



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

Thursday, April 6, 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: Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Vice-chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Kerry Olsson, Jeffrey Smith, 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 23, 2023](#)

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

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

**5. POLICE STAFFING FOR THE PARKS AND PRESERVE**

Police Chief Walther will provide an update on the police presence in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Commission Action: Information and discussion

**6. 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

**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
- Daily Preserve Activities and Operations
- Habitat Protection

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:

- 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.

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

**11. ADJOURNMENT 6:38 p.m.**

**APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Hackbarth; 2nd Commissioner Coluccio; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Olsson, Smith, and Engelking 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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