



DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION

Agenda Packet

August 27, 2020

2:00 p.m.

(typically fourth Thursday of the month)

Virtual Meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83467768208> or join by phone:

(253)215-8782, PIN: 834 6776 8208#

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 July 23, 2020 meeting (p. 2-4)**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Staff updates (p. 5-6)**

Regular Business:

5. **Adams County Plans Update brief presentation**
6. **Continued discussion of Splendid Valley Facebook page**
7. **Announcements, Suggestions & Comments**
8. **Adjournment**



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Shared Resources	Work Plan Tactic(s)
‘A raging crisis’: Metro Phoenix is losing its family farms and local food sources, 8/16/20, AZ Central.	1

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District Plan Commission Meeting Notes



Type of meeting: Regular

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting called to order by A. Hale at 2:05 p.m.

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

Members absent: Ms. Michelle Seubert, Mr. Wayne Walvoord

Staff present: Anneli Berube (Adams County/City of Brighton), Libby Tart (Adams County), Aaron Clark (Adams County), Kyle Sylvester (City of Brighton), Kim Bauer (City of Brighton), Kate Lesser (City of Brighton)

Public present: None

2. Approve minutes from June 25, 2020 meeting

A. Griffin requested that the minutes be amended to say “Carmichael Park” instead of just “park” under item #7.

A. Griffin moved to approve the minutes as amended from the June 25, 2020 meeting. A. Kniss seconded.

Minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting as amended were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

4. Staff Updates

A. Berube noted that the Q2 Monitoring Report is included in the agenda packet.

A. Berube provided an update to the Adams County Board of Commissioners this past Tuesday and received positive feedback. Commissioner O’Dorisio asked that we connect with the National Western Center (NWC). This has been done in the past although there is more that can be done to collaborate with the NWC and to the new agriculture charter school at Reunion (STEAD).

A. Berube noted that she has been asked to speak on a panel about the District Plan for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Division of Local Government on August 13th. Anneli will look into whether members of the public, like District Plan Commission members, can attend.

A. Berube encouraged attendees to visit farms and give support in light of the recent hail storm.

A. Griffin added that Lulu’s offers curbside pickup, and has started roasting chiles.

A. Berube noted that Palizzi’s offers curbside pickup also.

C. Dowling asked about the American Farmland Trust report and what this Commission could glean from it.

A. Berube mentioned that she’s unsure that the farmland preserved by Brighton or Adams County was included because it is not held by land trusts, and said that there are possible additional policy recommendations that could be explored.

K. Sylvester provided an update on the Ken Mitchell Open Space and Front Range Trail. It is officially open and hundreds of bikers have been utilizing it every week. Staff recognizes that they need more signage and are working on remedying this, but so far they have received only positive responses from visitors.



5. Brighton Historic Preservation Office Update

K. Bauer presented a [Brighton Historic Preservation Office PowerPoint](#) and two recent projects: a [Historic Splendid Valley Virtual Tour](#), and an upcoming Historic Splendid Valley museum exhibit.

C. Dowling questioned whether there was any information on the digital tour regarding the area east of I-70.

K. Bauer stated that there are some points listed in that location, and that additional points can be added if any citizens have suggestions for sites that would be added.

W. Scott mentioned that the Downtown Partnership Committee has discussed whether the Museum would move into the Depot.

K. Bauer confirmed that there has been discussion of this but there is no other information at this time.

K. Bauer provided these links to view the Museum social media pages: <https://www.instagram.com/brightonhistory/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Brightonhistory/>

6. Discussion of Splendid Valley Facebook Page

A. Berube presented the [Historic Splendid Valley Facebook Page Discussion PowerPoint](#).

A. Griffin raised concern as to whether Bromley Farm would benefit from extra exposure on City sites.

A. Berube expressed that it is intended for farms to be fairly represented on the Facebook page.

A. Griffin inquired about the Historic Splendid Valley website and why it is not currently linked to the City of Brighton webpage.

A. Berube explained that keeping the sites separate was intentional because they provide different types of information and adding content to the City webpage would duplicate the information provided on the Discover Brighton Farms webpage which, unlike the Historic Splendid Valley page, is designed to help promote businesses.

C. Dowling asked whether products sold by the people who operate the Bromley Local Foods Campus are being labeled as being from areas outside of Brighton, noting that City and County funds were used to restore the property.

A. Berube remarked that this topic is largely outside of the purview of the Commission.

A. Griffin expressed that she is a proponent of using a Facebook page to promote the area and mentioned that sharing articles may be less time consuming than coming up with all original content.

