

PHOENIX MOUNTAINS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Board Meeting Executive Summary

September 14, 2026

Please Read Before the Meeting

- May 11, 2026 meeting minutes for approval at tonight's meeting
- Strategy & Organizational Update. Mission, Vision & Values included for ratification
- Advisory Council Committee Charter for discussion and approval

Key Decisions at This Meeting

Mission, Vision & Values Ratification Vote

After months of board input, working sessions, and executive board refinement, we are bringing the finalized Mission, Vision, and Values to the full board for formal ratification. These will become the official guiding principles of PMPC going forward. Please review the Strategy & Organizational Update document in this packet.

Advisory Council Committee Charter Approval Vote

The Advisory Council will bring experienced members into an advisory role, people with deep PMPC history and expertise who want to stay connected and contribute. The charter is included in this packet. The board will also be asked to formally appoint the three founding members: Susanne Rothwell, Dave Gironde, and Inger Erickson.

For Awareness -- No Decisions Needed

- **Strategic direction overview.**

The Strategy & Organizational Update summarizes the strategic work completed over the past several months -- including our four strategic pillars and the organizational direction being developed. This is informational. The only formal votes tonight are on Mission, Vision & Values and the Advisory Council Charter.

- **Gosnell property acquisition.**

A status update on the land acquisition approved in May will be provided. No board action expected at this time.

- **Upcoming events.**

Festival in the Mountains is scheduled for November 6-8. Additional event updates will be shared by Julia, Carla, and Sally.

- **Stoney Mountain drainage project.**

In June, Tice sent a formal letter to the City of Phoenix Streets Department requesting proper revegetation of the drainage project site and supporting the Natural Resources Division's recommendation for a vehicle access barrier. Tice will provide an update at the meeting.

A Note on Pace

The organizational changes described in the strategy update will roll out gradually over the coming months. The goal is a stronger PMPC, built at a pace that works for everyone.

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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 14, 2026 · 7:00 PM
 North Mountain Visitor Center · 12950 N. 7th St. · Phoenix, AZ 85022
 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6634809448> · Meeting ID: 663 480 9448

#	Agenda Item	Lead
1	Welcome and Quorum Call	Tice · Jeannie
2	Approval of May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes	Board
3	Treasurer Report	Sally Lakin
4	City Preserve + Phoenix Parks Department Update	Claire Miller
5	PMPC Strategy & Organizational Update	
A	Mission, Vision & Values -- ratification vote	All
B	Strategic priorities overview	Eric
C	Committee structure overview	Eric
6	Advisory Council Committee -- charter approval and founding member appointments	All
7	PMPC Projects & Events Update	
A	Stoney Mountain drainage project revegetation letter update	Tice
B	Gosnell property acquisition status update	Sally
C	Fall Lookout Newsletter -- submissions update	Carla · Sally
D	1973 PMPC Original Poster donation from John Manning -- status	Julia
8	Upcoming Events	
A	Festival in the Mountains, November 6-8 (SOMF/NMVC)	
B	Arizona Historical Society Trivia Nights	Julia
C	Phoenix Visitor Center web promotion	Julia
D	Additional?	
9	Past Events Reports	
10	Call to Members and the Public - public comment, issues for review	
11	Land Discussions - development activity news	
12	Open Forum - any missed agenda items or pending business	

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Annual Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026 · 6:00 PM

DRAFT — Pending Board Approval

PMPC Board Directors present: Tice Supplee, Jeannie Swindle, Sally Lakin, Stacia Hurst, Eric Gilbert, David Gironda, Carla Gunn, Jesse Culty, Julia Taggart

Guest Speaker: Claire Miller, Phoenix Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Division

PMPC Members present: 30

Meeting called to order by Tice at 6:36pm

Annual Elections

Motion to approve and elect Board of Directors slate by Stacia. Motion seconded by Julia. All in favor.

2026 PMPC Executive Officers (term years)	2026 PMPC Board Directors (term years)
Tice Supplee — President (1)	Carla Gunn — Newsletter (3)
Jeannie Swindle — Vice President (2)	David Gironda (1)
Stacia Hurst — Secretary/Website/Media (2)	Jesse Culty (3)
Sally Lakin — Treasurer/Membership (2)	Julia Taggart (1)
Eric Gilbert — Board Operations (3)	
Patrick McMullen — Past President (1)	

Motion to approve the Executive Board Officers by Jeannie. Motion seconded by Julia. All in favor.

Motion to approve April 6th Meeting Minutes by Julia. Motion seconded by Jeannie. All in favor.

Treasurer Report

78 members (including 17 new members)

Gosnell property parcel near 7th Street Pointe Tapatio binder documents are published and finalized for signing. PMPC will pay legal fees for SOMF. Motion to approve the cost of legal expenses to benefit this land acquisition \$1,678.71, by Sally. Motion seconded by David. SOMF is solely responsible for determining tax lien forgiveness. PMPC is responsible for the legal fees to process the acquisition. All in favor.

Strategic Planning

Presentation by Eric on Executive Board Strategic Planning Session from March 2026. Follow up session scheduled over the summer. Copies of revised PMPC Mission, Vision, and Values Statements were distributed for review. No board decisions were made. Final edit will be published for review when available.

Website

PMPC published website with news, activities updates, membership, policy documents & resources, preserve data, board of directors & meeting links, links to our community partners websites and printable brochures and media files.
www.phoenixmountains.org

Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM by Tice.

