



PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Downs presented hearing instructions.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Len Abruzzo
Commissioner Calvin Downs, Chair
Commissioner Mark Hampton
Commissioner Ed Kubly
Commissioner Michael McKesson
Commissioner Marc Reyher
Commissioner Jim Smallwood, Secretary
Alternate Mark Witkiewicz

EXCUSED

Commissioner Ed Rhodes

- c. Attorney Certification of the Agenda

Arielle Denis, Assistant County Attorney, stated that all items on today's agenda have been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office, they have been properly noticed, and the Commission has jurisdiction to hear them.

- d. Planning Commission Disclosures

None.

- e. Election of Planning Commission Officer

Commissioner Jim Smallwood moved to nominate Commissioner Mark Hampton as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the remainder of the year.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Jim Smallwood
SECONDER: Len Abruzzo
AYES: Len Abruzzo, Calvin Downs, Mark Hampton, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson, Marc Reyher, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Unofficial Minutes from March 2, 2026.

Commissioner Mike McKesson moved that the Commission approve the Minutes from March 2, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Mike McKesson
SECONDER: Jim Smallwood
AYES: Len Abruzzo, Calvin Downs, Mike McKesson, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz
ABSTAIN: Mark Hampton, Ed Kubly, Marc Reyer

3. Land Use Hearing Items

- a. 5675 Delva Way – Douglas County Biochar Facility – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2026-001.

Brett Thomas, AICP, Chief Planner - Department of Community Development – presented the proposed application.

The applicant's representative, Dan Roberts, Douglas County Public Works Operations – provided additional information.

Commissioner Downs opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Downs closed public comment.

Commissioner Downs opened Planning Commission discussion.

Commissioner Mike McKesson moved to approve the 5675 Delva Way – Douglas County Biochar Facility – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2026-001.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Mike McKesson
SECONDER: Mark Witkiewicz
AYES: Len Abruzzo, Calvin Downs, Mark Hampton, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson, Marc Reyher, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz

b. High Line Canal Origin Trailhead – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2026-002.

Heather Scott, AICP, Principal Planner, Department of Community Development - presented the proposed application.

The applicant's representative, Nick Giauque, Douglas County Parks and Recreation – provided additional information.

Commissioner Downs opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Downs closed public comment.

Commissioner Downs opened Planning Commission discussion.

Commissioner Jim Smallwood moved to approve the High Line Canal Origin Trailhead – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2026-002.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jim Smallwood

SECONDER: Marc Reyher

AYES: Len Abruzzo, Calvin Downs, Mark Hampton, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson, Marc Reyher, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Jim Smallwood, Secretary

Samantha Hutchison, Recording Secretary