the pond. A decision is expected by December.

4. Update of member volunteers leading small tours to select groups.
Chairman Stone & member Kurtz recently led members of the Arizona State Museum on a tour of the Canoa Ranch.

5. Discussion of Canoa tour and date.

Kerry Baldwin reminded the committee that any tour of the ranch would be considered an informal gathering with no agenda items or actions being taken. The members decided that they would gather on December 7th at 3 pm for a brief tour of the ranch compound.

D. Program Manager for Canoa Ranch Information Items

1. Canoa Ranch Emergency Repairs:

Simon Herbert from the Office of Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation gave a brief report on various repairs made to buildings 101, 104, 105, 107, 109 and 110. Additionally, site wall repairs were made around wall bases.

2. Next Canoa Ranch Master Plan Project:

Construction continues at ranch. Restoration/stabilization projects are main effort. Special effort is going into protecting new adobe work from runoff. New water channels have been put in to help move water until the final site development occurs. Trees, that are, or could cause root damage to foundations, walls, etc. or fall on new roof replacements, are being removed, and other dead wood is being trimmed back.

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. However, no significant vandalism has been noted or reported. Fall issues with hunters on property has again been addressed with AZGFD and the new signage has been installed. 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 FY 2011/12 budget development process has begun. NRPR budgets have been set at an additional 1.5% though we really believe that number is closer to 3-4% reduction. This will make total reductions around the 15% mark over the last three budget years. We will, however, add to the budget a supplemental request specifically for Canoa Ranch for approximately \$150,000 for staff and operating costs to maintain current renovations, and to complete additional stabilization activities, site security and the Anza trail O&M activities.

E. Call to the Public

Vanessa Bechtol is the director of the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance. She asked that the committee consider the alliance as they move through ranch development. Nan Walden announced the Sahuarita Pecan Festival, occurring November 20th & 21st, and invited all to attend.

F. Agenda items for, and date of, next meeting: January 18, 2011: Members agreed to discuss membership issues, talk about creating and educational booklet, consider a briefing on the Sahuarita Master River plan and draft a letter to the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance.

G. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.