



**City of Scottsdale**  
**McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**  
**Special Meeting **MARKED AGENDA****  
Thursday, September 16, 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 5:01 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: Chairperson Cynthia Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Marsha Lipps, 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. **SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUESTS - Scott Hamilton**

- A. November 2021 – Equestrian Distance Ride – [View Application](#)
- B. December 2021 – Distance Running Event - [View Application](#)

Commission Actions: Information, discussion, and direction

## 5. **POLICY PROCESS UPDATE**

Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, will provide an update on the Policy Process including:

- A. Policy Summary Sheet to correlate with the City Council's Strategic Objectives – [View Policy](#)
- B. Update/summary presentation of Policy Item #3 – Sonoran Desert Research and Education – [View Report](#)
- C. Overview of Policy Item #5 – Invasives, Wildland Fire and Restoration – [View Policy](#)
- D. Overview of Policy Item #7 – Cultural Master Plan – [View Policy](#)

Commission Actions: Information, discussion, and direction

## 6. **SAFETY MESSAGING** – [View Messaging](#)

Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, will provide an update on Preserve and Valley Wide Messaging related to Outdoor Recreation Safety

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

## 7. **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

## 8. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- 2021 meetings thru November:

**Regular meetings**

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Policy Process  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Policy Process

**Special meetings**

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Policy Process  
November 18<sup>th</sup> – Policy Process

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

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.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn - 7:19 p.m.

**APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Lipps; 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Smith; Chair 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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