

Duncan Miller

From: Vice Mayor Christine Labelle
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 7:59 AM
To: Andrew Ching; Duncan Miller; Amy Rebenar
Subject: Fw: TPV-Letters rec'd in support of the Spire

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From: Catherine Kauffman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 8:15:52 PM
To: Mayor Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle <clabelle@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Karen Liepmann <kliepmann@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Ching <aching@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Catherine Kauffman [REDACTED] >; Scott Jarson [REDACTED] Erik Peterson [REDACTED] >; Doug Jorden [REDACTED] >; John Anderson [REDACTED] >; Jordan R. Rose [REDACTED] >; Colleen Steinberg [REDACTED] >
Subject: TPV-Letters rec'd in support of the Spire

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Below are the emails I have received regarding the spire.



WILLIAM D FEARNOW

Re: Town of Paradise Valley - Saving the FLW Spire

To: Catherine Kauffman, Mark Stanton, Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Catherine,

I think erecting the spire in the town hall complex is a wonderful idea. Thank you for hosting the event on Monday attending, Mayor Stanton.

Bill Fearnow

See Email from Catherine Kauffman



leon bentley

ASCENSION CHURXH SPIRE

To: Mark Stanton, Cc: Catherine Kauffman

CK BY ALL MEANS SAVE IT AND SIMPLY DISPLAY IT. I WE CAN SHOW OUR KIDS AND GRANDS WE ARE HISTORY.,
YOU SAVED OUR TOPV POST OFFICE, NOW CONTINUE MARK WITH YOUR GOOD WORKS !! CATHY BEI



Susan Shultz

Save the Spire

To: Mark Stanton, Cc: Catherine Kauffman



Dear Mark,

It was good to see you at the PV Historic Committee party this week. And, I commend you for creating the y many ways.

My primary purpose in writing is to ask you to preserve the Spire from the Ascension Lutheran Church and re of our town. Thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards, Susan

Susan F. Shultz, CEO

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Ed

Spire, Ascension Lutheran Church

To: Mark Stanton, Cc: Catherine Kauffman

Mr. Mayor:

I believe the Spire from Ascension Lutheran Church should be preserved and utilized by the Town. The act of pr Town's heritage. Thank you for your consideration.



Dick Faser

Spire

To: Mark Stanton, Cc: Catherine Kauffman

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Update to last Email SPIRE

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Since 1964 this Spire has inspired Ascension Lutheran members and local community.... Plus help welcome all
automobile!

I speak with conviction as my family were members of Ascension since 1964...
a Christian congregation that served our town, or community and our world.

And personally the spire helped our community of engineering to push the age old dream of flying to the moon. !
To look up .. to do the impossible... as I was a microwave engineer on the NASA APOLLO 11 Moon Shot Motorc
Team here in Scottsdale....looking up to the skies..leads many to achieve their dreams..

THE SPIRE ENCOURAGES ALL TO LOOK UP.. TO DREAM A GOOD FUTURE

Dick Faser

TPV RESIDENT SINCE 1985

Catherine T. Kauffman

Duncan Miller

From: Christine Labelle [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 10:34 AM
To: Andrew Ching; Duncan Miller; Mayor Mark Stanton
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Spire

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Hi everyone,

I realized this correspondence originated from my personal email address, so I wanted to clarify the protocol. Please feel free to share this information with the rest of the Council if you believe it would be helpful and relevant. it answers Council over Thomasson's question regarding the width of the base plinth for Spire .

