



District Plan Commission Meeting Notes

Approved as presented



Type of meeting: Regular

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting called to order by A. Hale

Members present: Mr. Alan Hale (Chair), Ms. Amanda Griffin (Vice Chair), Ms. Christy Dowling (Secretary), Mr. Adam Kniss, Ms. Michelle Seubert, Ms. Holly Peterson, Mr. Dennis Tonsager

Members absent: Mr. Wayne Scott

Staff present: Jennifer Tucker (Adams County), Libby Tart (Adams County), Aaron Clark (Adams County), Jason Baines (Adams County), Kyle Sylvester (City of Brighton), Shannon McDowell (City of Brighton)

Public present: Jennifer Council

2. Approve Minutes from November 18, 2021 Meeting

C. Dowling suggested an amendment to her comment under item five in the agenda, clarifying that the vacancies she was referring to were for the Open Space Advisory Board, not the District Plan Commission.

A. Kniss moved to approve the minutes as amended from the November 18, 2021 meeting. A. Griffin seconded.

→ Minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

3. Public Comment

None recognized.

→ No action.

4. Staff Updates- New Staff Introductions

J. Tucker introduced herself as the Agriculture District Coordinator

→ No action.

5. Commission Vacancies

J. Tucker provided an update on the two vacant City positions and potential applicants.

→ No action.

6. Acknowledgement of Departing Commissioners

A. Hale recognized A. Griffin's service to the community.

→ No action.

7. 2022-23 Focus Discussion

C. Dowling recommended pursuing agrivoltaic techniques similar to those at Jack's Solar Garden and resources to help people develop agricultural skills and career paths.



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- A. Griffin suggested exploring community composting and vertical farming projects.
 - A. Kniss encouraged the Commission to focus on preserving agricultural land.
 - H. Peterson recommended raising community awareness and encouraging agritourism.
 - D. Tonsager expressed concern for climate change and suggested exploring new ways to preserve land and the welfare of farmers.
 - M. Seubert promoted agritourism and suggested visiting the land that has been preserved.
 - A. Hale agreed that farmland preservation should be the focus of the Commission. Amending the bylaws may be in order if the responsibilities of the Commission change.
- No action

8. Announcements, Suggestions, & Comments

- A. Hale encouraged Commission members to consider whether they will run for an elected position at the next meeting. Meeting schedule will be determined when the new members join.
- D. Tonsager suggested having an outdoor meeting in the early spring.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by: K. Lesser