



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting **MARKED AGENDA**
Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Meeting held electronically

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

Until further notice, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission meetings are being held electronically. McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission meetings are available on Scottsdale's YouTube channel to allow the public to virtually attend and listen/view the meeting in progress. [Click here](#) to view the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER 5:00 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chairperson Cynthia Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Marsha Lipps (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), Kerry Olsson, and Jeffrey Smith

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Written comment is being accepted for both agendized and non-agendized items and should be submitted electronically no later than 90 minutes before the start of the meeting. These comments will be emailed to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and posted online prior to the meeting. To submit a written public comment electronically, please [click here](#).

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of [August 12, 2021](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Hackbarth; 2nd Vice-Chair LaPat-Polasko; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair LaPat-Polasko, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Olsson, and Smith voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Lipps not present; there were no dissenting votes

5. **McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE**

Justin Owens, Executive Director, will provide an update from the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

6. **LETTER FROM MSPC CHAIR TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** – [View Draft Letter](#) [View Public Comments](#) – [View Presentation](#)

Chair Wenstrom and Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, will lead a discussion regarding issuing a letter to the Transportation Commission regarding consideration to amend the Streets Master Plan by redesignating a portion of 128th Street north of Ranch Gate Road to Jomax Road.

Commission Actions: Information, discussion, and possible action

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; to be forwarded immediately with amendments as discussed; motion by Commissioner Hackbarth; 2nd Vice-Chair LaPat-Polasko; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair LaPat-Polasko, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Lipps, Olsson, and Smith voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

7. **LAND ACQUISITION HISTORY PROCESS SUMMARY** – [View Presentation](#)

[View Draft Preserve Policy with Costs](#)
[View Policy with Costs – Updated with Objectives](#)

Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, will provide an overview of the Preserve's land acquisition history and a summary of the process.

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

8. **POLICY PROCESS UPDATE**

- A. Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, will provide an update of the Policy Summary Sheet to correlate with the City Council's Strategic Objectives. [View Presentation](#)
- B. Scott Hamilton, Preserve Manager to provide summary and update to Daily Preserve Operations and Maintenance [View Presentation](#)

Commission Actions: Information, discussion, and direction

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Pima Dynamite Trailhead Update
Fraesfield Interpretive trail

October Celebration Dates

Commission Action: Information and discussion

10. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

2021 meetings thru November:

Regular meetings

October 14th – Policy Process
November 3rd – Policy Process

Special meetings

September 16th – Policy Process
October 21st – Policy Process
November 18th – Policy Process

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

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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


Commission Actions: Information and discussion

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.

12. ADJOURNMENT 7:09 p.m.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

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

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