



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

Thursday, July 13, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park
8950 E. Pinnacle Peak Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

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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 5:00 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chairperson Laurie LaPat-Polasko (MS Teams), Vice-chair Marsha Lipps, Commissioners Steve Coluccio (MS Teams), Mark Hackbarth, Jeffrey Smith, Savannah Engelking (MS Teams)

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

[June 29, 2023](#)

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Chair LaPat-Polasko; 2nd Commissioner Smith; 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. **PROTECT THE PRESERVE PROCESS UPDATE** – [View Draft Worksheet](#)

Staff will provide an update on the process to review costs and programs to protect the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, including but not limited to:

- Council and Task Force Process update
- Updates to cost projections

Commission Action: Information and Discussion

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

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

- Diamond Fire update
- Mountain rescue data
- Ecological Resource Plan
- Rock Climbing Management Plan

Commission Action: Information and discussion

7. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

All Dates listed are Tentative and subject to amendment:

- ❑ Possible Special Meeting dates – Aug 10; Aug 17; Aug 24
- ❑ Regular Meetings – September 7; October 5; November 2

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

8. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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

Commission Actions: Information and discussion

9. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:17 p.m.

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Hackbarth; 2nd Commissioner Smith; 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

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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