Respectfully submitted with care. Stacia Hurst | PMPC Secretary

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Strategy & Organizational Update

Board Meeting · September, 2026

Why Now

Phoenix continues to grow and change rapidly. Our organization needs to reflect today's reality. PMPC has always been great in a crisis. We want to also be proactive. Our organization has an amazing culture, and this work is about amplifying it.

What We've Established

Vision

"A city whose desert and mountain landscapes are protected in perpetuity, enhanced, and inseparable from its identity."

Mission

"The Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council is the voice of the mountain preserves, advancing their protection, expansion, and celebration through policy advocacy, community partnerships, and public education."

Values

Stewardship	We protect the desert environment with knowledge and care.
Foresight	We anticipate what lies ahead, staying vigilant and proactive.
Determination	We pursue our mission with relentless commitment.
Courage	We stand up for the preserves with conviction and principle.
Community	We listen, engage, and collaborate with neighbors and partners.

Strategic Pillars

Acquire	Strategically add land to the Phoenix mountain preserves.
Preserve	Protect and nurture the ecological health of existing preserves.
Influence	Grow PMPC's membership, partnerships, and public presence.
Strengthen	Build the organizational foundation so PMPC can thrive for generations.

How We're Organizing

The Board structure is being defined and expanded to better support the strategy. We're targeting 13 defined roles aligned to our four strategic pillars.

Five committees will anchor the strategic work, each led by a board member:

- Executive Committee for board leadership and urgent decisions
- Grow Committee to spearhead land acquisition strategy and pipeline
- Protect Committee to lead ecological stewardship and threat response
- Expand Influence Committee to grow membership, partnerships, and community presence
- Foundation Committee to strengthen organizational capacity, finance, and governance

An Advisory Committee is being formed, bringing in experienced past members whose knowledge and history are invaluable to our future. Founding members: Susanne Rothwell, Dave Girona, and Inger Erickson.

What's Next

- Transition into a new operating rhythm over the coming months. This will look like more structured meeting cadences, committee work, and board communications.
- Begin thinking about board recruitment for open roles. We'll be looking for people with specific expertise to fill key seats.
- Build supporting infrastructure, including shared documents, tools, and processes that make it easier to do our work together.
- This will happen gradually and thoughtfully. The goal is a stronger PMPC, built at a pace that works for everyone.

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Advisory Council Committee Charter

Purpose

The Advisory Council serves as a volunteer body of community leaders, subject matter experts, conservation advocates, former board members, neighborhood representatives, educators, and supporters who provide advice, expertise, and community perspectives to the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council (PMPC). This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the PMPC Board of Directors as needed. The Committee supports PMPC's Mission.

Responsibilities

The Advisory Council may:

- Provide guidance and recommendations on conservation, historical data, stewardship, education, and advocacy initiatives, including objective expertise and informed recommendations.
- Share technical expertise related to land use, planning, ecology, recreation, history, fundraising, communications, or public policy.
- Assist with research and fact-finding regarding preserve-related issues.
- Help identify emerging issues affecting the Phoenix Mountain Preserves.

Authority

The Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity only. The Advisory Council does not have fiduciary responsibility, governance authority, voting authority over PMPC operations, or authority to speak on behalf of PMPC unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors. All governance decisions remain the responsibility of the PMPC Board of Directors. This Committee will have a place on board meeting agendas as requested from time to time.

Membership

Members are appointed by the PMPC Board of Directors and may be reappointed with terms as mutually agreed.

Meetings

The Advisory Council may meet as needed to review projects, discuss emerging issues, and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. Advisory Council Members are encouraged to attend regular PMPC Board of Directors meetings as observers and participants in discussion. Advisory Council members may provide input, expertise, and community perspectives on matters under consideration by the Board.

Adopted by the PMPC Board of Directors

Date: _____

PMPC Board President
Tice Supplee

PMPC Board Secretary
Stacia Hurst



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June 22, 2026

I am writing on behalf of Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council (PMPC). Founded in 1970, our organization's mission is the protection and preservation of the mountain preserves in the City of Phoenix. Many of our members are active preserve volunteers that value the natural beauty of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve system

I am writing in reference to the drainage project located at the end of 24th street south of Shea Boulevard at the foot of Stoney Mountain. PMPC was given a presentation approximately 2 years ago by your team about this project; as was the Parks Board Sonoran Preserves and Mountain Parks and Preserves subcommittee. Although we were not happy about an engineering project on the preserve, we understood the need for the City of Phoenix to mitigate and protect downslope properties from flood waters.

PMPC board and members were dismayed to learn that the project failed last summer during an intense rain event. The second attempt at this project is using heavier equipment and leaving a larger impact on the preserve. We are most concerned about the scar of the heavy equipment access road. This road is already being used unlawfully by motorized vehicles.

City of Phoenix Parks Department does not have enforcement authority to address illegal vehicle activity, as that can only be done by the Phoenix Police Department. It would be far better to revegetate the access road and other upslope disturbed sites with tall pot trees and shrubs along with well-placed cactus and boulders. The trees and shrubs planted after the original project were surviving. They were bulldozed when the rework of the project commenced. We are grateful that the saguaro cacti *salvaged and planted during the first round of construction has been protected in place*. PMPC also agrees with the additional solution of a vehicle access barrier in the form of a pipe rail fence as suggested by the Natural Resources Division.

In closing, PMPC supports the advisement of the Phoenix Parks Natural Resources Division to plant trees and shrubs in addition to cactus and placing boulders. PMPC believes they they can be successfully planted. *Phoenix Parks Natural Resources Division has extensive experience planting desert adapted trees and shrubs without irrigation. They will require a budget to accomplish this task properly.*

Yours in Conservation,

Tice Supplee

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President

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