

From: james rose < >

Date: May 8, 2026 at 9:33:46 PM MST

To: Catherine Kauffman < >

Subject: Re: Paradise Valley - Would you be willing to speak at May 14 Council Mtg in Support of FLW Spire on Town Hall campus?

Hi Catherine,

Would love to speak in support of the project but will be out of town.

Please put me on your list of supporters!

Jim and Diane Rose

From: Dorothy Lincoln-Smith < >

Date: May 8, 2026 at 8:57:00 PM MST

To: Catherine Kauffman < >

Subject: Re: Paradise Valley - Would you be willing to speak at May 14 Council Mtg in Support of FLW Spire on Town Hall campus?

Thank you for the invitation but I will be in Little Rock Arkansas. For the national meeting of Arts and Letters. It will be great to have the spire there!!!! Dorothy

Sent from my iPhone

From: ELLIOT ROVINSKY < >

Date: May 8, 2026 at 10:37:27 PM MST

To: Catherine Kauffman < >

Subject: Re: Paradise Valley - Would you be willing to speak at May 14 Council Mtg in Support of FLW Spire on Town Hall campus?

Catherine, thank you for the invite, but we will be in Las Vegas until July. Whatever I can do to help from Las Vegas, please let me know.

Thank you,

Elliot Rovinsky

From: Keith Stephens <>

Date: May 9, 2026 at 6:23:05 AM MST

To: Catherine Kauffman <>

Subject: Re: Paradise Valley - Would you be willing to speak at May 14 Council Mtg in Support of FLW Spire on Town Hall campus?

Catherine, I would be willing but we will be in Tucson. I support the project and hope it passes.

From: Sleighel <>

Date: May 9, 2026 at 1:39:13 PM MST

To: Catherine Kauffman <>

Subject: Re: Paradise Valley - Would you be willing to speak at May 14 Council Mtg in Support of FLW Spire on Town Hall campus?

Hi Catherine!

I am sorry to say that we will be leaving town on May 12 for a cruise vacation. Had we been in town, we would love to have helped you out.

Please relay to the Town Council that we are in full support of moving the Frank Lloyd Wright Spire in order to preserve another piece of Paradise Valley history. It is an inspiration of man's creativity and ability to do great things! It goes without saying, Frank Lloyd Wright was one of the greatest!

Marlene and Harry Sleighel

Duncan Miller

From: Julie Garrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 7:08 PM
To: Duncan Miller
Subject: Spire
Attachments: Sphere base size comparisons - Sheet1.pdf

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Julie Garrison
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Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
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May 8, 2026

Paradise Valley Town Council
6401 E Lincoln Dr
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Dear Members of the Paradise Valley Town Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my thoughts regarding the proposed location of the Spire within our community. As a resident of Paradise Valley, I believe it is crucial that we carefully consider the implications of this project and its placement.

The current location suggested for the Spire is on Town property, which is land that belongs to all thirteen thousand residents of our community. With that in mind, the public deserves to have all options presented, along with accurate dimensions and scaled pictures, allowing residents to fully understand what the Spire may look like in different locations.

The dimensions of the Spire's concrete base, with a circumradius length of 19 feet and varying heights of 8 to 12(17?) feet, indicate that we are looking at an object similar in size to my two car carport. Additionally, the total height of the Spire, is projected at 100 feet, and is equivalent to that of a ten-story building. Given its significant size, I believe both the Council and the residents deserve more accurate depictions of how this structure will look within different spaces of our community.

Along with exploring various sites for the Spire, I would also like to hear the thoughts of the "Save the Spire" initiative about the possibility of using just a portion of the Spire. This approach could allow the spirit of the piece to be recognized by residents while being more proportional to the surrounding space. A smaller Spire would require a smaller base, potentially reducing costs and making fundraising efforts easier.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to involve the residents in taking ownership of this effort, which could really help bring Paradise Valley together. Engaging with residents through forums, surveys or the local paper could provide valuable insights and ensure collective support for the chosen location and design. I see a wonderful opportunity for the Town to engage the new Youth Group. They could design flyers that could be sent out or even posted on social media platforms. The more the public knows and are a part of the process will certainly help solicit donations and truly make the "Save the Spire" effort a collaborative community effort. Just as the founding of the Town of Paradise Valley was back in 1961.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I think the initial proposal for the Spire was a wonderful springboard into a broader community driven effort. The volunteers' efforts' in the Save the Spire initiative is admiral and completely appreciated. I look forward to seeing how the Council will navigate this exciting opportunity for our town.

