

## Desert EDGE Alert



On Aug. 1, Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale unveiled the plans for Desert EDGE in the first of a series of public meetings. We're now at the half-way point through the public hearing process and we'd like to share an update with you.

First, take a look at our new [Desert EDGE video](#) and feel free to share it!

### Meetings held thus far:

- On Aug. 10, the consultants from Thinc Design and the architects from Swaback Partners presented to a joint meeting of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and the Tourism Development Commission, the two

commissions charged by the City Council with reviewing the project.

- The Development Review Board recommended approval of the amendment to the Municipal Use Master Site Plan (MUMSP) on Thursday, Sept. 7
- That same evening, the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission held its regular meeting and reached consensus that Desert EDGE meets the management objectives and purposes of the Preserve Ordinance and is an appropriate use in the Preserve. The commission will provide a letter expressing this consensus to the Scottsdale City Council, along with a list of concerns the Commission would like the City Council to pay particular attention to – food, alcohol, after-hours programming, not setting a precedent, funding the Preserve endowment and the use of the Preserve tax.

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**Upcoming meetings:**

- The Planning Commission will consider the MUMSP amendment at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13.
- On Tuesday, Sept. 19, the Tourism Development Commission will discuss the Desert EDGE plans at its regularly scheduled meeting.
- The Scottsdale City Council will hold a Work Study session on Tuesday, Sept. 26. At this time, it is anticipated that the Council will give staff direction regarding next steps for the Desert EDGE project.



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