

**PARADISE VALLEY MOUNTAIN PRESERVE TRUST**

**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR  
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Fred Pakis called the meeting of the Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust to order at 4:00 P.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 in the Paradise Valley Town Hall Boardroom, 6401 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona and on Zoom Conference.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Fred Pakis, Chair attended by Zoom Conference  
John Graham, Vice Chair attended by Zoom Conference  
Martha Hunter Henderson attended by Zoom Conference  
Joan Levinson attended by Zoom Conference  
Phil Schneider attended by Zoom Conference  
Teresa Zachariah attended by Zoom Conference

Bernie Barry was not present

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Duncan Miller, Trust Secretary  
Andrew Miller, Attorney  
Deborah Robberson, Attorney

**ALSO PRESENT**

Stephen Evans, donor  
Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner  
Vice Mayor Julie Pace  
Council Member Ellen Andeen

Mayor Bien-Willner thanked the Trustees for their volunteer service to the Town and offered congratulations for their efforts in adding new land to the mountain preserve.

**Approval of Resolution 2020-02 Accepting the Donation of a Conservation Easement on Certain Real Property in the Vicinity of 5825 E Starlight Way in The Town of Paradise Valley; and Authorizing the Chairman and Appropriate Officers To Take All Legal Actions and Execute All Documents Necessary to Complete the Conveyance of the Conservation Easement**

Duncan Miller presented the proposed donation of a 5-acre conservation easement on Camelback Mountain located at 5825 E Starlight Way by Stephen and Arduth Evans.

Andrew Miller summarized the title report and advised that there were no issues or concerns. He recommended that the Trust obtain title insurance in the amount of \$500,000, which has been the Trust's common practice.

Chairman Pakis thanked Stephen and Arduth Evans for their commitment to conservation and the preservation of open space.

There was consensus among the Trustees that the conservation easement was consistent with the Trust's goal and within an area designated by the Trust as "interest in preserving".

Mr. Evans thanked the Trustees and encouraged the Trust to continue their efforts to preserve more land on Camelback Mountain.

**Motion and vote** – Mr. Pakis moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02 and authorize the Trust to obtain title insurance in the amount of \$500,000. Ms. Levinson seconded the motion which passed by the following vote:

**Aye – 6**

John Graham  
Martha Hunter Henderson  
Joan Levinson  
Fred Pakis  
Phil Schneider  
Teresa Zachariah

**Absent - 1**

Bernie Barry

**Update on Book Sales (The Story of Camelback Mountain) and other Revenue**

Duncan Miller reported on the Trust's finances.

ASSETS	
Cash – Wells Fargo	\$23,501
Cash – LGIP	\$886
Land	\$21,179,712

He stated that the Trust received a total of \$11,000 in cash donations in 2019-2020 and received \$4,700 in revenue from the sale of The Story of Camelback Mountain children's book.

Regarding book sales he announced that 190 books had been sold on Amazon and that the book is available in gift shops and book stores in the Valley. Vice

Mayor Pace said that she and the book's author are investigating other locations to sell the book.

### **Donor Recognition**

#### **Update on Donor Recognition Sculpture**

#### **Anne and Bob Williams Mummy Mountain Memorial Trust**

Andrew Miller briefed the Trustees on the Anne and Bob Williams Mummy Mountain Memorial Trust which was established in April 2000 following the death of Council Member Robert Williams. In 2001, an account was set up at the Arizona Community Foundation to manage the funds. He said there is approximately \$84,000 in the account today. The purpose of the Trust is to support the Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust's goal of acquiring land for conservation. The Williams Trust advisory board is made up of the Mayor, the PVMPT Chair, two Williams family members, and a fifth member to be appointed by the Williams Trust.

Mr. Miller suggested that the Trust consider using the funds to finance the proposed donor recognition sculpture.

Vice Mayor Pace agreed to follow up with artist Ed Mell on the sculpture and obtain a cost estimate and completion timeline.

Chairman Pakis agreed to contact the Williams family to see if they would be agreeable to using the funds for a sculpture to be located at the entrance to Town Hall recognizing the Williams family and those who have donated land to the PVMPT.

Phil Schneider stated he knew Bob and Anne Williams and it was suggested that he serve as the fifth member of the advisory board.

### **Discussion of Potential Donors**

The Trustees discussed other potential land donors and made assignments to contact them.

### **Reports and Announcements**

Andrew Miller announced that he was retiring after 22 years with the Town of Paradise Valley and PVMPT. The Trustees congratulated him on his retirement and thanked him for assisting the Trust. Mr. Miller introduced Assistant Town Attorney Debby Robberson who will fill in as legal advisor to the Trust.

The Trust discussed holding another donor recognition / donor outreach event next year like the one held at the Sanctuary on Camelback. It was agreed that the Trust would reconvene in the Spring to further consider and make arrangements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion and vote** – Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded the motion which passed by the following vote:

**Aye – 6**

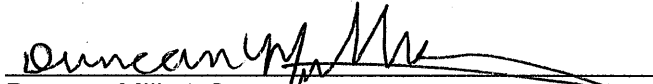
Bernie Barry  
John Graham  
Martha Hunter Henderson  
Fred Pakis  
Phil Schneider  
Teresa Zachariah

**Nay – 0**

**Absent - 1**

Joan Levinson

Chairman Pakis adjourned the meeting at 4:37 PM

  
Duncan Miller, Secretary