

Board Meeting Executive Summary

October 5, 2026

Please Read Before the Meeting

- September 14, 2026 meeting minutes -- for approval
- Christiansen Memorial Plaque vendor quotes -- decision needed
- Draft amended bylaws -- for review and discussion

Discussion

Christiansen Memorial Plaque -- Project Update

The board pre-approved \$1,100 for a custom bronze plaque on the Charles M. Christiansen Trail (\$1,000 PMPC, \$100 Craig W.). Several vendor quotes have been collected and are summarized in the packet. Monday's discussion will focus on reviewing what's been gathered and determining clear next steps toward a final vendor decision.

Discussion

Draft amended bylaws.

A draft of the amended and restated bylaws has been prepared for board review. Key changes from the 2016 bylaws: Board Operations added as a named officer in Article VII; a Mission Statement added in the preamble; article numbering corrected (XIII corrected to XIV); and language added to Article XII to allow meeting schedule flexibility. This is a first look -- no vote tonight. The bylaws require 20-day advance notice to membership before any amendment vote, so a vote would be scheduled at a future meeting.

Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council Charter was approved at the September 14 meeting. Founding members have been identified but not yet formally approached. Discussion will focus on outreach strategy and getting invitations out.

PHOENIX MOUNTAINS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2026 | 7:00 PM

North Mountain Visitor Center | 12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85022 | Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6634809448>

#	Agenda Item	Type	Lead
1	Welcome and Quorum Call		
2	Approval of September 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes	Vote	
3	Treasurer Report	Inform	Jeannie
4	Action Item Status	Inform	Eric
5	City Preserve + Phoenix Parks Department Update	Inform	Claire
6	Advisory Council -- next steps	Discussion	
7	Amended PMPC Bylaws -- first review	Discussion	
8	PMPC Projects + Events		
a	Stoney Mountain / 24th Street update	Inform	Tice/Stacia
b	Gosnell property acquisition -- status	Inform	Jeannie
c	Christiansen Memorial Plaque -- vendor discussion	Discussion	All
d	Microfiber Trail Maps	Discussion	
9	Upcoming Events		
a	Festival in the Mountains, November 6-8 (SOMF/NMVC)	Inform/ Assignments	Jeannie
10	Call to Members and the Public		
11	Land Discussions -- development activity update	Inform	
12	Open Forum		

Vote -- formal motion required **Decision** -- authorization or direction needed **Discussion** -- input welcome, no vote
Inform -- update only

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026

DRAFT -- Pending Board Approval

Present -- In Person

Jeannie Swindle (Chair), Sally Lakin, Eric Gilbert, Jesse Cuilty, Dave Gironda

Present -- via Zoom

Tice Supplee, Stacia Hurst, Carla Gunn, Julia Taggart

Guests -- In Person

Craig Weaver (member), Bonnie Bartak, Richard Weiland

Guests -- via Zoom

Claire Miller, City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation, Natural Resources Division

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jeannie Swindle at 7:02 PM. Tice Supplee attended via Zoom. Quorum confirmed.

2. Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jesse Cuilty to accept and approve the May 2026 meeting minutes as drafted. Seconded by Eric Gilbert. All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Treasurer Report

Presented by Sally Lakin. 73 paid members as of the meeting date.

- Membership dues received: \$2,580.00
- Donations received: \$2,705.00

4. City Preserve + Phoenix Parks Department Update

North Mountain Park Renovation

90% of renovation plans are complete. Plans are expected to be finished by end of December 2026. The south side of the park will close earlier to allow boxing of trees while weather is warm. Once the park closes, it will remain closed for approximately 18 months during construction.

Phoenix Summit Challenge

Event scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2026.

CMC Trail Memorial Plaque

No progress has been made on the plaque. The board agreed PMPC will take the lead to gather bids, purchase, and arrange installation. Per 2025 records, PMPC previously approved a \$1,000 contribution and Craig W. committed \$100. The plaque will require city of Phoenix approval before installation.

Actions assigned: Julia Taggart to initiate contact with Looks Good Printing and other vendors for cost estimates. Craig Weaver will email the board the research he has compiled on plaque text, specifications, and installation location. Quotes to be submitted to the board before October 5 meeting for a possible decision.

5. Mission, Vision, and Values

Motion by Jeannie Swindle to accept and ratify the new Mission, Vision, Values and supporting statements. Seconded by Jesse Cuilty. Motion passes 7-1. (Dissenting vote: Stacia Hurst.)

