



## Dillon Community Meeting #3 November 12, 2025

The third community forum for the Dillon Community Meeting series brought together more than sixty participants in person and online. The session focused on translating community values from earlier meetings into ideas for physical design, walkability, and connectivity within the town core. Attendees continued to express a strong commitment to preserving Dillon's identity while exploring how the town can evolve in ways that support residents, visitors, and local businesses.

The meeting began with an overview of the engagement process to date. Participants were reminded of the shared values identified in September and October, including Dillon's small-town lakeside identity, walkability, trust-based communication, a balanced local economy, and the importance of views, dark skies, and access to nature.

The Town Planner provided context on Dillon's current planning efforts, including ongoing updates to the comprehensive plan, the role of master plans, and existing work on parks, trails, and connectivity. The conversation emphasized the comprehensive plan as a living document that evolves with community needs and priorities.

### **Community Themes and Design Ideas**

Participants were asked to think about how Dillon can grow while still feeling like Dillon, with a focus on connections between places, walkability and safety, design character, and community gathering spaces. Ideas shared during the interactive session included:

#### **Walkability, Access, and Connectivity**

- Creating a pedestrian walking mall behind Pug Ryans to draw people into the town core
- Enhancing signage and wayfinding along the recreation path and throughout town
- Considering a parking garage to shift parking away from key streets and encourage more foot traffic
- Adding ebike stations for mobility between Dillon Ridge, Corinthian Hills, and the town core
- Increasing accessibility at the beach near paddle board rentals and improving the welcoming feel of the marina

- Exploring a shuttle connecting Dillon Ridge, the amphitheater, the town core, and Dillon Valley
- Improving crossings at Highway 6 and considering a more defined entry point into town

### **Placemaking and Public Spaces**

- Developing a courtyard near the parking lot to serve as a community gathering spot
- Incorporating more community art and light posts with banners
- Building on successful areas such as the marina, amphitheater, and Farmers Market as central hubs of activity
- Enhancing winter charm with seasonal lighting to draw people toward local businesses
- Creating a welcome center staffed by volunteers

### **Economic and Visual Improvements**

- Updating or revitalizing older or underutilized properties that impact overall town appearance
- Encouraging redevelopment of key properties such as the two CMC buildings and the Best Western and Arapahoe Cafe site
- Adding flexible electronic signage along Highway 6 to highlight businesses and events
- Using QR codes for promotions or business information to create adaptable and up-to-date signage
- Exploring opportunities related to timeshare projects that bring consistent weekly visitors and spending
- Addressing noise levels from the amphitheater in a way that supports community enjoyment

### **Continuing What Works**

Participants noted several areas that already function well and could serve as cornerstones for future growth, including the marina, the park and Farmers Market area, and existing community events that bring people together.

### **Looking Ahead**

The forum closed with a reminder of the next session, which will focus on economic development. The upcoming discussion will explore how Dillon can support both residents and visitors while maintaining the elements of community identity that matter most.

\*Residents worked in groups on physical maps of the Dillon Town Center and those suggestions are both reflected in the notes above and will be further detailed in the final report to Town Council.

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