



City of Scottsdale
Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force
Regular Meeting
AMENDED Notice and **Marked** Agenda

[Added Item No. 6A]
4:00 p.m., Monday June 26, 2023
Eldorado Community Center
2311 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Call to Order - 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT:

Cynthia Wenstrom, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair
Carla, Member
James Eaneman,
Member Nicholas Hartmann,
Member Jace McKeighan – remote,
Member – Daniel Schweiker,
Member Mark Winkleman,
Member John Zikias, Member

One or more members of the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force may be attending the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4)

Public Comment

Citizens may address the members of Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force during Public Comment. This “Public Comment” time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. Arizona State law prohibits the Task Force 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 Task Force at the conclusion of the testimony for that item.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Request approval of minutes of the June 14, 2023 Regular Task Force Meeting.

Task Force Action: Discussion and action

Approved 9/0 as amended: Motion by Member Eaneman, 2nd Member Zikias. Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Zubia, Task Force Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman, and Zikias voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

2. **Parks and Recreation Department Unfunded Needs**

Nick Molinari, Parks and Recreation Director, with the assistance of other city staff, will provide the Task Force with detail about the top unfunded needs in the Parks and Recreation Department. The presentation will provide an opportunity for members of the Task Force to ask questions about unfunded perpetual maintenance priorities, life cycle and one-time capital projects, master planning throughout Scottsdale's park system and in the Indian Bend Wash, and other questions on Parks and Recreation Department needs.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion, and possible recommendations to staff

3. **Sales Tax Revenue Forecast**

Sonia Andrews, City Treasurer, with the assistance of other city staff, will provide an overview of the city's historical sales tax collections and forecasts of sales tax collections at various percentages.

Task Force Action: Information, discussion, and possible recommendations to staff

4. **Recommendation For a New Sales Tax**

Chair Wenstrom will lead a discussion and ask Task Force Members for direction on the need for a new tax to replace the expiring 0.2% McDowell Sonoran Preserve Tax.

Task Force Action: Possible action

Approved 9/0: Member Carla moved that since the Task Force has determined that there are unfunded needs, the Task Force wishes to pursue a new dedicated sales tax to address those unfunded needs. 2nd by Member Winkleman. Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Zubia, Task Force Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman, and Zikias voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

5. **Recommendation of Eligible Programs to be Funded by a New Sales Tax**

Chair Wenstrom will lead a discussion and ask Task Force Members for direction on needs eligible to be funded by a new tax, including the McDowell Sonoran Preserve program, Parks and Recreation program, Public Safety Park Ranger program and Public Safety Fire mitigation and prevention program.

Task Force Action: Possible action

Approved 8/0: Member Carla moved that the Task Force recommend a new tax be dedicated to, but not limited to the following: (1) Ongoing care of the Preserve through daily operations, desert preservation, education, wildlife habitat, and cultural history protections. (2) Expansion of the police rangers program for increased public safety in the parks and Preserve. (3) Additional fire department prevention and protection capabilities for the parks and Preserve. (4) Parks maintenance, improvements, and master plan projects, starting with the Indian Bend Wash. 2nd by Member Zikias. Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Zubia, Task Force Members Carla, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman, and Zikias voted in the affirmative, there were no dissenting votes and one abstention by Member Eaneman

6. **Potential Programs to be Funded by a New Sales Tax**

Chair Wenstrom will lead a discussion and ask Task Force Members for direction on other potential needs, to be identified, discussed, and evaluated, as eligible programs and funded by a new tax.

Task Force Action: Possible action

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6A. *****Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force Calendar**

Chair Wenstrom will lead a discussion on the adopted 2023 Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force Calendar.

Task Force Action: Possible action

The Task Force meeting date of July 17, 2023 has been cancelled.

7. Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items

The Task Force may request proposed topics for future agendas, but the Task Force may not discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the “Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items” unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action. Additionally, the following previously requested items may be placed on a future agenda:

- Presentation by city staff on city’s partnerships with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy and other nonprofits and agencies for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and the programs offered by these nonprofits and agencies
- Presentation by Fire Chief Shannon on specific fire mitigation and prevention program costs

Task Force Action: Information, discussion, and possible action - **no action taken**

Adjournment - 6:09 p.m.

APPROVED 9/0 Motion by Vice Chair Zubia, 2nd by Member Hartmann. Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Zubia, Task Force Members Carla, Eaneman, Hartmann, McKeighan, Schweiker, Winkleman, and Zikias voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes



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