



DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION

Agenda Packet

January 23, 2020

2:00 p.m.

(typically fourth Thursday of the month)

Adams County Government Center
Brantner Gulch B, Conference Center
4430 S. Adams County Parkway Brighton, CO 80601

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Alan Hale (Chair)

Amanda Griffin (Vice Chair)

Christy Dowling (Secretary)

Terry Cook

Adam Kniss

Wayne Scott

Michelle Seubert

Wayne Walvoord



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1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Approve minutes from December 19, 2019 meeting (p. 2-3)
 3. Public Comment
 4. Staff updates (p. 4-5)
- Regular Business:**
5. Discuss reappointment of Wayne Scott to District Plan Commission
 6. Swearing in of Adam Kniss to District Plan Commission for second term
 7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments
 8. Adjournment

The following links have been shared by Commission members or staff and are being provided for informational purposes only. These resources do not reflect the positions of Adams County or the City of Brighton.

Shared Resources	Work Plan Tactic(s)
How Colorado's rural and urban food communities are coming together , 1/15/20, Colorado Sun	2,3,16,20 23,30
Sakata Farms honored as a 'trailblazer' , 1/7/20, Vegetable Growers News	Local farmer
Have you heard of microgreens? Two high school buddies with no farming background have turned them into a business , 1/5/20, Denver Post	27



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Type of meeting: Regular

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019

Location: Adams County Government Center, Conference Center Room 8101

Members present: Mr. Alan Hale (Chair), Ms. Amanda Griffin (Vice Chair), Ms. Christy Dowling (Secretary), Mr. Terry Cook, Mr. Adam Kniss, Mr. Wayne Scott, Mr. Wayne Walvoord

Members absent: Ms. Michelle Seubert (excused)

Staff present: Anneli Berube (Adams County/City of Brighton), Layla Bajelan (Adams County), Thad Gourd (Adams County), Shannon McDowell (Adams County)

Public present: none

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. 	Meeting called to order by A. Hale at 2:03 p.m.
2. Approve minutes from November 21, 2019 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Kniss moved to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2019 meeting. C. Dowling seconded. 	Minutes from November 21, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	No action.
4. Staff updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Plan Commission openings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Berube noted that A. Hale and C. Dowling’s reappointments were approved by the Adams County Board of County Commissioners as County appointees. A. Kniss submitted his application to be reappointed to the Commission as a City appointee. W. Scott indicated that he would apply for reappointment as a City appointee. Interviews for new County appointees will happen in early January. Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. McDowell announced that the City of Brighton and The Conservation Fund were awarded a grant from GOCO to help with the preservation of the Morimitsu Farm property. 	No action.
5. (A) Work Plan Update 2 nd Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Berube presented a second reading of the District Plan Work Plan for 2020 and beyond. A. Griffin requested that the 2019 Work Plan be updated to reflect tactics completed in 2019, including #31 (incorporating salad bars into schools). C. Dowling noted the importance of tracking what is happening in the realm of farm-to-school, what the trends are. A. Griffin requested that the Farm-to-School Toolkit be updated at some point to include resources for alternative models of school “gardens”, including towers, greenhouses, etc. 	



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<p>5. (CONT.) (A) Work Plan Update 2nd Reading</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Gourd noted some of the challenges with incorporating a greenhouse program at a school, namely knowledge and expertise needed to operate, resources to build and maintain, and what happens to the structure if it stops being used. • W. Scott made a note to make sure the Brighton Economic Development Corporation is engaged in the Transfer of Development Rights study. • W. Walvoord made a motion to approve the District Plan Work Plan for 2020 as discussed. T. Cook seconded. 	<p>Motion to approve the District Plan Work Plan for 2020 as discussed was approved unanimously.</p>
<p>6. Reappointment of A. Kniss to District Plan Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested that the reappointment of A. Kniss to the District Plan Commission be added to the agenda for this meeting. • W. Scott remarked that A. Kniss has been involved in the discussions of farmland preservation and the District Plan from the very beginning. He has served the community for many years through his work in agriculture, and was a driving force in getting the Commission formed. W. Scott also noted that some boards and commissions have an emeritus position which should be considered for A. Kniss upon completion of his second term. W. Scott thanked him for his service, as did the rest of the Commission. • A. Kniss stated that it has been his pleasure to serve. • W. Scott made a motion to recommend to Brighton City Council the reappointment of A. Kniss to the District Plan Commission. A. Griffin seconded. 	<p>Motion to approve the recommendation to reappoint A. Kniss to the District Plan Commission was approved unanimously.</p>
<p>7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W. Scott mentioned that he has met briefly with the new Brighton mayor, Gregory Mills. He suggested that he be invited to a meeting. • T. Gourd announced that Adams County Extension has hired a new school engagement and enrichment staff member. He also noted that he is doing a series of beekeeper training classes. Additionally, he would be happy to organize a field trip to some hives in the spring. • T. Cook noted that this will be his last meeting as his term is ending and he has decided not to reapply due to other commitments. He was thanked for his service on the Commission. • W. Walvoord pointed to the importance of looking to the future of agriculture and the need to feed 10 billion people. • C. Dowling complimented the cookies that A. Berube made and brought to the meeting, and wished everyone a wonderful holiday. • A. Kniss wished everyone a Merry Christmas. • A. Hale wished everyone Happy Holidays. He also asked Commission members to invite community members to future meetings. They are always open to the public. 	<p>No action.</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>		<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.</p>

Recorded by: A. Berube

Q4 2019 Monitoring Report

TO: District Plan Commission
FROM: Anneli Berube, Ag Innovation Specialist, for District Plan Staff
DATE: January 23, 2020
SUBJECT: Q4 2019 District Plan Monitoring Report and 2019 in Review
ATTACHMENTS: Table 1. 2019 in Review, Table 2. Deliverables for Commission Review Q1 2020

The following report documents activities and deliverables completed in 2019, and a preview of activities and deliverables that will be completed in the first quarter of 2020 (Q1).

