



ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2026

Parks and Recreation Report – Matt Jankowski

- The Town does not have a service that cleans the windows at the Parks and Rec office. They have purchased a hose, reel, and cleaning solution, to be kept in the Parks and Rec office, for the Society to clean the windows of the Pusch House Museum. The screens and the wood frames around them are rather fragile, so the screens will stay.
- The lights on the Steam Pump House have been fixed. The cause was a bad timer, and now the lights will be operated by photo cell.
- An outside firm would cost the Society \$430/month to sweep, mop floors, dust door frames and doors on a weekly basis.
- Overseeding of the grass area was started on September 21.
- Makers Market has had reduced attendance due to increase in insurance costs for them. There will only be two more of them between now and summer, and dates will be advised.
- Concerts start at Steam Pump Ranch tomorrow, and continue October 2, 23, and November 6.
- **The Town agreed to cut a pathway through the weeds from the Museum to the Steam Pump building.**
- The Society thanked the Town for the directional sign as cars enter the parking lot at the Ranch and for revising the layout of the photo used in the Parks and Rec newsletter every week.

Call to order at 2:15 p.m.

In attendance – Bob Kellar, Paul Loomis, Devon Sloan, Twink Monrad, Roger Nichols

Interested parties in attendance - Sue Chambasian, Dan Hoffbauer, Cynthia Lafferty, Mike Thomas

Minutes of August 27, 2026 meeting approved

Consent Agenda

- The following reports were adopted on the consent agenda.
- President's Report – Bob Kellar
- Director – Twink Monrad
- Committee Reports:
- Collections – Lynn Zoyiopoulos
 - Points 1 and 6 removed for discussion
- Docent – Tina Zogott
- Secretary and Publicity – Devon Sloan
- Garden and Education – Joyce Rychener
- Grants – Roger Nichols
- Historical Preservation Commission – no meeting
- Special Projects – Lynn Zoyiopoulos

Regular Agenda

- Treasurer report –
 - Question regarding credit card charges of \$289.47. No breakdown, but explanation that charges were from Ace Hardware, MailChimp, AT&T, and the website.

Approved

Old Business

- **Treasurer is working on incorporating suggestions made after last month's meeting into the new format.**
- No finalization on schedule for Heritage Garden volunteers on Second Saturdays. **Lynn or Joyce to send names to Tina.**
- Suggestions for Mr. and Mrs. Paul's donation – if grant for “flipper” display unit is approved by Arizona Historical Society, the donation will pay for the part that is not funded. Additional suggestions – irrigation for the Heritage Garden, laptop for the Museum, smart tv for displays in the Museum
- Update on volunteer training for technology – **Lynn to set up training in late October, early November**

New Business

- Bob reminded all that everyone is invited to the Peace Pole ceremony at the Ranch on September 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- Dan Hoffbauer displayed his new art piece of Mathilda and the Apaches, and asked for suggestions on what should be his next creation, as he would like to do a series of 4. He is working with Lynn on research for future topics.
- **Cynthia Lafferty** noted that local grants she has been researching (Safeway, Walmart) are no longer offering grants to our type of non-profit. She has researched Arizona Preservation Foundation and their Jump Start Grant program offering up to \$2,000 and **will continue**. She has researched the Southwest Intervention Fund regarding public access for ADA. This group requires Membership as an Organizational Level Preservation Leadership Forum Member, Main Street America Community Member, or Main Street America General Member. The Society is none of those.
 - **She has researched Roche volunteer program and will continue.**
- Bob suggested more collaboration with the Town of Oro Valley at Town Council meetings, using a blue card for a 3-minute presentation about the importance of retaining the historical aspect of Steam Pump Ranch. Devon suggested **ALL volunteers read the Path Forward information and vote yes on November 3**. There are several references to the Town's support of the Society.
- **Roger Nichols discussed the opportunity for us to work with senior history majors** at the University of Arizona who need to intern for 9 hours per week. He will share that information for us to work on that collaboration.
- **Devon will connect with the Pima County Community Share program** to investigate students helping us with social media and creating content for the website. Paul brought up a good question – since none of us are social media gurus, **who will monitor this program??** Maybe the program itself can offer suggestions.
- **Need suggestions from everyone** – The Chamber of Commerce is working on a promotion – A Golden Christmas in Oro Valley. What can we do to participate in this month-long event?
- Bob has acquired copies of Jim Williams' new book – Sun City Oro Valley (and has sold some already!) They will be for sale in the gift shop.
- Paul brought up a question – should we charge an administration fee to those who make a donation to the Society?
 - **Board to discuss next month.**
- Discussion regarding deaccession – items must be agreed to by collection committee and the Board. Reiteration that no original photos or documents are being destroyed. Donated research items are to be offered back to the donor and not destroyed without their knowledge.
- What date works for the Board for the combined November/December meeting? **Check your calendars for decision at next month's meeting.**
- Devon will be out of town October 8 – 12. Bob will be out of town October 12 -22.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting date Friday, October 23 at 2 p.m. at Steam Pump Ranch. **Note date change and mark your calendars now!**

Respectfully submitted,
Devon Sloan, CMP, CTA
Secretary