



**City of Scottsdale**  
**McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**  
**Special Meeting MARKED AGENDA**

Thursday, February 7, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.  
Granite Reef Senior Center – Room 1  
1700 N. Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER 5:01 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Coluccio, Vice-chair Kerry Olsson, Commissioners Savannah Engelking, Mark Hackbarth, Laurie LaPat-Polasko (MS Teams), Marsha Lipps, and Jeffrey Smith**

One or more members of the public body may be attending the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4)

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizens may address the members of McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission during Public Comment. This “Public Comment” time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. Arizona State law prohibits McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Citizens may complete one Request to Speak “Public Comment” card per meeting and submit it to City Staff. Public testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Written comment cards are being accepted for both agendized and non-agendized items and may be submitted to City Staff at any time. Cards submitted after public testimony has begun will be provided to the Public Body at the conclusion of the testimony for that item.

4. **McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE**

Conservancy staff will update the Commission on recent activities and issues for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

Commission Action: Information only

## **5. PROTECT THE PRESERVE PROCESS UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update on the process to review costs and programs to protect the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, including but not limited to:

- Council and Task Force Process update
- A. Draft letter from Chair to City Council – Supporting Task Force recommendation for Preserve funding

**APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; Commissioner Smith motioned; 2nd Commissioner Engelking; Chair Coluccio, Vice-Chair Olsson, Commissioners Engelking, Hackbarth, LaPat-Polasko, Lipps, and Smith voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**

- B. Recommendation to City Council for existing 0.15% (2004) Tax annual review

**APPROVED: 5-2 by roll call vote; Commissioner Smith motioned; 2nd Commissioner Lipps; Chair Coluccio, Vice-Chair Olsson, Commissioners Engelking, Lipps, and Smith voted in the affirmative; Commissioners Hackbarth and LaPat-Polasko dissented**

Commission Action: Information and Discussion and possible action

## **6. ERP (ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE PLAN) UPDATE AND SCHEDULE – [View Report](#)**

Staff will provide an update on the ERP with Commission discussion and input desired.

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

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

- 128<sup>th</sup> street
- Annual Report Update

Commission Action: Information and discussion

## **8. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings
  - March 7
    - Future One Time Preserve Costs Review
    - Rock Climbing Plan Refinements Update
  - April 4; May 2; June 6

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

## **9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

## **10. ADJOURNMENT 6:57 p.m.**

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

**APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; Commissioner Hackbarth motioned; 2nd Vice-Chair Olsson; Chair Coluccio, Vice-Chair Olsson, Commissioners Engelking, Hackbarth, LaPat-Polasko, Lipps, and Smith voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**

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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