Best regards,

Christine Labelle



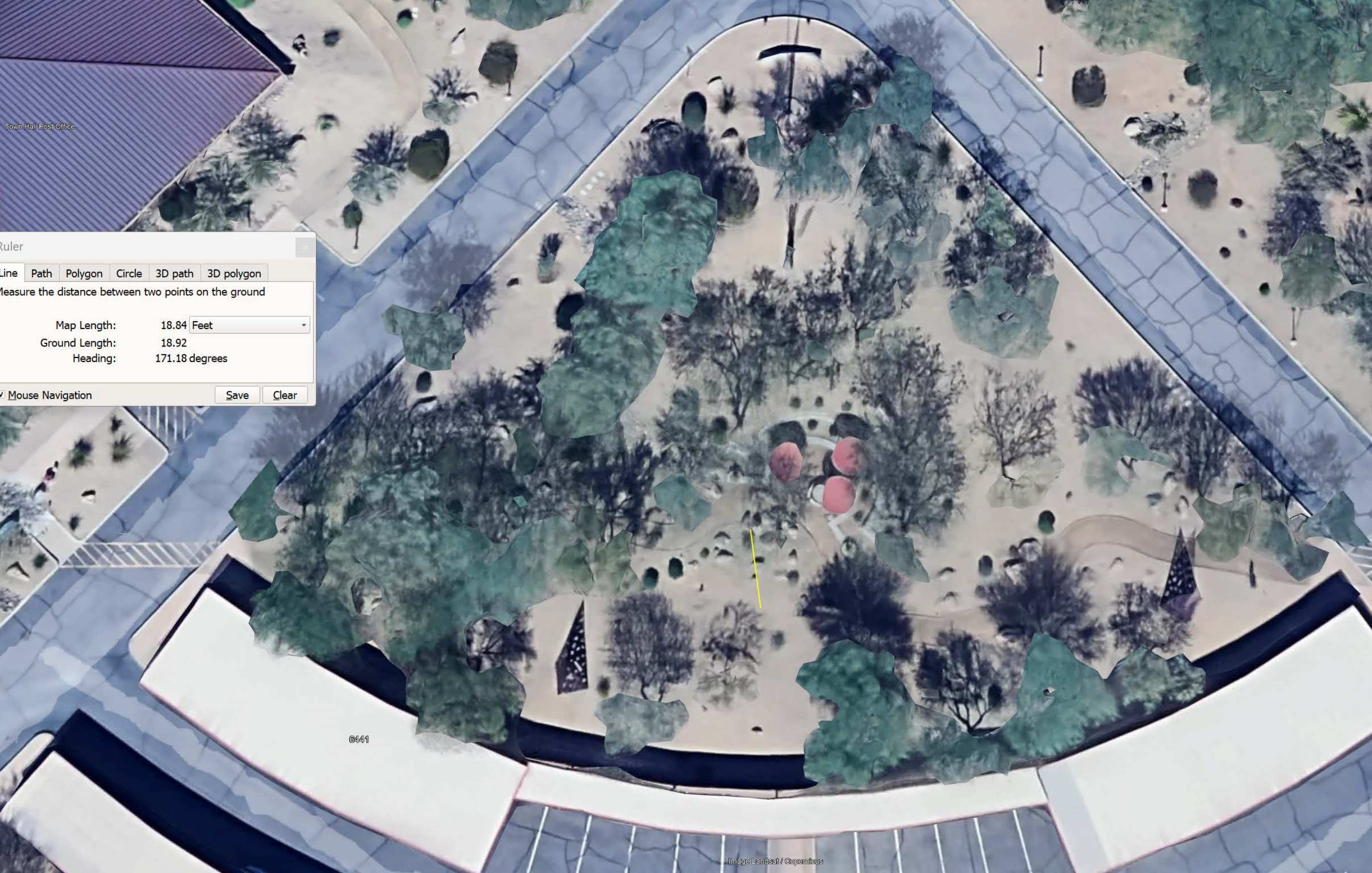
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From: Erik Peterson [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Apr 24, 2026 at 10:03 AM
Subject: RE: Fw: Spire
To: John Anderson [REDACTED] >, Christine Labelle [REDACTED] >, Scott Jarson [REDACTED] >, Anna Thomasson [REDACTED] >

Thanks John...

And just for another scale viewpoint, you can see below the yellow line is 19' in the location we are proposing.