H. Peterson commented that this would be a big undertaking and it isn't worth doing if enough time can't be committed to doing it well.

A. Berube agreed and mentioned that this may be good timing with the current workload projected for the rest of the year.

A. Hale suggested putting this on the agenda for the next meeting after further deliberation.

W. Scott suggested building this into the budget to pay someone for their time working on the page.

A. Berube remarked that at this point it is most likely not possible to work into the budget for next year.

A. Berube opened up the floor for suggestions on things to prepare for the next meeting which might facilitate the discussion of this as an agenda item.

C. Dowling requested a list of specific topics for potential Facebook posts.

W. Scott asked for a budget proposal just to help decide the value of this project and whether it would be worthwhile to assign to staff versus contracting out the work.



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7. Announcements, Suggestions & Comments

C. Dowling announced that the upcoming election for Adams County Commissioners includes new candidates and questioned whether the District Plan Commission should invite them to a future meeting.

A. Hale suggested discussing this further at the next meeting.

W. Scott announced that there is a new proposal for the sand and gravel mine on Highway 7 which was presented to the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority.

D. Tonsager noted that the irrigation system in Historic Splendid Valley is historically significant and that it would be a good idea to include information in presentations, on maps, etc. It was also expressed that getting in touch with Facebook's commercial section may offer helpful information.

A. Hale noted that the Ag Preservation Subcommittee often talked about the Pleasant Plains School building as a good location for a farm museum and/or visitor center for Historic Splendid Valley.

C. Dowling noted that moneys were secured from the Adams County Open Space Grant for its purchase, but she is not sure of the current status.

K. Sylvester noted that he believes this is still in the works but will talk to Travis Haines, Brighton Parks & Recreation Director.

A. Hale also asked that the Commission keep permanent farmland preservation at the top of the list of priorities.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Lesser

August 2020 Update

TO: District Plan Commission
FROM: Anneli Berube, Ag Innovation Specialist, for District Plan Staff
DATE: August 27, 2020
SUBJECT: August 2020 Update to Q2 District Plan Monitoring Report

The following report is a monthly update to the Q2 2020 Monitoring Report. It provides updates on activities and deliverables that will be worked on or completed in the third quarter of 2020 (Q3).

Deliverables & Tactic Updates:

Deliverables for review in Q3 2020: Below are the deliverables or key tasks that will require the Commission's feedback 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 Q3.

- **Tactic #2: Local Foods Workshop** – no updates.
- **Tactic #6: Public relations** – gave presentation for a Colorado Department of Local Affairs Local Government Division workshop Brighton on 8/13/20.
- **Tactic #9: Zoning overlay or design guidelines** – a meeting was organized with Brighton's Parks & Recreation Director and members of the Colorado Agritourism Association to discuss ways that agritourism can be considered and incorporated into the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update on 7/30/20.
- **Tactic #10: TDR and/or Cluster Standards** – the study is ongoing, with staff providing support and information for the consultant.
- **Tactic #15: Marketing campaign** – staff continued exploring the idea of launching a Historic Splendid Valley Facebook page based on requests from the District Plan Commission at the July meeting.
- **Tactic #18: Wayfinding signage** – staff sent an email to Historic Splendid Valley farmers and agritourism/agricultural education entities to provide them with an update on the status of the project, and to inquire further as to their interest. Of the eight entities contacted, so far four have responded and all have indicated that they are interested in at least one sign. Staff has continued to work to finalize locations and ensure that there is adequate right-of-way for sign placement. The timeline for completing this project is still uncertain due to a pending amendment to the City's Land Use and Development Code.

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

August 2020 Update

Meeting and Event Updates

- Staff presented to the Adams County Board of Commissioners on 7/21 regarding Historic Splendid Valley updates and activities.
- **Discover Brighton Agritourism subcommittee meeting on 8/11:** A new member joined the subcommittee, AgFinity. Chamber staff provided updates on the Farm-to-Table event that they are planning for 8/29/20 and upcoming promotion activities. Staff provided an update about the wayfinding signage project.
- **Land Access Group meeting for Mile High Farmers 8/10:** staff participated in their regular meeting which largely discussed a project in Denver to secure farmland for local farmers. Staff told the group that an update will be provided at a future meeting about the TDR study, which could be of interest to members of the group and potentially provide farmland opportunities for farmers.
- **Brighton Shares The Harvest board meeting on 8/17:** Updates were given regarding financials and activities (largely purchasing produce to be distributed to food pantries or 27J distribution sites, which included purchases and donations from Splendid Valley farms: cucumbers and squash from Forever West Farms, pinto beans from Lulu's. Brighton Housing Authority has coordinated the distribution).