



District Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Approved as Presented on February 26, 2026

Type of Meeting: Regular

Date: Thursday, January 22nd, 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), Mark Humbert, Daniel Sherman, Cheryn Miller-Crock, Dan Rau
- Members absent: Dennis Tonsager (Secretary)
- 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)
- Public present: Linda Young

2. Approve Minutes from December 9th Meeting

Commissioner Cheryn moved to approve the minutes as presented from the December 9th meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded.

- Meeting minutes were unanimously approved (6-0)

3. Public Comment

Linda Young shared her background as a Master Gardener and founder of Brighton Shares the Harvest. Linda has applied to be on the DPC as an Adams County appointed Commissioner.

4. Staff Update

5. Agenda Items

- **Bylaws Revision and Legal Review:** Aly and Nick discussed the ongoing revision of the Commission's bylaws, including input from the City and County attorneys, with plans to present the updated draft for review and comment at the next meeting.
- **Strategic Plan Review and Vision Development:** Review of the Draft Strategic Plan for the Historic Splendid Valley, inviting feedback on the vision, mission, and main goals, with input from the Commissioners on local food security, agritourism, and farmer support.
- **Communication and Marketing Initiatives:** Discussed plans for a communication and marketing strategy, including a promotional video, potential logo redesign, and leveraging county resources, with suggestions from members for community storytelling and youth engagement.
- **Food Security and Community Partnerships:** Explored strategies to enhance local food security, including partnerships with food pantries, faith-based organizations, and schools, and discussed challenges related to funding, distribution, and community gardening.
- **Financing and Resource Mobilization:** Discussion on potential funding models, including the creation of a nonprofit, partnerships with developers and local businesses, and strategies for sustainable revenue generation to support Commission initiatives.

- **Farmer Incubator and Pipeline Support:** Outlined plans to partner with the Ag and Food Lab and other organizations to support new farmers through land access, training, and lease arrangements, addressing challenges related to housing, land availability, and technical support.
- **Implementation Planning and Subcommittee Formation:** Discussed the need for realistic implementation timelines, the formation of subcommittees to oversee strategic plan pillars, and encouraged members to review the document and indicate their preferred areas of involvement.
- **Event Planning and Community Engagement:** Aly provided updates on upcoming community events, including seed swaps, farm days, wellness expos, and city celebrations, and encouraged Commission participation to increase visibility and outreach.

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.

Brighton Seed Swap, February 15th from 12-2, contact Cheryn for additional details

Day on the Farm, City of Brighton, hosted at Bromley Farm on April 25th

Blooms at Bromley, City of Brighton, host at Bromley Farm on May 9th

7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sherman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.

Recorded by: Allison Cooper.