



A Way of Honoring Arvada's Rich Heritage and Preserving Our Resources to Foster Economic Prosperity, Environmental Stewardship and Community Vitality Today and Into the Future.

Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee (ASAC) Agenda

September 13, 2023, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

City Hall: City Council Room (CCR), Third Floor or Remotely via Zoom

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Assigned Minutes Recorder: *Harriet Hall*

Membership Attendance:

Taryn Birch	Term Exp 2024	x	Tara Kent	Term Exp 2025	
Dar-Lon Chang	Term Exp 2026	x	Vinnie LaSalvia	Term Exp 2025	x
Keegan Conley	Term Exp 2024	x	Laurel Mattrey	Term Exp 2026	x
Keith Emery	Term Exp 2024	x	Alex Pray	Term Exp 2024	x
Harriet Hall	Term Exp 2024	x	Kia Ruiz	Term Exp 2024	x
Elissa Hardy	Term Exp 2026	x	Rachael Smallwood	Term Exp 2025	x
Iris Horowitz	Term Exp 2025	x	Randy Moorman (Council Liaison)		x

1. Call to Order

Laurel called the meeting to order at 5: 39

2. Land Acknowledgement

Laurel read the land acknowledgment.

3. Agenda Review

Laurel reviewed the agenda

4. Approval of 8/9/2023 ASAC Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved with correction of the spelling of Xcel.

5. Public Comment/Review

Ginny Sednek: just learned of our meeting and wanted to attend to find what we are working on. She is particularly interested in composting and food waste issues. Randy updated her on the situation with the city. Republic services are interested in having a transfer station or actual composting site on land in Jeffco, which could be an opportunity when we redo our trash contract.

Two other community members were in attendance but did not provide public comment.

6. Old Business/General Business:

- Updates from Staff Liaison:

Nalini updated:

1. Arvada Days ASAC tabling - A lot of energy conservation kits were distributed. We need more Arvada specific info the next time we do something like this.
2. Recycling tour, will be another one before the end of the year. Randy will help arrange a tour in Boulder.
3. Applications with TASP
4. Feedback - limit to zero waste plan and don't combine with other city asks.
5. Contamination and recycling the biggest issues with residents at community events.
6. 5-6 member terms end this year. Members will receive updates later this month.
7. We want to promote electronics recycling. Is there a way to fund this at all? Nalini thinks so, from our sustainability budget – we could maybe do our own event, or coordinate with Sustainability. Maybe have vouchers for low income residents? Alex suggested boxes we could distribute for small electronics items. Saturday, Nov 4, 11, and 18, from 9 to 2, and M-F Nov. 6-17, 9-2, are leaf drop events if we want to piggy back on them. Office Depot has boxes people can fill out and return to them. We should have an education component. Iris volunteered to assist with developing communication material. It was agreed to do tabling at the trick or treat event which is Halloween night to educate the community. We will partner with Sustainability and check what material they have on electronics recycling for us to share with attendees. We are looking for a business we can table in front of, and will check with the Chamber or BID.

- General Updates from Committee members

1. Dar Lon reported his company is trying to speed up the geothermal drilling process, and looking to do training. They will be partnering with Safe and Healthy Colorado with retraining for geothermal drilling. May be a ballot issue in 2024 if they can get enough signatures. Colorado Energy office supportive but hasn't had time to be very helpful yet.
2. Alex is attending conferences focused on utilities and will bring updates. He commented that the project approved Monday night at council has 10 EV spaces.

- Updates from Council Liaison

Randy reported that budget will be done soon. Belt tightening will be required. Will not have much in the way of one time funds this coming year. He asked Nalini about bag fee funds – waiting for next quarter results. Climate Action plan will hopefully be supported by the new council. Are we waiting until next year to see if we can do more re: xeriscaping with resource central? How will it be developed? Nalini reported there is uncertainty since the city's utility manager left.

Laurel mentioned that there is an Olde Town reinvestment plan including one way traffic in Olde town. Randy believes the council decided against it. Laurel was surprised it is in the plan, but the plan hasn't been finalized by Council yet.

7. Subcommittees: Energy, waste, natural climate solutions

Laurel opened the discussion on possible committees. Committees would have time to check into what other communities are doing. Randy suggested adding outreach to businesses as another focus area. (Side note: Partners in Energy will be going to business forum in Nov.) Other thoughts – transportation, air quality, food and agriculture. Should there be a subcommittee specifically related to Climate Action Plan?? Consensus was to wait on that. Communication? We should keep topics pretty general, make sure we have critical mass on each committee, and be flexible. Can we align subcommittees with

the City's strategic plan? Do we need a committee for events? No – should align events with appropriate committee. Business relationships and Economic devt? No, that needs to encompass all committees. Laurel will send out a list of subcommittees for those who didn't sign up tonight.

8. Arvada Report sign-up

We need to figure out what topics will fit into the Arvada Report schedule that Nalini sent out. Do we actually write the articles? Yes, we will decide together on the topics, and then committee members or Nalini can write. First job is building an editorial calendar. The Dec-Jan issue needs a topic. How about electronic waste? Mindful consumption, smart holiday shopping, Smart Holidays! Iris and Kia will work on this.

Feb Mar topic – landscape planning? Transitioning economies? Can we find out what else the City will have in each Report. Wintertime energy savings, heating efficiency, EV's, Tax incentives and Subsidies?

9. New Business

10. Questions?

None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned