



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting ***Amended*** **MARKED AGENDA**
Item 4 added "Special Meeting"

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Granite Reef Senior Center – Room 1
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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

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, and 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 [April 6, 2023](#) and Special Meeting [April 13, 2023](#)

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 6, 2023

FAILED: 3-4 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Smith; 2nd Vice-Chair Lipps; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, and Commissioner Smith voted in the affirmative; Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Olsson, and Engelking dissented

The April 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission will be reviewed by City Staff and resubmitted to the Commission for their review and potential approval at a future meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 13, 2023

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote, as amended; 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 vote

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. 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

7. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Ecological Resource Plan Process
- Climbing Plan Process Status

Commission Action: Information and discussion

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings - June 1
 - Arizona Game and Fish
 - Scottsdale Fire Department

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 6:38 p.m.

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Coluccio; 2nd Vice-Chair Lipps; 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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