



**City of Scottsdale**  
**McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**  
Regular Meeting **MARKED AGENDA**  
Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 4:00 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.*

Until further notice, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission meetings are being held electronically. McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission meetings are available on Scottsdale's YouTube channel to allow the public to virtually attend and listen/view the meeting in progress. [Click here](#) to view the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wenstrom called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Cynthia Wenstrom, Vice-chair Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Marsha Lipps, Kerry Olsson, and Jeffrey Smith

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of [September 9, 2021](#), and [September 16, 2021](#)

APPROVED 7-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Hackbarth to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2021. 2nd Commissioner Smith; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Lapat-Polasko, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Lipps, Olsson, and Smith voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

APPROVED 6-1 by roll call vote; motion by Vice-Chair LaPat-Polasko to approve the special meeting minutes of September 16, 2021, with corrections. 2nd Commissioner Lipps; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Lapat-Polasko, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Lipps, and Smith voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Olsson dissented.

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

## 5. **McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE**

Justin Owens, Executive Director, will provide an update from the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

## 6. **POLICY PROCESS UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update of the following Policy process items:

- A. Policy Item #2A. Follow-up on Commission questions for Daily Preserve Operations/Maintenance
- B. Policy Item #2.B. Range of possible projected costs associated with Sonoran Desert Research and Education
- C. Policy Item #2.C. Summary of Previous Presentation for– Corridors protection
- D. Policy Item #2.D. Range of possible projected costs associated with Invasive Plants and Restoration

Commission Actions: Information, discussion, and direction

## 7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff will update the Commission on projects, activities, events, and other information relating to the Preserve including but not limited to the following:

October/November Celebration Dates

Commission Action: Information and discussion

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

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

2021 meetings thru November:

### **Regular meetings**

Wed. November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Policy Process

### **Special meetings**

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Policy Process

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Policy Process

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


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.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

APPROVED 7-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Coluccio 2nd by Commissioner Hackbarth; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair LaPat-Polasko, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Lipps, Olsson, and Smith voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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