Erik



Town Hall Post Office

Ruler

Line Path Polygon Circle 3D path 3D polygon

Measure the distance between two points on the ground

Map Length: 18.84 Feet

Ground Length: 18.92

Heading: 171.18 degrees

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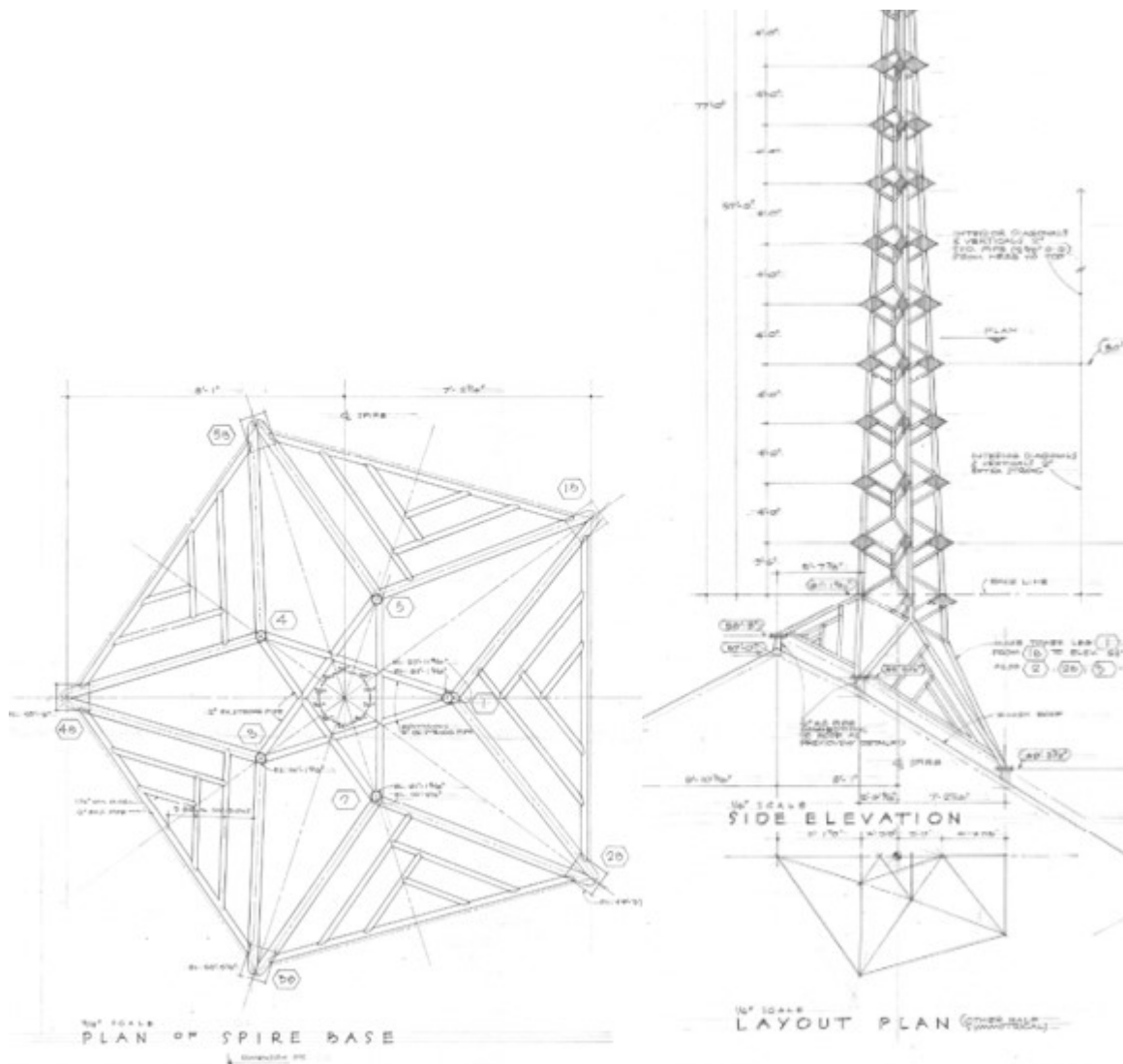
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From: John Anderson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 8:36 AM
To: Christine Labelle [REDACTED]; Erik Peterson [REDACTED]; Scott Jarson [REDACTED]; Anna Thomasson [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Fw: Spire

Christine and CM Thomasson,

The footprint of the spire is in a pentagon shape and approximately 15' wide at the largest. The concrete base will be a bit larger in size at 19' to accommodate it. Let me know if this helps.