Ratified mission statement: "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."

Carla Gunn and Jeannie Swindle will discuss updating the trifold brochure and posters to reflect the ratified Mission, Vision, and Values in time for upcoming events.

6. Advisory Council Charter

Motion by Stacia Hurst to approve the drafted PMPC Advisory Council Committee Charter. Seconded by Eric Gilbert. All in favor. Motion carries.

Proposed founding members: David Gironde, Susanne Rothwell, and Inger Erickson. Tice Supplee to send formal invitations.

7. PMPC Active Projects + Updates

Stoney Mountain / 24th Street Drainage Project

Tice Supplee sent a letter from PMPC to Edina Zarboudi (City of Phoenix Construction Manager / Streets Dept.) on June 22, 2026 regarding the drainage ditch and poor revegetation work. No response has been received. The city has indicated no budget for restoration. Jarod and Claire (City Natural Resources Division) are continuing to address hydra-seed application, prior work quality, and storm damage -- and may be able to incorporate plants from other salvage projects.

Action item: Tice and Stacia to rewrite a stronger letter with a clear ask, and submit to the Parks Board and Protect Phoenix Preserve Alliance.

Gosnell Property Acquisition

All PMPC efforts on this acquisition are closed. PMPC contributed \$1,678.71 in legal fees through SOMF. No further action on these properties.

Fall Newsletter

Newsletter has been published and distributed. Also live on the PMPC website. Member comments directed to the PMPC email account.

1973 PMPC Poster

The donated poster from John Manning is rolled up in Leslie's office at NMVC. A separate copy is in the Dottie Gilbert Reading Room and is preferred for scanning, reprinting, or website use. Jeannie Swindle to write a thank-you letter to John Manning.

8. Upcoming Events

Festival in the Mountains

Friday, November 6: opening event with astronomy session. Saturday, November 7: 9am-5pm. Sunday, November 8: 9am-4pm. Volunteers needed Saturday and Sunday. Interest expressed in an outdoor PMPC activity table. Board to coordinate with Cheryl at NMVC on table placement. Annual donation to SOMF discussed; no motion made.

Arizona Historical Society Trivia Nights

Board members asked to submit Phoenix Preserve trivia questions via email to medwardsabbott@azhs.gov.

Bird Friendly PHX

Public event held September 29, 2026. Mayor Gallego signed the Bird Friendly City Pledge at Rio Salado Audubon Center. Published to the PMPC events page.

Meeting adjourned by Jeannie Swindle at 8:59 PM. Next board meeting: October 5, 2026 at NMVC.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacia Hurst | PMPC Secretary

PHOENIX MOUNTAINS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Action Item Tracker

As of September 30, 2026

Person	Action Item	Due	Status	Notes
Julia	Obtain quote from Looks Good Printing and other vendors for Christiansen plaque	9/15	Complete	\$1,500 -- Looks Good. Blue Ribbon ultimately selected at \$1,129.19
Craig	Send plaque history and research to board	9/15	Complete	
Sally	Determine PMPC donation amount for Festival in the Mountains	9/15	Complete	
Sally	Follow up with Cheryl at NMVC re: PMPC activity table placement at Festival	9/23	Complete	
All Board	Block Festival in the Mountains on personal calendars (Nov 6-8)	9/30	Complete	Calendar invitation sent by Eric
Tice	Stoney Mountain -- rewrite letter with clear ask; submit to Parks Board and PPPA	10/15	In Progress	Stacia assisting
Jeannie	Write thank-you letter to John Manning for the 1973 PMPC poster donation	9/21	Not Started	Overdue
Jeannie	Follow up with Arizona Falconer's Association re: raptor demo at Festival	TBD	Not Started	
Carla	Create 10 Phoenix Mountains trivia questions for AHS submission	TBD	Not Started	
Jeannie / Carla	Discuss updating brochure and posters with ratified Mission/Vision/Values	TBD	In Progress	
TBD	Get status update on ADOT land trade	TBD	Not Started	Owner TBD
Tice	Send formal invitations to Advisory Council founding members	TBD	Not Started	Pending outreach strategy discussion at Oct 5

Christiansen Memorial Plaque

October 5, 2026

Vendor Summary -- Decision Required

Pre-Approved Budget: \$1,100.00 (\$1,000 PMPC + \$100 Craig W.)

