



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Special Meeting **Marked Agenda**

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Community Design Studio - Nave
7506 E. Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 5:03 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Vice-chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Kerry Olsson, Jeffrey Smith, Savannah Engelking

Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Vice-chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Kerry Olsson, Jeffrey Smith

Absent: Savannah Engelking

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of – [March 2, 2023](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

Approved 4-0, motion by Commissioner Coluccio, 2nd by Vice-chair Lipps to approve the minutes; Vice-chair Lipps and Commissioners Coluccio, Olsson and Smith voted in the affirmative. Chair LaPat-Polasko abstained.

5. QUESTIONS RELATED TO MARKETING AND AWARENESS OF PRESERVE - Staff and Commission

General discussion with Commission regarding marketing and awareness expectations and goals

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

6. 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
- Habitat Protection – Wildland and Invasive species
- Daily Preserve Activities and Operations – Follow-up

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

7. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Climbing Plan update
- Power Utility Update

Commission Action: Information and discussion

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- ❑ April 6 – Police Staffing for the parks and Preserve – Protect Preserve Costs
- ❑ April 13 – Finance update– Protect Preserve Costs
- ❑ April 27 – Protect Preserve Costs
- ❑ May 4 – Large Mammal Survey– Protect Preserve Costs
- ❑ June 1– Protect Preserve Costs

Other topics to be scheduled include Transit access to Preserve,

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 6:55 p.m.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

Approved 6-0, motion by Vice-chair Lipps, 2nd by Commissioner Coluccio; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-chair Lipps and Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Olsson and Smith voted in the affirmative.

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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