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DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION

Agenda Packet

Thursday, January 22, 2026

2:00 p.m.

(Typically, fourth Thursday of the month)

Adams County Parks and Open Space
Conference Room
9755 Henderson Rd.
Brighton, CO 80601

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Minutes from December Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Staff Updates
Regular Business:
5. Agenda Items
 - a. Proposed DPC Bylaw Revisions—City of Brighton
 - b. Review the Draft Historic Splendid Valley Strategic Plan and provide comments
 - c. DPC appointment updates and goodbyes
6. Upcoming Events
Ag and Food Lab Tour: Wednesday, January 28th 12:00-2:00 PM at 415 Yuma St, Denver 80204. The DPC has been invited to tour a food hub and learn more about the Ag and Food Lab's mission and vision. We will also discuss their farmer incubator program in Bennett.
7. Announcements, Suggestions, & Comments
8. Adjournment

Microsoft Teams Link for this Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxd7pb7>

Next meeting to be determined.

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District Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Regular

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025. 2pm

Location: Hybrid Meeting In-Person and via Teams at 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO 80601

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Sword at 2:08 PM.

- Members present: Andrew Sword (Chair), Liz Palmer (Vice Chair), Dennis Tonsager (Secretary), Daniel Sherman, Cheryn Miller-Crock, Dan Rau
- Members absent: Mark Humbert
- Staff present: Kyle Sylvester (City of Brighton), Aly Cooper (Adams County), Carley Rohrbaugh (CSU Extension), Adam Rhodebeck (City of Brighton), Nick DiMario (City of Brighton), Jon Waines
- Public present: Carmen Tuleja

2. Approve Minutes from November 25th Meeting

Commissioner Tonsager moved to approve the minutes as presented from the October 23rd meeting. Commissioner Dan Rau seconded.

- Meeting minutes were unanimously approved (6-0) with the following corrections:

3. Public Comment

Carmen discussed her interest in joining the DPC as a City of Brighton appointee.

4. Staff Update

Aly reported that Adams County will be seek to fill 3 vacancies on the DPC. Cheryn will reapply and interview with the Adams County Board of County Commissioners. Dennis was unaware his term was ending and asked to inquire if an extension is possible.

5. Agenda Items

1. **Updating District Planning Commission Bylaws:** Nick, Aly, and DPC members discussed the need to update the District Planning Commission bylaws, focusing on modernizing communication methods, formalizing subcommittees, and potentially including provisions for nonprofit partnerships, with plans to use a shared Google Drive for collaborative editing and to seek legal review before final approval.
2. **Subcommittee Structure and Scheduling:** Chair Sword discussed restructuring subcommittee meetings to occur immediately after regular Commission meetings, clarified the number and focus of subcommittees, and addressed logistical considerations for meeting times and room reservations. DPC members agreed on the new format.
3. **Membership Renewal and Term Limits:** DPC reviewed the process for renewing District Planning Commission membership, discussed term limits, potential exceptions due to COVID-19, and clarified procedures for resignations and reappointments, with input from city and county attorneys.

4. **USDA Grant and Funding Opportunities:** Commissioner Sherman discussed exploring USDA grant programs such as the Farmers Market Promotion Program and Local Food Promotion Program, reviewed eligibility, timelines, cost-share requirements, and strategic planning for potential applications, including collaboration with city and county partners.
5. **Local Food Systems and School Partnerships:** Discussed strengthening local food systems through partnerships with food hubs, school districts, and producer networks, focusing on improving food access for lower-income communities and leveraging new funding for local food procurement.

6. Upcoming Events

Carley announced the upcoming Colorado AgrAbility workshop on January 20th at the Adams County Fair Grounds.

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7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Sword moved to adjourn. Commissioner Rau seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Recorded by: Allison Cooper.