Best,

John Anderson AIA
Partner | Principal

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

4955 N 7th Ave, Phoenix AZ 85013

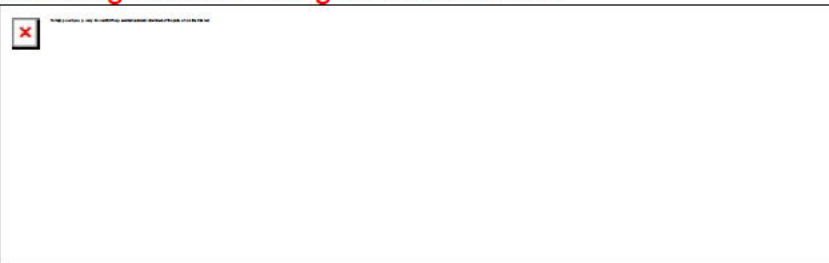
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From: Christine Labelle [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 7:50 AM
To: John Anderson [REDACTED] >; Erik Peterson AIA, NCARB / President <[REDACTED]>;
Scott Jarson [REDACTED] Anna Thomasson [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Spire

Hi all,

Erik and John, Can either of you answer this for CM Thomasson? I appreciate it and thank you!

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correct.

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From: Vice Mayor Christine Labelle <clabelle@paradisivalleyaz.gov>
Date: Fri, Apr 24, 2026 at 7:48 AM
Subject: Fw: Spire
To: Christine Labelle [REDACTED]

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From: Council Member Anna Thomasson <athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 1:36:06 AM
To: Scott Jarson [REDACTED] >
Cc: Vice Mayor Christine Labelle <clabelle@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Spire

Thank you for your presentation and all the work you have done so far. I see the 8' grading to 12' vertical dimension, but do not know the expected horizontal dimensions. I know it is not yet final, but I am trying to visualize the base. What are the dimensions shown in the current renderings?

Thank you.

Anna Thomasson

Councilmember

Town of Paradise Valley

athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov

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Duncan Miller

From: Beth McRae <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 3:34 PM
To: Duncan Miller; Mayor Mark Stanton
Subject: Support for Ascension Spire FLW

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Dear Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Miller,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Ascension Lutheran Church spire project proposed for the Town Hall campus. I 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.

The project represents a vital 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 heritage event.

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

In gratitude,
Beth McRae
CEO of The McRae Agency
Paradise Valley resident

Beth McRae
[REDACTED]

Duncan Miller

From: Rebecca Jirov [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 4:01 PM
To: Duncan Miller
Subject: Church spire project

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Dear Mayor Mark Stanton; and Duncan Miller,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Ascension Lutheran Church spire project for the Town Hall campus.

This project holds significant historical and personal meaning for my family and me. The church was a central part of our lives; it is where I belonged as a child and where my mother was a devoted member. Furthermore, both of my parents were laid to rest there before the site was repurposed. Since I can no longer visit their resting place, preserving the spire as a landmark would provide a meaningful way to honor their memory and the heritage of the building.

The spire is more than just a piece of architecture; it is a vital link to our community's history. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Best regards,

Rebecca Rawn Jirov-Symington

Duncan Miller

From: Christine Labelle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 7:44 AM
To: Duncan Miller; Andrew Ching; Mayor Mark Stanton
Subject: Fwd: We support the spire for the town of Paradise Valley

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From Erik Peterson's sphere

Sent from my iPhone
Erik B. Peterson AIA
PHX Architecture
Scottsdale Beverly Hills
[REDACTED]

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sharon Dupont McCord [REDACTED]
Date: May 6, 2026 at 7:04:25 PM PDT
To: Erik Peterson [REDACTED]
Subject: We support the spire for the town of Paradise Valley

Hello. Phil Edlund and I both.
Confirm our support of Paradise Valley and saving the spire from the Ascension Lutheran Church. Therefore creating a spire monument as part of the Townhall site.

