



APAC Mission

To advise and make informed recommendations to the Arvada City Council on both future and immediate park related projects, land acquisition, modifications to recreational facilities, park and trail development and redevelopment, capital funding issues, and other related issues.

(From Rules and Procedures Rev. Dec 2016, B1)

APAC Advisory Committee Agenda

July 12, 2023 6:30 pm

In-person Meeting (Majestic View Nature Center + Zoom on request)

Assigned Minutes Recorder: Karen Gerbatsch took notes; Max wrote minutes based on those notes

Membership Attendance:

Member	Term Exp		Member	Term Exp	
Enessa Janes	n/a		John Mariott	n/a	X
Derrick Kuhl	n/a	X	Caron Holmes		X
Max Koxholt		X	Allan Horton	2025	X
Mayra Grace Dowling	2023	X	Amanda Malozzi	2024	X
Karen Gerbatsch		X	Jeanne O'Connor	2024	excused
Karen Miller		X	Kristin Memmott	2024	excused
John Lacroix		X	Alex Williams	2025	excused
Michael Miller	2024	excused	Rebecca Hoeschen		X
Jackie Marquis	2024	X	David Maxwell	2025	X
Madison Brannigan	2025	excused			

1. **Call to Order –6:37pm**

2. **Public Comment - n/a**

3. **Approval of Minutes** n/a as not available, yet

4. **Guest Speaker: Anna Hoover “MVNC Overview”**

Anna Hoover, Director of MVNC, provided an overview/strategic update for 2023 of the 83 acre park. Focus is on environmental programs and they reach 300K people a year. New trails are being developed and expanded programs include full day/full summer camps. Focus is also on monarch counting, new exhibits such as immersive beaver lodge and the story of water in Colorado.

MVNC master plan has been updated with a switch to non-human-centric focus. 9/26 is National PL (?) day being more sustainable with few physical take aways to reduce trash.

Restoration efforts focus on Lakes silting up, temperature climbing, impact on deer, birds, etc. Lake at MVNC is man made and slowly silting. Now only 3 feet deep moving toward being a marshland. Impacts from 2013 floods, invasive species. MVNC also has 3K Olive trees.

Volunteer support is key - 50 active do 1 shift a month - teaching, design, programs and gardening. Certified Interpretive staff = 2 plus handful of part time teachers. New 5013C - Friends of Majestic View. Others support comes from: Jeffco Open Space, Arvada, Rotary, Colorado Gardens, SCFD, local CSA - Frontline Farming.

APAC can help by being a voice for communication to gather volunteers, with programming and grant writing, support for the gift shop, MVNC website and volunteer packet.

5 **Equestrian Survey Recap for New Members**

& Ordinance Change Proposal (Outdoor Equestrian Center: dogs on leash → dogs prohibited)(Max)

Max presented original results, so that new members can better judge the situation

→ key message: many dog owners use it as a quiet dog park; it is a safety concern as not all horses tolerate dogs well and might spook and throw the rider and the equestrian center should be a safe space to practice.

→ Derrick to check with legal if ordinance change to “no dogs” is generally ok

→ we could potentially do a small follow-up survey to see if users are ok with change

6 **2023/24 Goals – Breakout Sessions to finalize wording**

→ postponed to August meeting due to time constraints and key members not being present

7 **City Team Updates (Derrick)**

- park renaming to Little Raven - ceremony 7/13 9 am
- Arvada on Tap — 800 attendees/\$31K raised
- July 4th 15K people attended
- Movies around town
- Budget for 2024, second year of 2 years budget - process to continue for next 2 months

9. **Good of the Order** n/a

10. **Adjournment: 9:15pm**