



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

June 14, 2023 6:30 pm

In-person Meeting (City Hall + Zoom on request only)

Assigned Minutes Recorder: Kristin Memmott

Membership Attendance:

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

1. **Call to Order –**
6:35pm by Max

2. **Public Comment -**
None

3. **Approval of Minutes**

John approved minutes and Madison seconded. No opposition.

4. **City Team Updates (Derrick Kuhl)**

Seasonal city updates:

- Resting the Stinger soccer fields for the next 45 days, which is pretty normal, but this allows the soccer field to dry out. Golf has also been really busy, except for rain and some mud.
- Wood Run Park is showing Top Gun (Arvada Festival website) has more information about the movies being played.
- Arvada on Tap also being started for the summer – more info can be found on Arvada Festival website.

Internal Finance/Budget Update: The vibrant communities' team (Derrick, Enessa, and others) are reviewing the capitol funds and operating funds with city manager dept and finance dept to determine what the needs are for Vibrant Communities Dept. Then, it'll be proposed to city council for approval.

Majestic View Nature Center Summer Update - they have lots of things going on this summer – full classes at the nature center this summer.

New website. ArvadaGov.co (this is where additional information about this committee can be found.

Monarch Pledge Update - Arvada did not do a Monarch Pledge in 2022 and it was considered for this year (2023), but it has been decided to not do the Monarch Pledge, since there is reporting that is required and the city isn't quite prepared for that. As an alternative, the Majestic View nature center is doing things for monarchs outside of an official Monarch Pledge. Monarch Joint Venture is a volunteer community science group that is working with the nature center, they are also monitoring milkweed stands and doing pollinator classes. Likely, we will be doing the July 2023 APAC meeting at MJNC and Anna (ED of MVNC) will be leading a brief discussion about monarchs, among other MVNC topics.

Jeffco Trail Signage Updates – no updates currently but they have ample amount of information about different trail information initiatives. So, more information to come in future meetings.

Moore Brothers Farm Updates – Arvada does not have this site currently scheduled for an assessment or a project, but it could be something that could get more attention based on internal demand and city council interests and CIP (Capital Improvement Program).

Stone Circle Update: No official trail at this site and the fauna is a bit unkept so it isn't recommended that people (included APAC or staff) go out there on their own. Derrick will coordinate a site visit to Stone Circle site later this year with the Arvada Historical Society for us to see and learn from this site more safely. Derrick is working to get drone footage to get information about where the stones are.

Meyers Pool – a revised milestone document is being drafted and it will be shared with us when available.

5 APAC Google Drive - Introduction (Max)
please bring a laptop if you want to “try-along”
(7:03pm) led by Max.

Max explained that we will have all the same password for the google drive and the documents within it, so a good rule of thumb is that if you are in the document, try not to move or change anything unless you have permission to do so. (Max then shared his laptop screen and walked through how to log in to the Google Drive.)

Google Drive Sign-In for APAC:

- Username: ask Derrick, Max, or Kristin
- Password: ask Derrick, Max, or Kristin

You can then select ‘My Drive’ and it will show you the most relevant or up to date documents along with the 2022/2023 working folder where you can find minutes, current goals, and subcommittee information.

You can also select the ‘Shared with me’ folder to find documents that have been shared with this google account.

The google drive is a good place to find previous and current meeting agendas, minutes, rules and regulations, contact info for APAC members, etc.

6 APAC Information Flow and Communication Process (Max)
(7:16pm)

If an APAC member has a question for city staff, please send it to Max (or Kristin or Grace) first, so Max can forward it to Enessa, Derrick, or other city staff. This allows Max to stay in the loop about APAC questions and projects.

Outside of APAC, don’t communicate with city council members as an APAC member unless you are assigned to do so. You can, of course, talk to city council or attend a public comments session as ‘yourself’ but not an APAC representative. This prevents you from inadvertently speaking on behalf of APAC and causing any confusion.

Order of Operations for Arvada staff questions – talk to Max first, Max talks to Derrick/Enessa/City Council/etc. and puts you in touch with the right people.

- As a city resident, you can always submit general questions to Ask Arvada (app or website). If you aren’t hearing back about your Ask Arvada concern within a few weeks, you could resubmit an Ask Arvada ticket or email Derrick to send reminders out or look into it.
- As a city resident, you can always attend city council and reach out to your council person as a resident but please do not attend or comment as an APAC member (unless specially assigned to do so on APAC’s behalf).

7 2023/24 Goals – First Brainstorming (Kristin)

- Sub-committees to briefly present update on current goals
- Brainstorming on new goal ideas
- Discussion about “current goals” and “new goal ideas”
- Informal show of hands-on what goals everybody would like to be part of

City team is a resource for us so we can come up with the right proposal for city council.

‘Exploration’ phase for our goals until we have a detailed and educated proposal to provide to council.