We are both longtime residence of the town.

We congratulate you for your support of this important initiative.

Thank you

Sharon Dupont McCord and Phil Edlund

Sharon Dupont McCord
[REDACTED]

Duncan Miller

From: dick faser [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 8:51 PM
To: Mayor Mark Stanton
Cc: Duncan Miller; Catherine Kauffman
Subject: Spire Gift from Ascension Lutheran..HISTORICAL MOMENT ?

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Dear Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Miller,

In 1963 Ascension Lutheran made a bold step to work with Frank Lloyd Wright Architects....

The Spire set on top of the church was special May have even been inspiring to all who travelled through and above our town!

For 62 years ... as an active member of this church...what a joy to be part of this long experience of worshipping at Ascension in TPV ... working with neighbors like the Wicks..and partnering with TPV.

As a resident of TPV I fully support the effort concerning the

Frank Lloyd Wright / Ascension Lutheran Church Spire to be relocated and displayed on the Town Hall campus

. The spire, originally designed by William Wesley Peters—a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright, has been part of the Paradise Valley skyline for 60 years and it is important to preserve this significant piece of our local history. I hope the Town Council views this as an opportunity for our community to unite around a meaningful landmark.

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

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

Sincerely,

Richard Faser

TPV RESIDENT

NASA APOLLO 11 MOON SHOT 1969 AEROSPACE ENGINEER

Duncan Miller

From: Catherine Kauffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 7:16 PM
To: Duncan Miller
Subject: Fwd: Town of Paradise Valley - Relocating the FLW spire to the Town Hall Campus

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Begin forwarded message:

From: leon bentley [REDACTED]
Date: May 6, 2026 at 7:06:32 PM MST
To: mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov
Subject: Fwd: Town of Paradise Valley - Relocating the FLW spire to the Town Hall Campus

DEAR MAYOR.
YOU SAVED THE PARADISE VALLEY POST OFFICE NOW PLEASE SAVE THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT SPIRE ON TOP OF THE ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH .YOU CAN LEAVE THE CROSS UP AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED. NOT EVEN A LUTHERAN BUT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A REMINDER OF THANKFULNESS IN MY LIFE; LIVING HERE IS ONE REASON.

THAT GOES FOR ANY HOME BY TULL ,FLW, OR ANY HOME BY AL BEADLE.
THANK YOU,CARRY ON ,CATHY BENTLEY

Begin forwarded message:

From: Catherine Kauffman [REDACTED]
Subject: Town of Paradise Valley - Relocating the FLW spire to the Town Hall Campus
Date: May 6, 2026 at 6:23:53 PM MST
To: Catherine Kauffman [REDACTED]

On Thursday, May 14, the Paradise Valley Town Council will consider a resolution to allow the Frank Lloyd Wright spire that was atop the Ascension Lutheran Church to be relocated and displayed on the Town Hall campus. While the original structure stood at 145 feet, the current proposal would display the spire at less than 100 feet with the cross removed to better fit the Town Hall setting. If you

support this effort, please email Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Duncan Miller—and/or attend the May 14 Town Council meeting to voice your support for preserving an important piece of Paradise Valley history for future generations.

The Town Council meeting will begin at 6:00pm at Town Hall. That evening we will also celebrate the Town's 65th anniversary and recognize an Al Beadle home in the Historical Property Recognition Program.

Thank you for helping to preserve a piece of Paradise Valley history.

Catherine Kauffman
Town of Paradise Valley
Chair, Historical Advisory Comm



Below is a sample email or feel free to personalize.

