



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

Thursday, September 7, 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 (arrived at 5:02 p.m.), Jeffrey Smith, Savannah Engelking (telephonic; arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

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 – [July 13, 2023](#)

APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Smith; 2nd Commissioner Coluccio; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, and Smith voted in the affirmative; Commissioners Olsson and Engelking not present

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

5. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE

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

Commission Action: Information only

6A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST [View Report](#)

Scott Hamilton, Preserve Manager, will update the Commission on a Special Use Permit request within the Preserve for the 12th Annual McDowell Mountain Frenzy Trail Run - December 2023 – Distance Running Event

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

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action

6B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST [View Report](#)

Scott Hamilton, Preserve Manager, will update the Commission on a Special Use Permit request within the Preserve for an Equestrian Distance Ride – November 2023

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

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action

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

Commission Action: Information and Discussion and possible action

8. ONE TIME PRESERVE COSTS UPDATE

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

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

9. ERP (ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE PLAN) UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

Staff will provide an update for the upcoming process related to the ERP

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

10. STAFF REPORTS

Staff will update the Commission on projects, activities, events, and other information relating to the Preserve, including but not limited to an update:

- The Diamond Fire and recovery plans
- Rock Climbing Plan

Commission Action: Information and discussion

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings –
 - 2023 - October 5 and November 2
 - 2024 - February 1, March 7, and April 4

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 6:49 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, Engelking, and Smith voted in the affirmative

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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