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DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION

Agenda Packet

Thursday, March 26, 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 February Meeting
 - a. Reapprove Minutes from January Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Staff Updates
5. Agenda Items
 - a. Proposed DPC Bylaw Revisions—City of Brighton, Adams County
 - b. "Day at the Farm" April 25th – Event Planning. Update on engagement with Brighton Cultural Arts Connections (BCAC)
 - c. Review of the Draft Historic Splendid Valley Strategic Plan
6. Upcoming Events
7. Announcements, Suggestions, & Comments
8. Adjournment

Microsoft Teams Link for this Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxd7pb7>

Next meeting April 23, 2026.

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District Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Regular

Date: Thursday, February 26th. 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) (2:15 pm), Linda Young, Brett Baker, Terry Beaman, Mark Humbert, Daniel Sherman, Cheryn Miller-Crock
- Members absent: Liz Palmer (Vice Chair)
- Staff present: Aly Cooper (Adams County), Amanda Besch (City of Brighton), Carley Rohrbaugh (CSU Extension), Adam Rhodebeck (City of Brighton), Nick DiMario (City of Brighton), Kasandra Carleton (Adams County)
- Public present: N/A

2. Approve Minutes from January 22nd Meeting

Commissioner Young moved to approve the minutes as presented from the January 22nd meeting. Commissioner Sherman seconded.

- Meeting minutes were unanimously approved (6-0)

3. Public Comment

N/A

4. Staff Update

- Nick announced the City's Comprehensive Plan update and upcoming workshops on March 9th, as well as a presentation on arts and agriculture scheduled for March 11th, inviting commissioners and the public to participate in these community engagement opportunities.
- Nick shared updates on the Farmlore developer's preliminary plans to convert the historic barn at the Farmlore neighborhood into a food hall and beer garden.

5. Agenda Items

- **Welcome to New Commissioners:** Introductions for new District Plan Commissioners, including Terry Beaman, Linda Young, and Brett Baker, who shared their backgrounds in farming, food accessibility, and community leadership.
- **Arts and Agriculture Collaboration: 'Dust Apples' Project:** Amy Smith presented the 'Dust to Apples' project, a multi-year arts and agriculture initiative led by artist Melody Everson, which involved working with local farms to create art from natural materials and will culminate in a March 18th exhibition and discussion event.
- **Bylaws Review and Proposed Amendments:** Nick, Aly, and Kasandra led a detailed review of the commission's bylaws, discussing clarifications, proposed changes to language around duties, subcommittee structure, member responsibilities, and the process for amending bylaws, with input from commissioners on wording and governance. Commissioners debated updating the language in the bylaws to broaden the scope from 'farming supportive businesses' to 'agriculture and horticulture businesses and organizations,' including agritourism and related activities. Commissioner Young suggested adding additional language detailing what the

bylaws mean by “diligently working on assigned tasks.” Nick and Aly agreed to draft the new details and present at the next meeting. All input from the commissioners was recorded in the Draft DPC Updated Bylaws document and will be presented again at next month’s meeting.

- **Planning for April 25th Bromley Day on the Farm Event:** Aly initiated discussion on the Commission's participation in the April 25th Bromley Farm event, exploring ideas for interactive public engagement, educational displays, seedling giveaways, and collaboration with local farmers and arts organizations. The Commission aims to use the event to engage families, promote local agriculture, and gather public input on food access and community needs, with suggestions for interactive activities and surveys. Commissioner Young agreed to reach out to the Brighton Cultural Arts Connection to explore joint activities, such as community art projects and educational displays, and to coordinate with local farmers for marketing materials.
- **Nonprofit Formation:** Kasandra addressed questions about the feasibility and legality of the commission forming a nonprofit to support fundraising and grant management, concluding that such an entity would need to be separate from the advisory commission and possibly managed by the City or County if approved.
- **DPC Secretary Election:** Commissioner Miller Crock led the nomination and election of Commissioner Young as DPC Secretary, Mark Humbert seconded, and the DPC voted 7-0 in favor of her appointment.

6. Upcoming Events

Dust to Apples Artist Night—Wednesday, March 18th 5:00-6:30 at the Adams County Government Center.

7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments

- Commissioner Young announced the return of Culture Fest on August 29th, encouraging commissioners to consider agricultural heritage activities for the event.
- Commissioner Young offered to compile and share links to newsletters and advocacy resources via Amanda, ensuring compliance with open meeting laws and providing commissioners with relevant information.
- Commissioner Young raised the topic of the United Nations International Year of the Woman Farmer and recent updates to Colorado's cottage food laws, prompting brief discussion on potential engagement and relevance to local food aggregation efforts, like Colorado Proud.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Sword moved to adjourn. Commissioner Young seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Recorded by: Allison Cooper.