TO: Mayor Mark Stanton @mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov , Town Clerk
Duncan Miller @dmiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov

Dear Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Miller,

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Sincerely,

Duncan Miller

From: Paul Dembow [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 8:36 AM
To: Mayor Mark Stanton; Council Member Anna Thomasson; Council Member Scott Moore; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle; Council Member Karen Liepmann; Council Member Julie Pace; Council Member Ellen Andeen
Cc: Duncan Miller; Vernon B. Parker; Robert Bob Plenge; Ed Winkler; Scott LeMarr; Jerry Bien-Willner; Pam Kirby; jinisimpsonv [REDACTED] Marel Brady; Bryan Brady; Hope Ozer-Outside Email; Jay Ozer; Curtis Dickman; Andrew Ching
Subject: Against the Use of Public Town Land for the purposes of picking a Town sanctioned religion.
Importance: High

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Mayor & Council,

The Town of Paradise Valley has crossed a dangerous line by effectively endorsing an official religion on public land.

You are ramming through plans to erect the massive 100-foot spire from the former Ascension Lutheran Church directly in front of Town Hall. This sectarian monument will tower over the community, dwarfing every other house of worship and becoming the dominant symbol of Paradise Valley — all on taxpayer-owned property.

This is not preservation. This is preferential treatment. Town codes strictly limit structures to 36 feet or less in most cases to protect our low-profile desert character. Yet this Council now carves out a special exception for a giant Christian symbol while residents remain bound by the rules. If they can ignore height limits for this, what stops 60-foot cell towers or any other unwanted eyesore from sprouting up next?

The timing exposes your misplaced priorities. While cell service remains abysmal, the Five Star Project drains resources, and budgets are ridiculously fat, the Council obsesses over planting a 100-foot religious icon at the town's front door. You've shown zero interest in genuine solutions for residents — only in grandstanding your personal beliefs.

And let's be clear: Frank Lloyd Wright had nothing to do with this spire. It was designed after his death. Claiming otherwise is historical revisionism to manufacture prestige.

Slipping this onto the consent agenda without meaningful public debate or input reveals contempt for transparency and the diverse community you were elected to serve. Never before have I witnessed Paradise Valley leaders so completely abandon neutrality, ignore your duty to represent all residents, and trample the very codes meant to preserve what makes this town special.

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I ask that this spire project be halted immediately or at least have robust public discussions about it.

Our public spaces should unite us, not divide us along religious lines.

Regards,

Paul E. Dembow
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Duncan Miller

From: Keith Stephens [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:19 AM
To: Duncan Miller; Mayor Mark Stanton
Subject: Spire to be located at Town Hall

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Yes, I support this project. I believe it is important to preserve this significant piece of our local history and request the council's support.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Keith Stephens
[REDACTED]
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
[REDACTED]

Duncan Miller

From: Hope Ozer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:08 AM
To: Paul Dembow
Cc: Mayor Mark Stanton; Council Member Anna Thomasson; Council Member Scott Moore; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle; Council Member Karen Liepmann; Council Member Julie Pace; Council Member Ellen Andeen; Duncan Miller; Vernon B. Parker; Robert Bob Plenge; Ed Winkler; Scott LeMarr; Jerry Bien-Willner; Pam Kirby; jinisimpsonpv@[REDACTED] Marel Brady; Bryan Brady; Jay Ozer; Curtis Dickman; Andrew Ching
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Totally agree....thanks, Paul, for stating this so eloquently. Fondly, Hope

HOPE H OZER
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Via iPad

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Duncan Miller

From: Virginia Simpson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 10:00 AM
To: Hope Ozer-Outside Email
Cc: Paul Dembow; Mayor Mark Stanton; Council Member Anna Thomasson; Council Member Scott Moore; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle; Council Member Karen Liepmann; Council Member Julie Pace; Council Member Ellen Andeen; Duncan Miller; Vernon B. Parker; Robert Bob Plenge; Ed Winkler; Scott LeMarr; Jerry Bien-Willner; Pam Kirby; Marel Brady; Bryan Brady; Jay Ozer; Curtis Dickman; Andrew Ching
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Paul,

I must tell you that until I read your letter, I had not thought of the spire in terms of a Christian symbol, but you made me reflect a bit more.

