



City of Scottsdale
Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force
Regular Meeting

Notice and **MARKED AGENDA**

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Eldorado Park, Room 1
2311 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Call to Order 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Cynthia Wenstrom, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair
Carla, Member
Nicholas Hartmann, Member
Daniel Schweiker, Member
Mark Winkleman, Member
John Zikias, Member (MS Teams)

ABSENT: James Eaneman, Member
Jace McKeighan, Member

One or more members of the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force may be attending the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4)

Public Comment

Citizens may address the members of Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. Arizona State law prohibits the Task Force 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 Task Force at the conclusion of the testimony for that item.

1. [Approval of Minutes](#)

Request approval of minutes of the May 10, 2023 Regular Task Force Meeting. **Task Force Action:** Discussion and action

APPROVED: 7-0, as amended; Task Force Member Zikias motioned; 2nd Vice-Chair Zubia; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Zubia, Task Force Members Carla, Hartmann, Schweiker, Winkleman, and Zikias voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

2. [Human Services Activities in the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and Other Public Parks](#)

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Department Director, with the assistance of other staff, will provide an overview of the Human Services Department activities in the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt, other public parks related to the Task Force Work Plan, including without limitation, efforts to address homelessness in the city's parks.

Task Force Action: Information and discussion, and possible recommendations to staff

3. **Public Safety Activities by the Police Department in the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and Other Public Parks and in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve**

Jeff Walther, Chief of Police, with the assistance of other staff, will provide an overview of the police department activities in the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt, other public parks and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve related to the Task Force Work Plan, including without limitation, details about the Park Ranger Unit and workload.

Task Force Action: Information and discussion, and possible recommendations to staff

4. **Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items**

The Task Force may request proposed topics for future agendas, but the Task Force may not discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the "Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items" unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action. Additionally, the following previously requested items may be placed on a future agenda:

- Presentation from Tourism on visitor's survey and visitor's use of parks
- Presentation by city staff on city's partnerships with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy and other nonprofits and agencies for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and the programs offered by these nonprofits and agencies
- Discussion related to funding operations of the parks (Tentatively mid-late June)
- Presentation from Public Safety on the activities and concerns of police and park rangers within the parks and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve (Tentatively May 31st)
- Information on Human Services' current efforts to address homelessness in the city's parks and the role of park rangers (Tentatively May 31st)
- Brainstorming session on areas and topics to survey community opinions (Tentatively June 14th)
- Sales tax revenue projections

Task Force Action: Information, discussion, and possible action

Adjournment 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED: 7-0; Task Force Member Schweiker motioned; 2nd Task Force Member Winkleman; Chair Wenstrom, Vice-Chair Zubia, Task Force Members Carla, Hartmann, Schweiker, Winkleman, and Zikias voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes



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