Material: Bronze | Size: 14" x 10" | Location: Charles M. Christiansen Trail

Text: "THE CHARLES M. CHRISTIANSEN TRAIL -- A MAN WHOSE VISION AND LEADERSHIP HELPED ESTABLISH THE PHOENIX MOUNTAIN PRESERVE SYSTEM." Dedicated March 29, 1986 | Rededicated December 29, 2026

Vendor Quotes -- as of September 24, 2026

Vendor	Quote	Status	Notes
Blue Ribbon Awards (Phoenix, AZ)	\$1,129.19 all-in	Full quote received	Local vendor. 14"x10" bronze, raised lettering. Tax included. Offers layout proof before order. Recommended.
Woodland Manufacturing (Caldwell, ID)	\$875 + shipping	Shipping pending	Orders fulfilled from TX facility. Need max characters per line confirmed.
Custom Bronze Plaque Co. (FL)	\$955 + shipping	Shipping pending	
American Cast Bronze Plaques	\$1,089 + shipping	Shipping pending	
Looks Good Printing (Tempe, AZ)	\$1,500 + installation	Full quote pending	Highest cost option. Installation fee additional and TBD.

Board Ask

Authorize proceeding with Blue Ribbon Awards at \$1,129.19 -- \$29.19 over the pre-approved budget. Blue Ribbon is the only local vendor, has provided the most complete and all-in quote, and will produce a layout proof before the order is placed. All other vendors carry unknown shipping costs that would likely bring total cost higher.

Draft Amended and Restated Bylaws

Draft dated October 5, 2026
FOR BOARD REVIEW ONLY -- No vote tonight

The draft amended bylaws are attached as a separate PDF.

This is a first review -- no vote is expected tonight. Board members are encouraged to read the draft carefully and come prepared with feedback and suggested edits. A formal amendment vote requires 20-day advance notice to the full membership and a 2/3 majority of members present, so a vote will be scheduled at a future meeting after the board has had an opportunity to review.

Key changes from the February 1, 2016 bylaws:

- Article VII -- Board Operations added as a named officer role
- Preamble -- Mission Statement added
- Article XII -- Language added to allow meeting schedule flexibility ("or as determined by the Board of Directors")
- Article numbering -- XIII corrected to XIV

**Amended and Restated Bylaws of the
Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc.
~~As amended and adopted February 1, 2016~~
*As amended and adopted October 5, 2026***

PURPOSE AND MISSION: Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc. (PMPC) is a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt social welfare organization operating exclusively to promote the common good and general welfare of the people of the community through activities that enhance the protection, maintenance and continuing improvement of the City of Phoenix Mountain Preserves. ~~PMPC is dedicated to reducing the negative effects on these great natural assets, adding lands to the preserves, and keeping the Phoenix Mountain Preserves for public enjoyment of the open spaces, nature, places of respite, and outdoor recreational and educational activities.~~

MISSION STATEMENT: 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.

ARTICLE I – Membership

Section 1. Group Membership

Organizations which have expressed an interest in working together toward the common goal of the Council may become members of the Council. Each organization shall appoint or elect one of its members to represent its organization at meetings of the Council. Should the appointed or elected representative of a member organization be unable to attend a meeting of the Council that organization may be represented by a duly named proxy, provided the Council is notified of such proxy by the absent member in advance of the meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors of the Council may vote to approve or disapprove the acceptance of any organization seeking to become a member.

Section 2. Individual Membership

Individuals may become member of the Council upon payment of dues provided that a majority of the Board of Directors does not vote disapproval of such individual membership.

Section 3. Family Memberships

Families may become members of the Council upon payment of dues provided that a majority of the Board of Directors does not vote disapproval of such memberships. Each Family with a Family Membership shall appoint one representative to represent the Family Membership at meetings of the Council.

Section 4. Other Memberships

Other membership classifications may be established as approved by a majority of votes of the Board of Directors of the Council.

ARTICLE II – Membership Dues

Membership shall be contingent upon payment of annual dues, which shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Council. The dues shall be renewable on the calendar year basis.

ARTICLE III – Voting

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Only one vote may be cast by an individual.

ARTICLE IV – Quorum

Five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the Council shall be present to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V – Order of Business

Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws all meetings shall be governed by the rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE VI – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of a minimum of ten (10) members.

ARTICLE VII – Officers

The Officers of the Council shall consist of:

President

Vice-President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer & Membership

Past President

Board Operations

ARTICLE VIII – Term of Office

Section 1. Term of Office

The term of office for all elected Board of Directors shall be accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc.