Because I consider the Cross on Christian Churches as their religious identity, this to me was more of an architectural feature. But I can understand your view point. It was placed on the Lutheran Church obviously to mean more than that . It was intentionally Inspirational, and in that way , Spiritual.

I don't believe that those individuals involved were thinking of religion, but rather simply trying to hold on to something they consider historic , when they decided to save the Spire. So I can understand their reasoning, but that certainly left them with a challenge. Where do you put a 100' Spire?

I don't know?

You have raised valid concerns. I have no valid answers
Jini

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To: Catherine Kauffman; Mayor Mark Stanton; Duncan Miller
Subject: Re: Town of Paradise Valley - Relocating the FLW spire to the Town Hall Campus

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my strongest support for relocating the Ascension Lutheran Church Spire to the Town Hall campus. As many of you know, this spire was designed by William Wesley Peters, a protege of Frank Lloyd Wright, and has been a part of the Paradise Valley landscape for some 60 years. As a longtime Arizona resident with 40 years in Paradise Valley, I consider it important to preserve our history.

I recommend that we keep the cross since it will add to the height and has always been part of this particular spire.

I request that this letter be included in the public record as a statement of support for the relocation and preservation of the spire.

Thank you for your interest in preserving the history and ambience of our beautiful Town.

Sincerely,
/s/ Anne Lorimor

On Wed, May 6, 2026 at 6:24 PM Catherine Kauffman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Catherine Kauffman

***Town of Paradise Valley
Chair, Historical Advisory Comm***

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Sincerely,

Anne Lorimor
Founder and CEO of Creating Exciting Futures



Duncan Miller

From: Vernon B. Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 12:07 PM
To: Virginia Simpson
Cc: Hope Ozer-Outside Email; Paul Dembow; Mayor Mark Stanton; Council Member Anna Thomasson; Council Member Scott Moore; Vice Mayor Christine Labelle; Council Member Karen Liepmann; Council Member Julie Pace; Council Member Ellen Andeen; Duncan Miller; Robert Bob Plenge; Ed Winkler; Scott LeMarr; Jerry Bien-Willner; Pam Kirby; Marel Brady; Bryan Brady; Jay Ozer; Curtis Dickman; Andrew Ching
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I agree with Jini. I looked at it as a piece of historical architecture. If it were on top of a synagogue, I would have no problem preserving it.

As Always! us
vernonbparker.com

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To: Mayor Mark Stanton; Duncan Miller
Subject: FLW Spire

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To: Duncan Miller
Subject: Fwd: Town of Paradise Valley - Relocating the FLW spire to the Town Hall Campus

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Email in support from Kathy George

Catherine T. Kauffman
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy George [REDACTED]
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Date: May 7, 2026 at 7:56:23 PM MST
To: Catherine Kauffman <ckauffman217@gmail.com>

I saw this in our town paper. I'm 100% in support
Sent from my iPhone
Kathy George
Invite, Engage, Retain
Membership Chair/ Director
Scottsdale Sister Cities Association
[REDACTED]

On May 6, 2026, at 6:24 PM, Catherine Kauffman

wrote:

On Thursday, May 14, the Paradise Valley Town Council will consider a resolution to allow the Frank Lloyd Wright spire that was atop the Ascension Lutheran Church to be relocated and displayed on the Town Hall campus. While the original structure stood at 145 feet, the current proposal would display the spire at less than 100 feet with the cross removed to better fit the Town Hall setting. If you support this effort, please email Mayor Stanton and Town Clerk Duncan Miller—and/or attend the May 14 Town Council meeting to voice your support for preserving an important piece of Paradise Valley history for future generations.

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Thank you for helping to preserve a piece of Paradise Valley history.

***Catherine Kauffman
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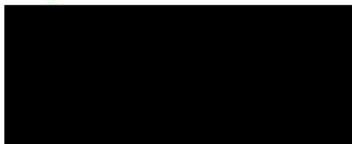
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