



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting **MARKED AGENDA**
Thursday, May 5, 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 – [April 7, 2022](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

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

5. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE – Melanie Tluczek

Commission Action: Information only

6. PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE PRESERVE – Scottsdale Police

Commission Action: Information and discussion

7. SUMMER HEAT MESSAGING COORDINATION – Scottsdale Fire

Commission Action: Information and discussion

8. STAFF REPORTS

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

Rio Verde trail crossing

Working Group process startup for May-August

Commission Action: Information and discussion

9. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

June 2nd – tentative listing of agenda topics

Studies related to Cooler paving options

Update of:

- Preserve numbers/activity from 21/22 season
- ERP process for 22/23
- Cultural activity and Site Steward program

Field Tour options – Fall - tbd

Fall meeting dates – September 1, October 6, November 3

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

10. 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT 6:43 p.m.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

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



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