



**City of Scottsdale**  
**McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**

**\*\*\*Amended\*\*\* added location address**

**Regular Meeting MARKED AGENDA**

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

Granite Reef Senior Center – Room 1

**\*\*\*1700 N. Granite Reef Rd.\*\*\***

Scottsdale, AZ 85257

*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.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko, Vice-chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio, Mark Hackbarth, Kerry Olsson, Jeffrey Smith, Savannah Engelking**

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

[April 6, 2023 \(audio recording\)](#)

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

[May 4, 2023 \(audio recording\)](#)

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

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

**5. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE - Melanie Tluczek**

Melanie Tluczek, Conservancy Director, will update the Commission on recent activities and issues for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

Commission Action: Information only

**6. ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT UPDATE – [View Report](#)**

Officer Debra Groves, Wildlife Manager Region VI, will provide the Commission with an update from the annual large mammal survey of the Preserve.

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

**7. UPDATE FROM THE SCOTTSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Staff from the Scottsdale Fire Department will provide an update on wildland fire fuel mitigation plans and emergency response in the Preserve.

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

**8. PROTECT THE PRESERVE PROCESS UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update on the process to review costs and programs to protect the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, including but not limited to:

- Council and Task Force Process update

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

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

- Ecological Resource Plan
- Rock Climbing Management Plan

Commission Action: Information and discussion

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

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Possible Special Meeting dates – June 29; Jul 13; Aug 10; Aug 17; Aug 24
- Regular Meetings – September 7; October 5; November 2

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

## **12. ADJOURNMENT 7:03 p.m.**

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

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

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.



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