Deliverable & Tactic Updates:

2019 in Review: Below are the eleven deliverables completed and tactics worked on in 2019, as well as next steps for Q1 2020.

- **Tactic #1: Acquisitions** – in 2019: Adams County closed on Murata Brothers Farm Property, preserving 37 acres of farmland; the City of Brighton and The Conservation Fund were awarded grants from the Adams County Open Space Grant and Great Outdoors Colorado for preservation of the Morimitsu Farm property.
- **Tactic #2: Local Foods Workshop** – in 2019: a steering committee was formed, date and location set, and many details explored. Q1 2020: The workshop will be held on 2/13/20 at The Armory in Brighton. District Plan Commission members are invited to attend and participate. Platte Valley Medical Center’s CHIP grant awarded \$1,000 towards the workshop, and Tri-County Health committed to \$500 to \$1,000. An agenda has been created and is being finalized.
- **Tactic #6: Public relations** – in 2019: numerous outreach activities were used to promote the Historic Splendid Valley brand; District Plan website was transferred to Brighton and updated; a front page Denver Post article about Historic Splendid Valley was published on 6/10/19; Historic Splendid Valley Marketing & Public Relations Plan was developed and published. *This tactic was completed in 2019.*
- **Tactic #9: Zoning overlay or design guidelines** – in 2019: The new Land Use Development Code for City was adopted, incorporating concepts from the District Plan; Adams County land use code was updated to allow the keeping of chickens and bees on residential properties. Q1 2020: City of Brighton is exploring the keeping of goats in residential zones.
- **Tactic #10: Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and/or Cluster Standards** – in 2019: a staff report was written and shared for a TDR Study project; a Request for Proposal (RFP) was drafted for the study; funding was secured from both the City and the County for a 2020 study. Q1 2020: the RFP was published on 1/3/20 and is open until 1/27/20; candidates will be interviewed and the RFP will be awarded by mid-March 2020.
- **Tactic #12: Exploring incentives for conservation easements** – in 2019: Conservation Easements Toolkit completed and published. *This tactic was completed in 2019.*
- **Tactic #14: On-site school gardens** – in 2019: Brighton Shares The Harvest (BSTH) helped to set up a school garden at Otho Stuart Middle School.
- **Tactic #15: Marketing campaign** – in 2019: District Plan Branding & Wayfinding Project completed, Historic Splendid Valley brand developed.
- **Tactic #18: Wayfinding signage** – in 2019: a preliminary design was developed by Domoto Brands; funding was secured from both the City and the County for the project; a grant application was submitted to the Brighton

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Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; a meeting was organized on 12/5/19 to gather feedback from potential participants in program. Q1 2020: awaiting next steps for Lodging Tax Grant application to determine remainder of funding for project.

- **Tactic #21: Senior Meal Programs** – in 2019: a test was done to determine feasibility and explore logistics of including local produce in BSTH Meals on Wheels program.
- **Tactic #31: Salad Bars** – in 2019: this has been explored with 27J School District. They do not do salad bars as a policy, so *this tactic was deemed sufficiently explored and therefore complete in 2019.*

Deliverables for Commission Review Q1 2020: Below are the two deliverables or key tasks that will require the Commission's feedback in Q1.

- Local Foods Workshop
- TDR RFP award

Meeting and Event Updates

- **Colorado Food Summit:** Ag Innovation Specialist attended summit on 1/7/20. Topics discussed were local procurement, farm to school, and a 2050 Colorado Food Systems Vision.
- **Producers Summit:** Ag Innovation Specialist attended summit on 1/11/20. The 'probable future' for Denver metro agriculture that was written at last year's summit was reviewed and updated, and working groups were updated. The working groups include: land access, food justice, farmers markets, farmer wellness and labor, farmer-to-farmer education, and strategic partnerships. Ag Innovation Specialist spoke briefly about Historic Splendid Valley and possible opportunities for land access.
- **Local Foods Workshop Steering Committee meetings:** Workshop sessions have been discussed and will include a "farmer showcase", presentation of the Community Health Needs Assessment and other public health and food access indicators, Food Banks of the Rockies, Hunger Free Colorado, and other partners discussing their work, small-groups to encourage collaboration, a Next Steps discussion, and a food waste presentation.
- **Discover Brighton Agritourism Subcommittee:** Ag Innovation Specialist provided an update on the wayfinding signage project, and floated a discussion of an Historic Splendid Valley billboard, which will be revisited at a later date. The group had a discussion about the Brighton Chamber of Commerce's Farm Forum, which might be reimagined to take place partially at Summerfest, with farm dinners happening throughout the summer.