PHOENIX MOUNTAINS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Board Meeting Executive Summary

Monday, November 2, 2026 | 7:00 PM

North Mountain Visitor Center | 12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85022

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Please Read Before the Meeting

- October 5, 2026 meeting minutes -- for approval
- Action Item Tracker and Parking Lot -- updated as of October 28

Discussion -- Clear Owners and Next Steps

Two items have stalled since the October 5 meeting despite efforts to move them forward. The goal on November 2 is to leave with a named owner, a defined next step, and a due date for each, so both move to completion.

Christiansen Memorial Plaque

Still open since October 5. The board asked for additional quotes and a revised plaque text, and neither has been completed.

Needed Monday: an owner, next steps, and a target date for a board decision.

Amended PMPC Bylaws

Still open since October 5. Edits from that discussion are posted for review, but the remaining work has no owner or timeline.

Needed Monday: an owner, next steps, and a timeline to a membership vote.

Updates at a Glance

- **Stoney Mountain:** Tice spoke with Jarod Rogers, who asked for time to assess further before PMPC continues.
- **Advisory Council:** Charter signed and posted with the governance operating documents. Invitations to founding members are next.
- **PHX Summit Challenge (Nov 21):** 1,000 PMPC info cards are printed and ready for pick-up by Claire.
- **Festival in the Mountains (Nov 6-8):** Volunteer shifts are filling; Jeannie is leading member outreach for the PMPC table.
- **Membership:** Member engagement ideas for discussion: a member Happy Hour/Chat, bumper stickers or magnets, water bottles, and playing cards. Property status update on 1702 E Eva St also on the agenda.

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#	Agenda Item	Type	Lead	Time
1	**Welcome and Quorum Call**			5 min
2	**Approval of October 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**	Vote		5 min
3	**Treasurer Report**	Inform	*Sally*	5 min
4	**Action Item Status**	Inform	*Eric*	5 min
5	**City Preserve + Phoenix Parks Department Update**	Inform	*Claire*	10 min
6	**PMPC Projects + Events**			20 min
a	Stoney Mountain / 24th Street -- letter status	Inform	*Tice*	
b	Advisory Council -- founding member invitations	Inform	*Tice*	
c	Christiansen Memorial Plaque -- next steps	Discussion	*All*	
d	Amended PMPC Bylaws -- next steps	Discussion	*All*	
7	**Upcoming Events**			10 min
a	Festival in the Mountains, November 6-8 (SOMF/NMVC)	Inform	*Jeannie*	
b	PHX Summit Challenge, November 21	Inform	*Claire*	
c	PMPC Holiday Gathering	Inform	*Jeannie*	
8	**Membership**	Discussion	*Julia*	10 min
a	Member engagement ideas (Happy Hour/Chat, bumper sticker/magnet, water bottle, playing cards)	Discussion	*Julia*	
b	1702 E Eva St -- property status update	Inform	*Julia*	
9	**Call to Members and the Public**			5 min
10	**Land Discussions -- development activity update**	Inform		5 min
a	Beazer Homes Sierra Point -- South Mountain proposed development (19th Ave & Olney)	Inform	*Jeannie*	
11	**PSPMPP Committee Update**	Inform	*Tice*	5 min
12	**Open Forum**			5 min

Total: 90 minutes

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Action Item Tracker

As of October 28, 2026

Person	Action Item	Due	Status	Notes
Tice	Stoney Mountain -- rewrite letter with clear ask; get on Parks Board meeting agenda	10/15	In Progress	*Tice spoke with Jarod Rogers; he asked for time to assess further before PMPC continues*
Jeannie	Write a thank-you letter to John Manning	10/9	Complete	
Tice	Follow up with Sonoran Preserve Committee on when land will be selected for the trade	11/2	Not Started	
Sally	Report monthly and YTD membership and donation figures for board reporting	TBD	Not Started	
Sally	Add 12-month graph of account balances to track funds over time	11/2	Not Started	*Eric to help with format*
Jesse	Send bird film information to the board for the website	10/6	Complete	
Tice	Sign Advisory Council Charter	10/16	Complete	*Posted on website with governance operating documents*
Tice	Send email invitations to Advisory Council members	10/16	Not Started	
Board	Read and provide comments and questions on PMPC bylaws	11/2	In Progress	
Jeannie / Carla	Revise brochure with mission, vision, values, preserve names	TBD	Complete	*Printing of updated tri-fold pending due to inventory; reevaluate supply Q1 2027*
Tice	Ask Gila River if they would be receptive to trading for 10 acres of land west of the 202	TBD	Not Started	
Jeannie / Stacia	Determine inventory of business cards and stickers for Summit Challenge bags	TBD	Complete	*1,000 info cards printed and ready for pick-up by Claire; stickers kept for Festival and other events*
Jeannie / David	Contact Arizona State Planning Association on statute inclusion (annually each October); David to consider potential PMPC board candidates	TBD	In Progress	*AZ APA Conference in November; state statute inclusion decision pending*
Jeannie	Member outreach to staff the Festival in the Mountains table	TBD	In Progress	
Eric	Send board recruitment email	TBD	Complete	

