



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting **MARKED AGENDA**

Thursday, May 2, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
Granite Reef Senior Center – Room 1
1700 N. Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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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 5:01 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chairperson, Steve Coluccio, Vice-chair Kerry Olsson, Commissioners, Savannah Engelking, Mark Hackbarth, Robert Hallagan, Susan Hirschmann (arrived at 5:15), and Jeffrey Smith

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 3, 2024](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; Commissioner Engelking motioned; 2nd Commissioner Olsson; Chair Coluccio, Vice-chair Olsson, Commissioners Engelking, Hackbarth, Hallagan, and Smith voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Hirschmann not present; there were no dissenting votes

5. McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY UPDATE

Conservancy staff will update the Commission on recent activities and issues for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

Commission Action: Information only

6. ARIZONA GAME AND FISH – YEARLY UPDATE – View [2021](#), [2022](#) and [2023](#) Deer and Javelina Reports

Staff From Arizona Game and Fish will provide their yearly update on activity relevant to the Preserve and the recent large mammal count.

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

7. FUTURE ONE TIME PRESERVE COSTS 5 YEAR PLAN PRIORITIES

Staff will provide a review of costs for possible future improvements to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and provide recommendation to City Council for 5-year plan priorities.

Commission Action: Information, Discussion and Action

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

8. ERP PROCESS UPDATE - View 2024 [Draft Report](#) and [Frequency Chart](#)

Staff will provide an update on the process to update the Ecologic Resource Plan for the Preserve

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

9. APRIL 25TH TOUR DISCUSSION

Commission and Staff may discuss questions, comments or future agenda items arising from the April 25th tour of southern Preserve Trailheads

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

10. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Protect the Parks and Preserve Process Update
- Browns Ranch Homestead Trail
- Conceptual Rock Climbing Plan

Commission Action: Information and discussion

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings
 - June 6 (public safety updates (PPSTF))
- Fall Meetings – September 5th, October 3rd and November 7th

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

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:54 p.m.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

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

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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