



04/06/2026 PMPC Meeting Minutes

Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council: April 6, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

Board in person: Jeannie Swindle, Sally Lakin, Patrick McMullen, Julia Taggart. Board via Zoom: Dave Gironda
Members in person: Jesse Culty, Maxine Lakin, Craig Weaver, Eric Gilbert. Members on Zoom: Claire Miller
Guest in person: Nikole Fletcher/Troop 787 Scouting America Group. Guest on Zoom: Eric Harrell

1. Motion by Julia to approve March meeting minutes as drafted, seconded by Patrick. All in favor.
2. Appointment of New Directors: Jeannie motions to appoint Jesse Culty and Eric Gilbert to the Board of Directors. All in favor.
3. Treasurers Report by Sally, 2024 and 2025 Budget Report Review
\$4485.00 in income for the first quarter of 2026. current bank account \$9,204.16
membership dues: \$2,195.00 donations: \$2,290.00 66 paid members
4. Guest Speaker Eric Harrell with Mystery Castle
Funding the restoration of the Mystery Castle, keeping it as a single family residence, asking for community input, working with local artists, including a paid internship. Adding preservation and repairing landscaping, environmental conservation efforts. They intend to build a neighboring building tied into the mountainside. Working with Bob Graham, the head architect at Motley Design Group. Upcoming community meeting on May 2nd, corrected flyer details to be published. Community input is needed.
5. Claire Miller with Parks Update
 - South Mtn Activity Complex:** Grand opening was on April 2nd
 - North Mtn Park:** 60% plans done by end of April 2026, new signage with QR codes to estimated project updates and timelines when available. Estimated completion date is late 2027.
 - Hackamore Trailhead:** Second steering committee held in March, more public meetings in April including a public survey, final design ideas presented in May 2026. Claire to provide survey link.
 - Lookout Mountain Rescue:** bee hive on top of summit, bee swarms stung a male hiker.
 - CMC Memorial Plaque: (Charles M Christiansen)** No progress has been made, but Claire is working on it. The installation location is confirmed by Craig and Claire.
(PMPC approval of \$1,000 and Craig W. \$100, need to order custom plaque and schedule install)
6. PMPC Project + Event Updates
 - Strategic Planning Executive Board Session** on March 16th recap from Eric Gilbert: strategy and working documents
 1. Strengthen the future and modernize influence
 2. What we do is important to hundreds of thousands of people, we have a opportunity to engage more people
 3. Vision, Missions, Values Statements
 4. BHAG and future goals (thinking strategy)
 5. Increasing board members, specialized roles, acquiring talent, establishing committees, expert council resources, organizing our work to prepare a better foundation. Prioritizing work that benefits the Preserves. Vision, Mission, Values to be edited and finalized in the future.
 - Website:** same domain with new PMPC website is published: (phoenixmountains.org) All board members are encouraged to submit event photos, website edits, additions, publications, documents, etc. Home page with membership, History, Policy, Board, Preserves, Library, Newsletters and publications. With a hidden page just for the board of directors with governing and operating documents.
 - Earth Day at the Zoo:** April 25th 9am to 1pm. Jeannie and Carla to work PMPC Table.
 - North Mountain Visitors Center:** Volunteer Appreciation Day: April 25th, PMPC made a monetary contribution to the event. PMPC will set up an info table with Jesse and Patrick.
 - Annual PMPC Meeting:** May 11th at 6pm, NMVC Exhibit Hall, Guest Speaker: Claire Miller, Title of Presentation tbd. Food: pizza, cookies, water, seltzer. Number of people to attend: 30-40. Room setup: tbd. Music: tbd.

PMPC Swag: Claire to screen print 50 canvas bags with PMPC logo, for giveaways at events.

Stinknet Concerns: finding partnerships with organization groups, volunteer events to pull invasive weeds and share educational materials. (CAZCA, Park Stewards, Desert Defenders, NMVC, Block Watch Cleanups, Youth Groups)

PMPC Annual Meeting May 11th + Next PMPC board meetings are scheduled for June 1st and September 14th.

Meeting adjourned by Jeannie at 9:19pm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted with care,
Stacia Hurst | PMPC Secretary

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