



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

Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Granite Reef Senior Center Room 1
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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** 5:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice-chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Kerry Olsson, Jeffrey Smith, Savannah Engelking

ABSENT: Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko

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 –

[November 3, 2022](#)

APPROVED: 4-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Coluccio; 2nd Commissioner Hackbarth; Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, and Olsson voted in the affirmative; Commissioners Engelking and Smith abstained; there were no dissenting votes

[February 2, 2023](#)

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Smith; 2nd Commissioner Hackbarth; Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Olsson, Engelking, and Smith voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

5. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE - Melanie Tluczek

Melanie Tluczek, Conservancy Director, will update the Commission on recent activities and issues for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

Commission Action: Information only

6. SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PROCESS UPDATE – Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director - [View Report](#)

Lisa McNeilly will update the Commission on COS Sustainability Plan Process for the greater Scottsdale area

Commission Action: Information and discussion

7. 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 - Restoration Studies - Melanie Tluzak, Scott Hamilton
- Daily Preserve Activities and Operations - Forecast updates

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

8. STAFF REPORTS

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

Commission Action: Information and discussion

9. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings - April 6, May 4, June 1
- Optional Additional dates – March 23rd, April 13th and 27th

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

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:10 p.m.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Hackbarth; 2nd Commissioner Smith; Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Olsson, Engelking, 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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