



DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION

Agenda Packet

July 23, 2020

2:00 p.m.

(typically fourth Thursday of the month)

Virtual Meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84379047308> or join by phone:

(253)215-8782, PIN: 843 7904 7308#

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Alan Hale (Chair)

Amanda Griffin (Vice Chair)

Christy Dowling (Secretary)

Adam Kniss

Holly Peterson

Wayne Scott

Michelle Seubert

Dennis Tonsager

Wayne Walvoord

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve minutes from June 25, 2020 meeting (p. 2-4)
3. Public Comment
4. Staff updates (p. 5-6)

Regular Business:

5. Brighton Historic Preservation Office update
6. Discussion of Splendid Valley Facebook page
7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments
8. Adjournment



brightonco.gov/SplendidValley

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)
What's at stake when we pave over, fragment and otherwise fail to protect farmland from the disruptions of development? , 5/20/20, American Farmland Trust press release.	1

Please contact Anneli Berube at aberube@brightonco.gov or (303)655-2252 with questions or if you require special accommodations.



Type of meeting: Regular

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting called to order by A. Hale at 2:07 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Alan Hale (Chair), Ms. Amanda Griffin (Vice Chair), Mr. Adam Kniss, Ms. Holly Peterson, Mr. Wayne Scott, Mr. Dennis Tonsager, Mr. Wayne Walvoord

Members absent: Ms. Christy Dowling (Secretary), Ms. Michelle Seubert (excused)

Staff present: Anneli Berube (Adams County/City of Brighton), Byron Fanning (Adams County), Thad Gourd (CSU Extension), Kate Lesser (City of Brighton), Holly Prather (City of Brighton), Kyle Sylvester (City of Brighton), Libby Tart (Adams County)

Public present: None

2. Approve minutes from May 28, 2020 meeting

A. Kniss moved to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting. W. Walvoord seconded.

➤ Minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

4. Staff Updates

A. Berube stated that the Brighton Parks and Open Space Master Plan is being updated and City and County staff were invited to participate in a meeting of regional partners. A. Griffin attended the meeting as a representative of the District Plan Commission. The importance of agricultural preservation was discussed.

A. Berube noted that farm markets in Historic Splendid Valley are opening up and encouraged Commission members to visit them as they are able to. Information about the farms that accept visitors can be found at:

www.discoverbrightonfarms.com/farms.

L. Tart announced that the Comprehensive, Transportation, and Parks and Open Space Master Plan Updates have been contracted out to a consulting firm called Design Workshop.

A. Berube opened up the floor for staff to provide any additional updates not addressed in the June Monitoring Report Update.

5. Front Range Trail Update

K. Sylvester presented a PowerPoint on [Ken Mitchell Open Space and the Aichelman House](#).

W. Scott inquired about the homeless population in the Veteran's Park area.

K. Sylvester explained that they are working closely with the police department and cleaning crews to mitigate the issue in the public areas as best as possible.

A. Berube noted the close proximity of this project to the District Plan area and Historic Splendid Valley and that one day the hope is that people will be able to use these trails to access different farms in the area which will also help promote agritourism.



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K. Sylvester agreed that connecting the trails to Historic Splendid Valley would be favorable, and noted that they are in the process of connecting Veteran's Park to downtown. This will include creating a wayfinding signage program for the trails to direct people.

6. Officer Elections

A. Berube explained the process for holding elections as determined by the Commission bylaws.

➤ W. Scott moved to continue with the existing officers. W. Walvoord seconded.

All Commission members present voted in favor of the motion by roll call vote. The motion passed.

7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments

W. Scott announced that he attended the last Brighton Urban Renewal Authority meeting where it was mentioned that a gravel mining company was preparing a presentation for their next meeting which will be open to the public.

A. Hale asked whether the Adams County Fair has been cancelled.

B. Fanning confirmed that the County Fair was cancelled, but 4-H activities will still be held for kids to compete.

T. Gourd explained that the 4-H activities will be taking place August 1-9 while following social distancing guidelines. There will also be a livestock sale although details are not yet available.

W. Scott announced that City fireworks will still be happening for the 4th of July, although they will not be held at the park.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Lesser

Q2 2020 Monitoring Report

TO: District Plan Commission
FROM: Anneli Berube, Ag Innovation Specialist, for District Plan Staff
DATE: July 23, 2020
SUBJECT: Q2 2020 District Plan Monitoring Report

The following report documents activities and deliverables completed in Q2 of 2020 and previews activities and deliverables that will be completed in the third quarter of 2020 (Q3).

Deliverables:

Deliverables completed in Q2: Below are the deliverables that were completed in Q2:

- Historic Splendid Valley Wayfinding Signage program criteria and sign design, draft locations
- Historic Splendid Valley Farmer COVID-19 Response Press Release

Documents related to completed deliverables can typically be found at brightonco.gov/1356/Plan-Implementation.

Deliverables for review in Q3: Below are the deliverables or key tasks that will be completed in Q3.

- Historic Splendid Valley Wayfinding Signage final locations, public engagement plan
- Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Study
- Local Foods Workshop summary and related resources (carried over)

Tactic Updates:

Tactics Underway: Below are updates on the tactics worked on in Q2 since last update and plans for Q3.

- **Tactic #2: Local Foods Workshop** – staff has resumed work on compiling flipchart notes from workshop and will be sharing a draft with the steering committee and then with the District Plan Commission at a future meeting. In Q3, these notes and summaries will be finalized and shared.
- **Tactic #6: Public relations** – gave presentation to Brighton Kiwanis Club updating them on District Plan and Historic Splendid Valley on 7/15/20.
- **Tactic #9: Zoning overlay or design guidelines** – no updates.
- **Tactic #10: TDR and/or Cluster Standards** – the Splendid Valley TDR Study project was launched this quarter and the first task, Background Review and Scoping, was completed by the consultant along with some additional activities. Staff held a check-in meeting with the consultant on 7/1/20 with a follow-up meeting on 7/15/20. In Q3, the study will continue, with plans to complete it by September 2020.
- **Tactic #15: Marketing campaign** – staff began exploring the idea of launching a Historic Splendid Valley Facebook page, and will be discussing this with the District Plan Commission at the July meeting.
- **Tactic #18: Wayfinding signage** – staff has reached out to Streets to review the design and locations. In Q3, staff will finalize the locations and work with the farmers and entities who would like a sign.

Tactics Ongoing: No updates at this time for Ongoing tactics.

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Meeting and Event Updates

- **Discover Brighton Agritourism subcommittee meeting on 7/14/20:** For the July meeting we were joined by the Brighton Acting City Manager Marv Falconburg, Mayor Gregory Mills, and Councilmember Tim Watts. Chamber staff provided updates on the Farm-to-Table event that they are planning for 8/29/20 and upcoming promotion activities. The Chamber also clarified that Discover Brighton Agritourism Subcommittee membership does not require a Chamber membership and is free of charge. Lastly, we heard about a couple of farms affected by the recent hail storm on 7/9/20 (Berry Patch Farms and Red Daisy Farm). Sonflower Ranch was not impacted. Petrocco Farms, Minoru Farm, and likely the other Historic Splendid Valley farms were impacted as well. When asked what people could do to help, the response was that, at least in the case of farms with a retail store, it would be most helpful to continue to patronize their stores during this time.
- **CO Farm & Food Systems Response Team calls:** Staff has participated in these weekly calls since they started on 4/2/20. These calls discuss the current and future impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on Colorado farms and the markets they serve.