



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda
Thursday, October 1, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.
Via Linda Senior Center
10440 E. Via Linda
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

***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

2. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Steve Coluccio, Vice-chair Savannah Engelking, Commissioners Robert Hallagan, Susan Hirshman, Pruitt Layton, Ryan Rybarczyk, Cynthia Wenstrom.

One or more members of the public body may attend 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 Commissioners 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 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 September 3, 2026.](#)

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action.

5. UPDATE FROM PARK RANGERS AND INTRO TO K9 PLOY

Sergeant Bingham and Officer Scott from the Park Rangers, along with K9 Ploy, will provide an update on their activities and training.

Commission Action: Discussion.

6. STAFF REPORT

Preserve staff will update the Commission on current activities.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action.

7. OLD BUSINESS: LAND ACQUISITION CRITERIA

Preserve Staff will present the revised land acquisition criteria that reflects Commission direction and input.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action.

8. TRAILHEAD DESIGN PHILOSOPHIES

Staff will provide an overview and seek Commission feedback on a proposed approach to trailhead improvement design.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action.

9. SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST

Staff will update the Commission on a Special Use Permit request for the Annual McDowell Mountain Frenzy Trail Run Distance Running Event on December 5, 2026.

Commission Action: Discussion and feedback to Preserve Director.

10. PRESERVE FY27/28 CAPITAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Staff will present the initial and proposed FY26/27 Capital Budget for the Commission's consideration.

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

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

Commission Action: Information only.

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Dates listed are tentative and subject to amendment. Regular Meetings:

November 5, 2026 at Granite Reef Senior Center

Potential agenda items include:

- Rio Verde Wildlife Corridor and Pedestrian Trail Report
- Prop 490 Budget Discussion
- Rates & Fees Review

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Action: 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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