Section 2. Term of Appointed Officers

The term of office for the appointed Officers shall be one year.

Section 3. Term of Office of Past President

The immediate Past President of the Incorporation shall continue to serve as an officer in good standing of the Corporation until such time as the President elected to succeed him/her is replaced by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Removal from Office

The unexcused absence from three consecutive meetings of the Council of the Board of Directors may entitle the Board of Directors to declare the office vacant, whereupon, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy by appointment.

ARTICLE IX – Committees

Section 1 Executive Committee

The Board of Directors may name such individual members as it may deem advisable from time to time to serve as members of an Executive Committee in an advisory capacity to the Council. Members of the Executive Committee shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Committees

Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President or the Board of Directors from time to time as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Council. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nomination Committee.

ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers

The Duties of the Officers shall be those as prescribed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE XI – Election of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Council shall be members of the Council in good standing and shall be elected by majority votes of the members present at the Council's Annual Membership Meeting to be held at First Monday of May each year. The Board of Directors shall determine the location and time of the Annual Meeting and shall notify the Council's membership of such time and location at least 20 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII – Meetings

Section 1 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held not later than twenty (20) days following the Annual Membership Meeting. **Or as determined by the Board of Directors.**

Section 2 Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Council shall be held on the first Monday of May each year for the purpose of electing board members and recommending to the Board of Directors those persons they desire to be officers of the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc. The officers recommended shall be for the office of President; Vice-President; Secretary; Membership Correspondent; and Treasurer; **and Board Operations.** At the first Annual Membership Meeting the members shall elect to the Board of Directors - three members to serve for three years; three members to serve for two years; and four members to serve for one year. Additional Board Members may select their own term. Succeeding Annual Membership meetings shall elect four or five board members to serve as officers. For any reason should it become necessary to change the date of the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors shall notify the Council's membership of such time and location at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3 Meetings

The Council shall meet a minimum of four times annually (calendar year) in the following months: February, May, September, and December, or at such times and

places as the members shall determine. Additional meetings may be called by agreement of at least two members of the Board of Directors of the Council. A conference call may be used to hold a meeting and to include Board Members and others in meeting discussions. Board Members attending by conference call, shall be deemed to be in attendance for the purpose of establishing a quorum for voting. Meetings may be held by means of conference telephone or other similar communications equipment of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to such communication shall constitute presence in person at such meeting. Quorum by email vote: Council member voting approval/disapproval regarding the final draft of a pre-agreed draft of a document is permitted by email. The email quorum vote shall be printed and verified for the record.

ARTICLE XIII – Liability and Insurance

Section 1 No Personal Liability of Directors

No person who is now, or who later becomes, a member of this Council shall be personally liable to its creditors for an indebtedness or liability, and any and all creditors or other obligations of this Council shall look only to the assets of this Council for payment.

Section 2 Insurance for Corporate Agents

Except as may be otherwise provided under provisions of law, the Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the Corporation (including a Director, Officer, employee, or other agent of the Corporation) against liabilities asserted against or incurred by the agent in such Bylaws of Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council Page 4capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or provisions of law.

ARTICLE XIII – Miscellaneous

ARTICLE XIV – Miscellaneous

Section 1 Negotiable Instruments

All checks, drafts or other orders for payments of money, notes or other evidence of a indebtedness issued in the name of the Council shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Council and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Council.

Section 2 Deposits

All funds of the Council shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Council in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors of the Council may select or as may be selected by any officer or officer, agent or agents of the Council to whom such power may from time to time be delegated by the Board or Directors of the Council.

Section 3 Employees

The Council may employ such persons as they deem necessary for the development of

the Council's objectives.

Section 4 Amendment of the Bylaws

The members of the Council by affirmation vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, may make, alter or amend the Bylaws of the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc., at any regular or specific meeting provided a copy of the amendment and the proposed changes be contained in the notice of such meeting which must be mailed to the Council's membership at least 20 days prior to said meeting.

BYLAWS ADOPTED & AMENDED:

- *Bylaws as adopted Monday, February 6, 1989*
- *Bylaws as amended at Annual Meeting May 6, 1991*
- *Bylaws as amended at Monthly Meeting November 5, 2001*
- *Bylaws as amended at Monthly Meeting February 1, 2016*
- *Bylaws as amended at Monthly Meeting October 5, 2026 (pending approval)*

For board review only,
pending edit & approval