Parking Lot -- Items We're Monitoring

Person	Action Item	Due	Status	Notes
Tice	Verdin development	TBD	**In Progress**	

10/05/2026 PMPC Minutes

Board in person: Tice Supplee, Jeannie Swindle, Eric Gilbert, Stacia Hurst, Jesse Cuilty
Board via Zoom: Dave Gironda (partial), Carla Gunn, Julia Taggart (partial)
Guest via Zoom: Claire Miller with Natural Resource Division, Jan Gironda
Members in person: Craig Weaver

#1 Quorum and Call to Order
Meeting Called to order by Tice at 7:04PM

#2 September Meeting Minutes
Motion by Tice to approve September minutes with edits on agenda item #7 from Jeannie, Item #8 being a future event, public event to be held, late correction on amount on treasures report, and Capitalization error on Item #4, Motion seconded by Jeannie. All in favor, Motion passed.

#3 Treasurer Report
Read by Jeannie: year to date $ 2,650 in membership dues ($70 increase from last month) plus $2,700.00 in additional cash donations. (no increase from last month), Total $5,350.00 year to date.

80 paid members currently. 11 new Members joined in 2026 (ytd). 14 Members joined in 2025.

Current PMPC Chase Bank Account Balance $4,582.72

Anniversary month for membership dues due: January each year

#4 Action Item Status
Board Member discussion of assigned action items, updates, estimating timelines, brochure updates, and tracking follow up items. New and ongoing list of Action Items with status updates, and a separate Parking Lot List of items we're keeping an eye on for the future.

#5 City Preserves and Phoenix Parks Department Update
from Claire Miller with City of Phoenix Natural Resources Division

North Mountain Park Renovation Project: park closure is now scheduled for Dec 1, 2026. Project signs will be updated. PMPC website has a quick link to the website with all City Updates. https://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/parks/about-us/improvement-projects/natural-resource-division-projects.html Claire will give us a QR code to use with the PMPC newsletter.

PHX Summit Challenge: event scheduled on Nov 21, 2026, PMPC to come up with business cards or stickers to provide for stuffing the hiker bags for this event, quantity of 1,000 items needed before Nov 9th. Need to let Claire know in advance. PMPC to decide by Oct 15th if we will have an item to stuff for the registration bag event pick up.

Urban Park Rangers: City of Phoenix is hiring for Rangers for open flatlands. www.phoenix.gov/content/dam/phoenix/hrsite/jobdesc/40133.pdf

Stetson Hills Trailhead: small parcel by Sandra Day O'Conner High School near 35th Avenue and Hackamore Drive, the City bought some of the State Trust Land around Sandra Day O'Conor High School, this trailhead will allow them to connect up to Deem Hills Circumference Trail. There will also be a shared use parking lot for the High School. The Master Plan for that project will go to Parks Board at the next meeting on Oct 22, 2026.

Draft, pending edit and board approval

Trail Maintenance: Recent storms have created damage on trails, Parks Dept is prioritizing summit challenge mountain trails for trail work, also included a professional trail contractors to rehabilitate the Piestewa Peak helicopter landing zone.

Verdin: Field Hike scheduled on Oct 9, 2026 to look at trail connectivity options to provide to the Flood Control District, that will connect through Verdin and into the preserve through Cave Buttes Damn.

Sonoran Preserve Wording: any brochure needs to state "Phoenix Sonoran Preserve". To distinguish they are separate from the McDowell Sonoran Preserve in Scottsdale, AZ.

