



Minutes of Boulder Junction Economic Development Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Boulder Junction Community Center

Our Mission: To explore, develop and promote opportunities and investment options supporting our economic development objectives while enhancing community prosperity.

MINUTES

- 1) CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Steve Weber (Co-Chair) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was done. Present were Bill Spear, Steve Weber, Kevin Mantz, Dylan Schutt, Ian Brown and Mary Jones. Absent Kevin Gutjahr, and Nathan Keisler. GUESTS: Mike McKeon
 - 2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: at the Chair's Discretion (discussion & possible action). MOTION/Spear SECOND/Schutt MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - 3) APPROVAL OF May 20, 2026, MEETING MINUTES And April 28th, 2026, MEETING MINUTES (discussion & possible action). MOTION Spear SECOND/Jones MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - 4) WELCOME GUESTS: Mike McKeon
 - 5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a) Community Reporting: New retail business in Hiller building Sweet Mana's selling CBD and skin care products. The K&M station on the corner is up for public auction in July. Backdraft BBQ at Headwaters is scheduled to open in early July. Hiller has Airbnb rentals (4) above the retail and available.
 - b) Work Group Updates: Economic impact study of Winter Park was given to the Parks Board for feedback. The Station site has been surveyed and continuing to work on design.
 - 6) NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Business Update: Mike McKeon Little Forest School. Students started last July. Currently 25 students with a waiting list and 7 teachers (staff). New building is under construction with anticipated completion in early 2027. Capacity will be 65 students in 12,500 square feet. Programming will be nature based. Annual funding campaign is currently underway with a target of \$145,000. Tuition currently covers about 80% of operating costs.
 - 7) REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Continue business updates.
 - 8) CONFIRM DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING (discussion & possible action). Next scheduled meeting July 15, 2026. Consecutive meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30am.
 - 9) ADJOURN (discussion & possible action): Adjourned by Steve Weber at 9:50 a.m.
- Submitted by EDC Co-Chairman Bill Spear