



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting **Marked Agenda**
Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Meeting held electronically

As a member of the Scottsdale community, I will genuinely listen; speak respectfully; and be accountable for my words and actions.

CALL TO ORDER—5:02 p.m.

Present

Chairperson Steve Dodd, Vice-chair Cynthia Wenstrom, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Laurie LaPat-Polasko, and Marsha Lipps

Absent – Commissioners Mark Hackbarth and Tawana Parker

1. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Steve Dodd, Vice-chair Cynthia Wenstrom, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Marsha Lipps, and Tawana Parker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Until further notice, the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission meetings are being held electronically. Commission meetings are televised on Cox Cable Channel 11/streamed online at ScottsdaleAZ.gov (search “live stream”) or on the City’s YouTube Channel.

Written comment is being accepted for both agendized and non-agendized items and should be submitted electronically no later than 90 minutes before the meeting. These comments will be emailed to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission meetings and posted online prior to the meeting. To submit a written public comment electronically, please [click here](#).

Spoken comment is being accepted on agenda action item 10. To sign up to speak on these items, please [click here](#). Request to speak forms must be submitted no later than 90 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Commission Action: Information item

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of [November 19, 2020](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

Approved 5-0 by roll call vote; motion by Vice Chair Wenstrom; 2nd Commissioner Lipps; Chairperson Dodd, Vice Chair Wenstrom and Commissioners Coluccio, LaPat-Polasko and Lipps voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As per the By-Laws, the Commission will elect new officers at the first meeting of each calendar year. The Chair will be elected first then the Vice-chair and will assume duties immediately.

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action

Approved 5-0 by roll call vote; nomination of Vice Chair Wenstrom as Chairperson by Chairperson Dodd; 2nd Commissioner Lipps; Chairperson Dodd, Vice Chair Wenstrom and Commissioners Coluccio, LaPat-Polasko and Lipps voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

Approved 5-0 by roll call vote; nomination of Commissioner LaPat-Polasko as Vice Chair by Chairperson Wenstrom; 2nd Commissioner Coluccio; Chairperson Wenstrom, Vice Chair LaPat-Polasko and Commissioners Coluccio, Dodd and Lipps voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

5. REVIEW COMMISSION BY-LAWS - [View Bylaws](#)

The Commission will review the current By-Laws. Suggested changes, if any, can be made and brought before the Commission at the next regular meeting for approval. If no changes are recommended, the current By-Laws will remain as the governing rules for the Commission.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible suggestions for changes

Approved 5-0 by roll call vote; motion by Vice Chair LaPat-Polasko; 2nd Commissioner Coluccio; Chairperson Wenstrom, Vice Chair LaPat-Polasko and Commissioners Coluccio, Dodd and Lipps voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

6. 2020 COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT – [View Report](#)

The Commission is required to submit an Annual Report to the City Council for activities, actions and other business during the preceding year. Staff has compiled the main points for Commission review. The Commission can recommend additions, deletions and corrections to the report and approve it for submittal.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action

Approved 5-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Dodd; 2nd Vice Chair LaPat-Polasko; Chairperson Wenstrom, Vice Chair LaPat-Polasko and Commissioners Coluccio, Dodd and Lipps voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

7. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATES - Justin Owen

Commission Action: Information only

8. 1-GP-2021: DRAFT SCOTTSDALE GENERAL PLAN 2035

Long Range Planning Project Coordination Liaisons Adam Yaron and Taylor Reynolds will present and discuss, case 1-GP-2021, draft Scottsdale General Plan 2035 with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission.

Commission Action: Information and discussion

9. ENDURANCE HORSE RIDE SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Scott Hamilton, Preserve Manager, will present the Special Use Permit application for the Endurance Horse Ride proposed for March 6, 2021 in the northern region of the Preserve.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action

10. STAFF REPORTS

Staff will update the Commission on projects, activities, events, and other information relating to the Preserve.

- Wildland Fire Projects

Commission Action: Information and discussion

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

February 18, 2021 – (Virtual Meeting)

- Policy Process Update
- Trails Update in the Pima/Dynamite Trailhead area
 - Possible Field Tour to Revisit Trail Area K
 - Feb 19, 20, or 21?

March 4, 2021 – (Virtual Meeting)

- Arizona Game and Fish

March 2021 thru June:

Regular meetings

April 1st

May 6th

June 3rd

Special meetings

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

- Possible Field Tour of Policy Items - Date – April?

Commission Action: Discuss the details for future meeting dates, times, and processes.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners may provide information on items of interest to the Commission.


Commission Actions: Information and discussion

13. ADJOURNMENT 6:13 p.m.

Approved 5-0 by roll call vote: motion by Commissioner Coluccio; 2nd Commissioner Dodd;; Chairperson Wenstrom, Vice Chair LaPat-Polasko and Commissioners Coluccio, Dodd and Lipps voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

The Commission cannot discuss or vote on items not on the agenda, including items brought up as Commission or public comments. If action by the Commission is required, the item should be placed on the next meeting's agenda to be consistent with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.

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