



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting **MARKED AGENDA**
Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park
8950 E. Pinnacle Peak Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

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.**

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2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Kerry Olsson, Jeffrey Smith, Cynthia Wenstrom

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 – [March 3, 2022](#)

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; as amended; motion by Commissioner Wenstrom; 2nd Commissioner Hackbarth; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Smith, and Wenstrom voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Olsson abstained; there were no dissenting votes

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

5. **McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE - Justin Owen**

Commission Action: Information only

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH UPDATE

Debra Groves, Wildlife Manager Region VI, will provide the Commission an update from the Arizona Game and Fish Deer and Javelina Survey.

Commission Action: Information and discussion

6. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Status of Council Strategic Objectives related to Preserve and future Funding
- Vegetation Management project – Invasive plants in the Browns Mountain region
- Summer heat messaging and coordination with valley communities

Commission Action: Information and discussion

7. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

- Field Tour options
- May 5th – tentative listing of agenda topics**
 - Public Safety in the Preserved
 - Preserve future cost projections update
 - Summer heat messaging coordination
- June 2nd – tentative listing of agenda topics**
 - Studies related to Cooler paving options
 - Transportation update on Rio Verde trail crossing analysis

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

8. 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT 6:28 p.m.

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

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn



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