Goal 1) Bike Park Subcommittee:

Andy was a lead for the bike park subcommittee. We did a field trip to Belmont Bike Park and explored how much volunteer support was needed to maintain the bike parks, legal issues, safety issues. Successful in learning what went well and what didn’t at other bike parks. Currently, Arvada has two bike parks being developed (Pomona and Clear Creek Valley Bike Park). There is a PPT presentation on the Google Drive under Working Files → Bike Park Files → APAC Bike Park PPT, that reviews Bike Park practices and what was learned.

- Possible Next Steps for 2023: Third site that is not being actively pursued is Pioneer Blund (which is on the back burner in the 2014 Master Plan). John Mariot gave an update: Bike Park is one of many options for this Pioneer Blund Master Plan.
- What stage is Pamona Parcel (adjacent to Lake Arbor) in: waiting to be able to fund the design phase on a bike park here.

For 2023/2024 Goal - What would city council need from APAC Bike Park Subcommittee. With the construction of the clear creek bike park, there is a need for information on amenities at the park, how the residents around the park enjoy it. In 2023/2024, connect with the city team to see what they might need to help in designing the Bike Park amenities.

Goal 2) Disc Golf Subcommittee:

Grace was the lead for this subcommittee. The objective was to look at how Arvada could improve and support this popular and growing sport within the city. One objective, look at other city courses in Arvada to see how they could be improved and consider other locations for a third park. Still in the very early phases of how to improve other course (Birds Nest) and deciding where a new course could be.

For 2023/2024— need to do more work on seeing what community wants to see and how maintenance would support a changing, improved, or new/third course.

Question – is there a concern about alcohol or marijuana on disc golf courses? Some discussion said it wasn’t a big concern. John Mariot informed us that alcohol is not allowed in parks unless you have a permit, so it could be enforced. Colorado State Law prevents smoking in public, so we could also enforce that. However, it currently doesn’t seem to be a huge problem at Arvada disc golf course so isn’t strictly enforced. If it was a more contained space like a golf course, we might be able to sell or allow alcohol or marijuana on disc golf course but currently Arvada disc golf courses are managed like parks, which doesn’t allow alcohol or marijuana.

Still has lots of work to do for this subcommittee – Identify a third space within the city on a current Open Space. Further explore the Audubon Society certification process.

Goal 3) Ranger Program Subcommittee:

Alex was the lead on this subcommittee. This subcommittee goal has been something that has been talked about for a long time, 2015/2016. Arvada is one of the largest communities in the state without a Ranger program. Some issues like homeless encampments, littering, and other issues. There seems to be an interest in a Ranger Program by other depts within the city, including the Police. However, still a lot of unknowns and questions to look at. This subcommittee still has a lot of work to do. Currently, there is a small volunteer Ranger program at the Arvada Reservoir, but it is a very specific and localized program to the reservoir.

What enforcement powers do we want? Police or Rangers? Need to continue to explore and discuss this.

For 2023/2024 – Outline other issues and suggestions for problems in parks. Lots of groundwork has already been done. Alternative analysis to support Ranger programs. There is research into Ranger presence helping certain issues. Sharon shared a lot of information, which is in the drive.

Goal 4) Attend Other Committee Meetings Subcommittee:

Alan and Dave were lead for this program and this subcommittee allows other committees to know about APAC and for us to know what is going on with other committees. The objective is to better support other committees and keep communication flowing.

For 2023/2024 – more members on this subcommittee, could allow us to attend more advisory committees. Set performance standards for yourself (Example: set goals for the committee as opposed to a subcommittee goal). Perhaps, this should be more of an as-needed project as opposed to a full goal.

Goal 5) Biodiversity Subcommittee:

Strategic Plan → Strategic Results or Goals, nothing in the city council strategic plan at this point about strategic planning.

Procedurally, if there is a suggestion from APAC “here is why you need where your raptor nests are and here is why” and then city council might input this as a strategic plan and a result for the future.

Work with Sustainability committee to develop a case for ‘what we want to do and why’ – why is this more important than other issues.

We want to adopt the ‘why’.

Could Derrick share ‘Strategic Goals’ with APAC.

2023/2024 – partner with sustainability to see if there is a reason to propose a ‘why’ council needs to prioritize biodiversity. Idea: Need to prioritize pollinator gardens and native plants in areas. Rebecca is interested in this committee.

New Goal Ideas:

- New Committee that looks at trail connectivity in the city to provide loops and a way to connect the city better.
- Stone Circles as an exploration goal for 2023/2024

8 Old Business

- Stone Circle teepee Ring – of City Team Updates

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- Renaming “Meyer’s Pool” – cf. City Team Updates

Meyers Pool –No significant updates at this time. Derrick shared that a revised milestone document is being drafted and it will be shared with us when available.

9. Good of the Order

10. Adjournment

Completed by Max.