



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

Thursday, March 6, 2025 – 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** - 5:12 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Coluccio, Vice-chair Savannah Engelking, Commissioners, Robert Hallagan, Susan Hirshman (MS Teams), Pruitt Layton, Kerry Olsson, and Ryan Rybarczyk

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 minutes of – [Work Study Session January 30, 2025](#)
[Regular Meeting February 6, 2025](#)

Commission Actions: Discussion and possible action

APPROVED: [Work Study Session January 30, 2025](#) - 7-0 by roll call vote; as amended; Vice-chair Engelking motioned; 2nd Commissioner Hallagan; Chair Coluccio, Vice-chair Engelking, Commissioners Hallagan, Hirshman, Layton, Olsson, and Rybarczyk voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

APPROVED: [Regular Meeting February 6, 2025](#) - 7-0 by roll call vote; as amended; Commissioner Rybarczyk motioned; 2nd Vice-chair Engelking; Chair Coluccio, Vice-chair Engelking, Commissioners Hallagan, Hirshman, Layton, Olsson, and Rybarczyk voted in the affirmative; 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. 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 Hallagan motioned; 2nd Commissioner Layton; Chair Coluccio, Vice-chair Engelking, Commissioners Hallagan, Hirshman, Layton, Olsson, and Rybarczyk voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

7. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

Staff from the Scottsdale Fire Department will provide an update on Public Safety in the Preserve

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

8. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Carefree Fault Research Project
- Brown's Ranch Trailhead Update

Commission Action: Information and discussion

9. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- Regular Meetings – April 3rd (possible 10th; May 1st; June 5th)

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

11. ADJOURNMENT - 7:26 p.m.

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote; Vice-chair Engelking motioned; 2nd Commissioner Hallagan; Chair Coluccio, Vice-chair Engelking, Commissioners Hallagan, Hirshman, Layton, Olsson, and Rybarczyk 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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