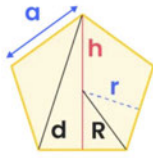
Sincerely,

Julie Garrison



Please see attached file for visual comparisons

Pentagon Calculator



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Side (a) ft

Perimeter ft

Area ft²

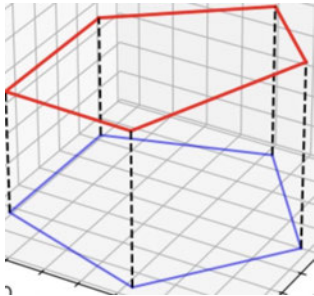
Diagonal (d) ft

Height (h) ft

Circumcircle radius (R) ft

Incircle radius (apothem) (r) ft

Calculations of the base of the Pentagon assuming a 19 foot diameter



$$V = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sqrt{5 \cdot (5 + 2 \cdot \sqrt{5})} \cdot s^2 \cdot h$$

Length of Pentagon Side (ft) foot

Height of Pentagon (ft) foot

Share Result

(ft³) cubic foot

$$V = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sqrt{5 \cdot (5 + 2 \cdot \sqrt{5})} \cdot s^2 \cdot h$$

Length of Pentagon Side (ft) foot

Height of Pentagon (ft) foot

Share Result

(ft³) cubic foot

Volume of the cement base Additional calculations are needed since the cement base will be 12 feet at one end and 8 on the other (using approximate numbers)

$$2973 - 1321 = 1652/2 = 826$$

$$1321 + 1321 + 826 = 3468 \text{ cubic feet}$$



For a visual Comparison, Calculations of Volume for my Carport.

$$20 \times 20 \times 8 = 3200 \text{ cubic feet}$$



For additional visual comparison/reference, the picnic area in the Reflection Garden has a 19 foot diameter. The highest point of the shade structure measures 11 feet, so its volume is as follows:

$$(3.14)(9.5 \times 9.5)(11) = 3117 \text{ cubic feet}$$

Pi x radius squared x height



This angle gives you an idea of how large of area the picnic area is and the cement base will be just about big around and taller than that.



This gives an idea of the height. It is proposed to be 100 feet tall which is the equivalent to 10 stories. Here is a ten story building next to a one story building. Provides some perspective of how tall this will be between the town hall and the police station.

Duncan Miller

From: Vicki Vaughn [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 4:34 PM
To: Duncan Miller; Council Member Karen Liepmann; Council Member Anna Thomasson; Council Member Scott Moore; andeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov; Council Member Julie Pace; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle; Mayor Mark Stanton
Subject: PV Spire Support to re-erect at PV Town Hall campus- Say YES

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Mayor and Council Members,
It has just come to our attention that the preservation and re-erection of the historic Ascension Lutheran Church spire on our Town Hall campus is up for consideration. **Please say YES!**

That there is even minor negativity to this is surprising to us. The original was a project driven by residents, not developers or politics. Thoughtfully redesigned to be located in the center of the Town of Paradise Valley, obstructing no views, this should be an event to celebrate!

Let's get this done! Thank you

Vicki and Vernon Vaughn
[REDACTED]
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Duncan Miller

From: Linda Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2026 4:32 PM
To: Duncan Miller
Subject: Preservation and re-erection of the historic Ascension Lutheran Church spire on our Town Hall campus

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Dear Town Clerk Duncan Miller,

Having lived here now for 27 years, Paradise Valley's spirit and character are deeply embedded in me. I have watched this community evolve from a quieter, more organically connected town into one increasingly shaped by tear-down culture, speculative development, and architectural trends that too often lack any connection to our history or identity.

That is why I feel compelled to speak up in support of the preservation and re-erection of the historic Ascension Lutheran Church spire on our Town Hall campus.

For nearly 60 years, the original 145-foot spire stood as a beloved and recognizable part of our community skyline without controversy. Today, after years of volunteer effort, fundraising, planning, collaboration, and unanimous support to save it from destruction, there is now minor dissension over a redesigned version standing under 100 feet in height — thoughtfully located in the center of a town campus where it obstructs no view corridors.

Throughout history, spires have represented aspiration — the idea that communities should strive toward something higher and more meaningful than the ordinary. Frank Lloyd Wright believed architecture should elevate the human experience, and the Taliesin architects behind this spire understood that public spaces should inspire future generations, not simply fill empty land.

What makes this effort especially meaningful is that it was not driven by developers or politics. It was driven by residents, architects, artists, historians, and community members who volunteered countless hours and personal resources simply because they love Paradise Valley and believe our heritage matters.

At a time when so much of our architectural history is disappearing, this project should be a moment of celebration for our town — not controversy. The fact that even whispers of division have emerged over an effort rooted in preservation, generosity, civic pride, and beauty is deeply disappointing to me.

As a Precinct/State Committeeman within the Clearwater precinct, I hope we can count on your support in preserving an important piece of Paradise Valley history for future generations.

I still believe Paradise Valley is at its best when we come together around the things that unite us.

Thank you,

Linda Williams

Duncan Miller

From: Eric Rinstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:43 AM
To: Duncan Miller; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle; Mayor Mark Stanton
Subject: Ascension Lutheran Spire Project

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Mayor Stanton/Town Clerk Miller:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the Ascension Lutheran Church spire project proposed for the Town Hall campus. Please include my letter in the official packet and please add it to the public record as a statement in support of the project.

The “spire project” represents an important effort to preserve Paradise Valley’s historic character. The spire, originally designed by William Wesley Peters—a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright—is a significant piece of our local history. While the original structure stood at 145 feet, the current proposal has been thoughtfully redesigned to stand under 100 feet to better suit the Town Hall campus.

