



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

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
Granite Reef Senior Center – Room 1
1700 N. Granite Reef Road
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** 5:05 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of – [February 1, 2024](#)
[February 7, 2024](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

February 1, 2024:

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

February 7, 2024:

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

5. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE

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

Commission Action: Information only

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

Commission Action: Information and Discussion and possible action – **No Action Taken**

7. FUTURE ONE TIME PRESERVE COSTS REVIEW

Staff will provide a review of costs for possible future improvements to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

8. ERP (ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE PLAN) UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

Staff will provide an update on the process related to the ERP

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

9. ROCK CLIMBING PLAN REFINEMENTS UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on the refinements to the conceptual Rock Climbing Plan.

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

10. **STAFF REPORTS**

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

- Browns Ranch Homestead Trail
- Wildland Fire Fuel Treatments

Commission Action: Information and discussion

11. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings – April 4; May 2; June 6

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

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

13. **ADJOURNMENT 7:41 p.m.**

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; Commissioner Lipps motioned; 2nd Commissioner LaPat-Polasko; Chair Coluccio, Vice-Chair Olsson, Commissioners Engelking, Hackbarth, LaPat-Polasko, and Lipps 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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