#6 Advisory Council Charter
Tice and Stacia to sign Advisory Council Charter. This will become a PMPC Board Operating document. Tice will reach out to the three inaugural members on joining. Work in progress.

Motion by Dave to approve $500 for the use of printed materials to be distributed by the Arizona Planning Association (AZPA) 2026 Annual Conference in Flagstaff in Nov 2026 including the cost of an Event Sponsorship from PMPC. Motion seconded by Eric. 6 yes votes, 2 no votes. Motion passed. Jeannie to follow up with Jan Gironda and the AZPA group.

#7 Amended Bylaws
Review of edits to be made. Board Operations Position is not part of the Executive Board. Ratification that there is not an additional Executive Board Position, the Board Operations position will be referred to as an Executive Committee, Article IX. Board suggested edits to Article I, Article XII. Board discussion created suggested edits have been changed and are available on www.phoenixmountains.org/hotdeck future edits will also be considered. Including Article 12 Annual Meeting vs. Membership Meeting and considering both meetings happening at the same time. And including the Board will create staggered terms at the annual meeting.

Discussion to have Board appointed Membership Committee and Nomination Committee (ahead of 2027 Annual Meeting). Need standard operation documents or charters that create these committees, as appointed by the board of directors.

#8 PMPC Projects
Stoney Mountain: location update with construction equipment still there, storm damage is still there, behind on repair schedule. Tice to write new reply letter soon. Tice to look at sample letter by Stacia, and rest of board members additional comments.

Gosnell Property: Update from Sally's email, I spoke to Terry Horne on 9/24 regarding the Gosnell properties. He called me to say he had heard that someone from PMPC said that the Gosnell deal didn't seem like it was likely to happen. I told him that I was the one that reported that based on the fact that he had told me he hadn't been able to reach Gosnell for some time. He said there might be something with partners that may need letters. He also asked if we had paid off the debt to Montgomery and Interpreter. I told him yes, PMPC had paid that balance and as far as I know there has not been any more charges. When I told him the legal document that had been created for Gosnell to donate the small portion of land by the Point had Scott Friche's name on it as President. He said that he had not been able to reach him either. I told him that SOMF needs to get a President (Leslie is VP) and get a new legal document created for the donation to happen. So, again it's up to SOMF to get their organization working again. Terry seemed willing to work on getting things going….so we will see.

CMC Memorial Plaque: City of Phoenix can complete installation costs. Motion to approve the bid from Blue Ribbon Awards. No second of motion. No board decision made. Description on plaque needs to be changed from the original plaque to read "Phoenix Mountains Preserve System". More price quotes are needed for board decision. Work in progress.

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#9 Upcoming Events

Festival in the Mountains At NMVC Nov 7th and 8th events: Fri 4pm event opening ceremony. PMPC table with cactus toss on Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm. Need names of volunteers to attend 3 hour time shifts. Jeannie will send volunteer request to Board and Sally to send out volunteer request to Members. Saturday Volunteers: Tice 9am-12pm, Carla 12pm-3pm and Sunday Volunteers: Jesse 9am-12pm Additionally, PMPC donated 8 round trip flight passes on Southwest Airlines with the Tickets For Time Volunteerism Program, these are to benefit Save Our Mountain Foundation and their fundraising projects.

#10 Call to Members and the Public

Bird Friendly PHX Pledge event, was well attended event, Tice will come up with a couple sentences to be added into the Master Plan for Flatland Parks, to add language including something about the Bird G Friendly PHX Pledge and the Monarch Pledge. Tice and Stacia to write the synopsis for this. Request for City to call out these two initiatives and designated areas of flatland parks for this kind of thing in the Parks Master Plan.

Letter of Support sent from Jeannie as a PMPC Letter of Support. Tice is being considered for an Appointment to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission by the Governor and Arizona Senate. Letter send to Richard Williams, AZGFD Commission Appointment Recommendation Committee.

Glen Canyon Exposed Presentation: at South Mountain Park & Preserve Conference Room, Oct 13, 2026. Sponsored by Maricopa Bird Alliance, Presentation and Talk with Dawn Kish, Reception at 6:30pm and Presentation at 7:30PM. www.maricopabirdalliance.org

Board Improvement: board member recruitment and committee structure, coming in the next couple weeks.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm by Jeannie, Motion seconded by Eric. All in favor.

Next meeting is November 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted with care,
Stacia Hurst | PMPC Secretary

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