For years, dedicated volunteers, residents, and historians have worked to ensure this piece of our skyline is preserved. I hope the Town Council views this as an opportunity for our community to unite around a meaningful landmark rather than a subject of political controversy over technical minutiae.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this historic preservation project.

Sincerely,

Eric Rinstone
[REDACTED]
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

[REDACTED]

Sent via my circa 1977 RadioShack® TRS-80



5 ARTS CIRCLE

April 11, 2026

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Ascension Lutheran Church spire being housed and displayed at the Town Hall complex. This spire is not only a beautiful work of art, but also a meaningful part of our town's history that deserves to remain visible and accessible to the public.

As a town resident who lived across the street from the church at 6712 E Hummingbird Lane from 1991 to 1996, I saw the beauty of the spire every day. The way the sunlight moved through it and illuminated different parts of the design made it a memorable and inspiring presence in the neighborhood. It left a lasting impression on me and, I believe, on many others in our community as well.

Housing it at the Town Hall complex would honor its legacy while allowing residents and visitors alike to appreciate its artistic and historical value. A public location would ensure that this meaningful symbol continues to enrich the community for generations to come.

As the Executive Director of 5 Arts Circle, I also recognize the spire's cultural significance to the town. It stands as a reflection of the community's artistic heritage and shared identity. Displaying it at the Town Hall complex would affirm the town's commitment to preserving and celebrating the pieces of our past that continue to shape our civic and cultural life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jill Christenholz

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Duncan Miller

From: Jenny Bryant Nagel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 6:27 PM
To: Mayor Mark Stanton; Duncan Miller
Cc: Vice Mayor Christine Labelle
Subject: Support for Ascension Spire

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Dear Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Miller,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Ascension Lutheran Church spire project proposed for the Town Hall campus. We request that this letter be included in the official packet and added to the public record as a statement of support for the May 14th meeting.

As engaged residents, and the parents of a young child, we are deeply invested in the Town's past, present, and future. It is rare that a municipality has the opportunity to preserve and prominently display a monumental artefact that is at once artistically, architecturally, and historically significant. Separated from its original context, the spire is not a religious object, but rather an important work of art that gestures to the Town's remarkable past while promising to promote the Town's continued vitality.

We applaud the dedicated volunteers, residents, and historians who have worked to ensure the spire is preserved, and hope that the Town Council recognizes this extraordinary opportunity to honor our heritage and strengthen our exceptional community.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Nagel and Dr. Jennifer Bryant Nagel

Duncan Miller

From: Joseph Specter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 10:26 AM
To: Mayor Mark Stanton; Duncan Miller
Cc: Henry Hendrix; Joseph Specter
Subject: In Support of the TAA Spire at PV Town Hall

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Dear Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Miller,

I am writing on behalf of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation to express our strong support for the relocation and display of the Ascension Lutheran Church spire on the Town Hall campus.

Originally designed by William Wesley Peters, Frank Lloyd Wright's longtime protégé and Taliesin Fellow, the spire has stood as a recognizable part of the Paradise Valley skyline for more than sixty years. Its preservation represents an important opportunity to honor the architectural and cultural history of the region while continuing to elevate public understanding of Wright's enduring influence in Arizona.

Frank Lloyd Wright's work helped shape the architectural identity of greater Phoenix and established a design legacy that continues to inspire how we think about community, landscape, and the built environment today. Preserving and publicly displaying the Ascension Lutheran Church spire would not only safeguard an important historic artifact, but also help tell the broader story of Wright's continued impact on the Valley and the generations of architects, artists, and civic leaders influenced by his ideas.

I hope the Town Council views this project as an opportunity for the community to come together around a meaningful piece of local history and a symbol of Paradise Valley's connection to one of the most significant architectural movements of the twentieth century.

I respectfully request that this letter be included in the official packet and entered into the public record as a statement of support.

Thank you for your consideration and for your stewardship of this important preservation effort.

Sincerely,
Joe Specter

Joseph Specter
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Duncan Miller

From: Brent Kendle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 10:56 AM
To: Mayor Mark Stanton; clabelle@paradisevalley.az.gov
Cc: Duncan Miller; Council Member Ellen Andeen; Council Member Karen Liepmann; Council Member Scott Moore; Council Member Julie Pace; Council Member Anna Thomasson
Subject: 24025-Ascension Church | spire support

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Honorable Mayor Stanton, Vice Mayor Labelle and council members Andeen-Keller, liepmann, Moore, Pace and Thomasson,

I am writing you today to register my support, as well as ask for yours, for the proposed placement of the Ascension Church spire at the Town Hall grounds as proposed by the Save the Spire organization, being presented before you on May 14th. The spire has been a beacon representing the heritage and unique character of Paradise Valley for as long as I can remember. Giving this iconic and historical architectural gem a new life as the center piece of the Paradise Valley government center will be a point of pride for current and future residents of Paradise Valley. I hope you will support this proposal.

Thank you.

Brent Kendle, AIA, LEED AP
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