



Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee

Minutes Regular Meeting

May 6, 2014

Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department



Quorum was established and Valerie Samoy called the meeting to order at 4:12pm.

Committee members present: Dan Brocious, Amanda Castillo, Dr. Wade McLean, Patricia Martin, Dr. Thomas Sheridan, Stan Riddle, Karen Cesare, David Yubeta
Member present via conference call – Nan Walden

Staff Present: Valerie Samoy, Joy Mehulka, Kerry Baldwin, Linda Mayro. Robert Vaughn was present via conference call.

Stan Riddle made a motion, seconded by Wade McLean, to approve the April 8, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Canoa Ranch Master Plan power point presentation was delayed and heard later in the meeting.
2. Ms. Samoy stated the mission of the CRCC was different than the mission and focus of the former CRCTOC and asked if any members who were absent from the first meeting had any questions regarding the committee's new mission. No questions/comments were posed.
3. Dr. McLean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sheridan, to remove the tabled motion to elect a Chair and Vice Chair with 2 year terms, with the option of a 2nd term, not to exceed 2 terms. Motion carried unanimously.
Dr. McLean called the question on term lengths and motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed term lengths of the committee members and whether that would be spelled out in committee's bylaws. Robert Vaughn stated that the term lengths of the committee members had already been set by the BOS and it is a 4 year term, not more than 2 consecutive terms.

Ms. Walden made the suggestion that the candidates for office give a brief statement of their goals and objectives for the committee. Mr. Riddle nominated Dr. McLean for Chair and Ms. Castillo nominated Dr. Sheridan for Chair.

Ms. Walden suggested Dr. Sheridan and Dr. McLean come to an agreement whereby one would serve as Chair and the other as Vice Chair and Chair in waiting. Ms. Walden suggested Mr. Brocious could be in charge of committee outreach or act as liaison to outside constituencies. This suggestion was made to take advantage of all 3 talents and persons. Ms. Cesare asked the committee to consider what it wants the Chair to do. Chair serves several roles: administrative duties to see that meetings are well run and productive and the duty to constituency and stakeholders. Ms Martin stated Chair should have vision and understand not just the political aspects but some of the historical and spiritual aspects of La Canoa. Mr. Riddle made a comment that the master plan was adopted in 2007 and nothing much has been accomplished and that action needs to be taken.

Ms. Samoy called for the vote for Dr. Sheridan for Chair – 7 votes: Ms. Walden, Ms. Castillo, Dr. Sheridan, Ms. Martin, Ms. Cesare, Mr. Yubeta, Mr Brocious.

Ms. Samoy called for the vote for Dr. McLean as Chair – 1 vote (Stan Riddle). Dr. McLean abstained from voting. Ms. Samoy handed the meeting to Chair Sheridan.

Chair Sheridan called the vote for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Walden nominated Dr. McLean and Ms. Castillo nominated Dan Brocious. Ms. Cesare requested a statement from the nominees. Mr. Brocious started working on canoa ranch project in the late 1990's. Mr. Brocious as vice chair would step in to run meetings when chair is unable to and would work to forward mission of committee. Dr. McLean stated as vice chair, he would support the efforts of the chair and act on his behalf in his absence.

Dr. Sheridan called the question for Mr. Brocious as vice chair – 5 votes: Mr. Brocious, Dr. Sheridan, Ms. Martin, Mr. Yubeta, Ms. Walden. Dr. McLean for Vice Chair – 3 votes: Ms. Castillo, Mr. Riddle and Ms. Cesare. Dr. McLean abstained from voting.

4. Dr. McLean suggested the role of Chair and Vice Chair be defined in the committee bylaws. Chair Sheridan asked committee members to submit ideas for bylaws to Valerie Samoy who would then distribute to committee for consideration.

Ms. Martin brought up Dr. McLean as a special liaison to Board of Supervisors and County officials and if that position would be created in bylaws. Chair Sheridan confirmed that would be considered in the bylaws along with considerations for other officers.

Chair Sheridan asked for nominations to serve on bylaws committee. Karen Cesare and Nan Walden, along with Dan Brocious and Chair Sheridan would serve on bylaws committee. The question was raised if the committee could work on bylaws via email and Ms. Samoy stated the committee is a public body and business must be conducted in a publicly noticed meeting. Dr. McLean suggested that bylaws, once approved by committee, be forwarded to Board of Supervisors. Robert Vaughn offered meeting space for bylaws committee.

Chair Sheridan suggested that items for bylaws be submitted to Ms. Samoy who would distribute comments to bylaws committee for evaluation and then bring final draft to entire committee.

5. Chair Sheridan reminded committee that Robert Vaughn suggested at the last meeting to have 2 meetings a year with additional meetings as needed. It was suggested the committee meet at the end of June and the bylaws committee meet within the next 2 weeks.

Ms. Walden suggested that one of the committee meetings be set on site.

Chair Sheridan suggested the 2 fixed meetings be placed on the next agenda.

Ms. Walden departed meeting (conference call)

Meeting moved to Linda Mayro's power point presentation overview of Canoa Master Plan. Ms. Mayro noted a picture of Ms. Castillo's father and Ms. Castillo informed the committee of her family history at Canoa. Ms. Mayro stated that the county is at the end of the bond monies. Ms. Martin asked if there are any future plans to restore other homes and if the Mexican American Women and their stories, separate from the Mannings, could be showcased. Joy Mehulka was recognized and she stated that Ms Martin's area of interest has been previously noted and is included in current interpretive planning and in the upcoming funding for next fiscal year; there is some money set aside for interpretation and displays and it is a part of future bond package.

Future Agenda Items

Chair Sheridan stated the main agenda item for next meeting would be to discuss and vote for a set of bylaws, including Mr. Riddle's suggestion to consider other committees.

Dr. McLean made a suggestion for committee to have a conversation of what the committee needs to do to support the bond. Last Bond Advisory Committee meeting, up to \$1 billion dollars of requests and only \$650 million in the pot. San Xavier Mission Patronato Foundation invited BAC to visit and is committed to matching funds for its bond item. Dr. McLean recommends the committee invite the public to Canoa. Ms. Castillo would like to see the committee bring some special events and attractions to Canoa – more outreach to general public. Chair Sheridan asked members to submit future agenda items to Ms. Samoy. Ms. Cesare asked about results of bond survey. Canoa did not do well. Dr. McLean recommended that the survey data be included in next agenda.

Future meetings to be placed on next agenda.

Dr. McLean asked Chair Sheridan to consider writing a letter to Tohono O'odham Nation to make an appointment to the committee.

Call to Public

Member of the audience raised the question about not being able to find agenda and meeting dates and times for committee.

Dr. McLean made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riddle to adjourn. Duly motioned and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6pm.