



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**

**May 8, 2024, 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

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

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### **Membership Attendance:**

|                                       |               |                                      |               |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Dar-Lon Chang, Chair                  | Term Exp 2026 | Krystle Morey                        | Term Exp 2026 |  |
| Kia Ruiz, Vice Chair                  | Term Exp 2027 | Laurel Mattrey                       | Term Exp 2026 |  |
| Harriet Hall, Secretary               | Term Exp 2027 | Mark Jelinske                        | Term Exp 2027 |  |
| Aaron Coffeen                         | Term Exp 2026 | Michelle Martin                      | Term Exp 2027 |  |
| Alex Pray                             | Term Exp 2027 | Tara Kent                            | Term Exp 2025 |  |
| Emma Boff                             | Term Exp 2027 | Vinny LaSalvia                       | Term Exp 2025 |  |
| Iris Horowitz                         | Term Exp 2025 | Rachael Smallwood                    | Term Exp 2025 |  |
| Nalini Margaitis (City Staff Liaison) |               | Randy Moorman (City Council Liaison) |               |  |

### **Summary**

*The conversation focused on sustainability and climate action initiatives in Arvada, with speakers emphasizing the importance of community engagement, interconnectedness, and setting emission reduction targets. They discussed various strategies for implementing sustainable solutions in building and community development, including energy efficiency, waste management, and organizing sustainability events. Speakers also highlighted the need for proper disposal of materials and education on sustainable practices in the Rocky Mountains.*

### **Action Items**

- Pursue synergies between ASAC and the city's sustainability contractor Lotus to develop a strong sustainability action plan.
- Investigate opportunities for the city of Arvada to invest in renewable energy infrastructure projects.
- Continue discussions on implementing a municipal composting program.
- Apply knowledge of sustainable building practices to influence Arvada's Climate Action Plan and building codes.

**5:30 p.m.**

### **Call to Order**

#### **Newly Elected ASAC Officer Introductions**

*The Staff liaison thanked Laurel Mattrey, Rachael Smallwood and Keegan Conley for serving as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary and welcomed new positions – Dar-Lon Chang (Chair), Kia Ruiz (Vice Chair) & Harriett Hall (Secretary).*

## **Land Acknowledgement**

### **5/8/2024 Agenda Review**

*Dar-Lon Chang called the meeting to order and read aloud the land acknowledgement, followed by a review of the agenda*

#### **5:50 p.m. Public Comment/Review**

*Public Comment was provided by Jim Morgan*

#### **5:45 p.m. Committee Introductions**

*Each committee member, staff liaison, and Council liaison introduced themselves & stated what they would like to see the committee do in the next year*

#### **6:00 p.m. Welcome New Members Meet and Greet**

*A social gathering to welcome the new ASAC members was convened*

#### **6:35 p.m. Presentation from ASAC Chair, Dar-Lon Chang**

*Dar-Lon Chang provided the committee members with a short visual presentation (see attached) that included his background and a focus on geo-thermal programs, including retrofits. Chang mentioned the HB-1370 will allow cities to provide a pilot program similar to the one offered by Xcel.*

#### **6:45 p.m. Old Business/General Business:**

*Updates from Staff Liaison*

*Alternative Earth Day for 2025*

*4/22 presentation to Council on Sustainability division updates including CASP*

*CASP focus group: encourage participation, 6/12 kickoff meeting (low on zero-waste folks)*

*Next business energy walk: 5/30 at 6510 Wadsworth at 10AM*

*Subcommittee for Arvada Report*

*Opportunity to offer e-cycling rebates with SustainAbility this year*

*Utility services manager discussed city waste & recycling program, including next bulky drop off event (June 8)*

*General Updates from Committee members*

*Neighborhood grants – add second shade structure in playground*

*Bills passed related to housing and transportation (opportunity to collaborate with other city committees)*

*Curbside bulky item pickup – opportunity to reduce landfilled items*

*ASAC nametags to have at future events*

*Updates from Council Liaison*

*Rocky Flat Stewardship Council discussion to change Council (second conversation on 6/3)*

*Requests: 1) Ahead of Council workshop on waste-hauling opt-out fee, can ASAC provide an update with current service fees from other service providers (Waste Management, Crushr, Waste Connections)*

*2) Updated Strategic Plan will be voted on during 5/20 business meeting – adding a clause that “ensures the long-term economic vitality and competitiveness through the implementation of climate mitigation and resiliency strategies” – how do we attract businesses? (what can the city do to help new businesses that want to move to community to achieve sustainability goals – infrastructure, microgrids, etc). Council has questions on what is a microgrid. Request from ASAC to provide public comment/to testify on*

*technical education on items such as a microgrid, reducing microclimate temperatures through tree planting, and other details.*

**7:15 p.m.      Engagement Opportunities**  
*Tabled due to time*

**7:30 p.m.      Adjournment**  
**Dar-Lon Chang adjourned the meeting**