



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting **MARKED AGENDA**
Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park
8950 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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, Jeffrey Smith, Savannah Engelking

ABSENT: Commissioner Kerry Olsson

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 – [June 2, 2022](#)

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Smith motioned; 2nd Commissioner Coluccio; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, 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. SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUESTS

Scott Hamilton, Preserve Manager, will update the Commission on the upcoming requests for Special Use Permits within the Preserve.

A. November 2022 – Equestrian Distance Ride – [View Report](#)

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Coluccio; 2nd Vice-Chair Lipps; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Smith, and Engelking voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

B. December 2022 – Distance Running Event – [View Report](#)

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Smith; 2nd Commissioner Coluccio; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Smith, and Engelking voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

Commission Action: Information, discussion and possible action

7. LAND BRIDGE PROCESS UPDATE

Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, will outline the future process on the Land Bridge Process.

Commission Action: Information only

8. STAFF REPORTS

Staff will update the Commission on projects, activities, events, and other information relating to the Preserve including but not limited to the following:

- Protecting the Preserve Process
- ERP Process Update

-Invasive Plant and Wildland Fire mitigation work

Commission Action: Information and discussion

9. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

- Field Tour options – Fall - TBD
- Fall meeting dates –October 6, November 3
 - Tourism update
 - Cultural Plan activity
 - Community Risk Reduction Process

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 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Coluccio; 2nd Vice-Chair Lipps; Chair LaPat-Polasko, Vice-Chair Lipps, Commissioners Coluccio, Hackbarth, Smith, and Engelking voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

Commission Actions: Motion to adjourn



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