



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

February 12, 2025, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Hybrid meeting: City Hall, 3rd Floor CCR Room/Zoom Meeting [here](#)

Assigned Minutes Recorder: Harriet Hall

Membership Attendance:

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

5:30 p.m. Call to Order: Dar-Lon called the meeting to order at **5:32**
He read the Land Acknowledgement.
January 2025 Minutes were approved Unanimously.

5:35 p.m. Public Comment
Kristie, a paralegal student, was in attendance.
Cliff is here because he is interested.

5:40 p.m. Old Business/General Business **Updates from Committee members**

Aaron updated about his new company, *Build the Green Tax Consulting*.

Mark updated that he is taking a sabbatical for the next 6 months or so. He will do more community stuff, maybe for us.

Tara will be moving to Wisconsin. April will be her last meeting.

Alex asked a follow up question about the building code update. He would like to see the agenda for the next meeting of the committee. He also said the city is certified as a bike friendly committee. There may be a role for our committee on that; we may get a presentation in the future on this.

Emma was welcomed back.

Dar Lon and Kia heard from a documentary maker about how students can make a difference with school boards. An important take-away: Jeffco school board is

updating their policies and wants a public comment in April about what should be in their updates. Public comments by students would be good. Megan Teagarden is the new sustainability coordinator for the school district. She emphasized that the school board is very interested in the sustainability policy rewrite.

Updates from Council Liaison –

Randy updated that there will be a ribbon cutting shortly after 11. Please arrive at 11. Search for city manager is restarted. Council meetings will be Tuesday nights starting in March. Council is interviewing candidates for ASAC so please send suggested questions to Randy.

Updates from Staff Liaison –

Nalini said the action plan is moving along with strategy modeling and a one week turnaround to get back in March. Draft will be sent to city team on 3/31 with edits requested by 4/4. The final plan is due to CDPHE on 4/15. The plan will be presented at the May ASAC meeting. CASP being vetted in house to city staff. There will be one more session with staff, and then in April there will be the initial presentation to City Council with a possible Council resolution in May, though could be extended by a couple of weeks into June 3.

Infrastructure plan – The city will be aligning public works and infrastructure.

6:00 p.m.

A Glance at the CASP: Where we are now and next steps

A quick overview of CASP was presented. The roadmap is a key area. The climate equity tool kit will be integrated into the plan, included as an appendix. It is part of the CASP but will also be part of other aspects of city work.

Green house gas reduction and Jeffco action plan – we should be at 25% reduction given numbers in the plan, but there is no incentive there so recommend changing to 32%? Group was more comfortable increasing to 30% and 60%. Tara moved we set goal for 30, Kia seconded. It passed unanimously. Attracting more businesses to Arvada is a key goal for the city that we are aligned with. Why are our targets lower than the county? Should we increase the 60%? If we have a similar trajectory that should be ok, and we can demonstrate that with a new graph. Randy asked should we also analyze consumptive based emissions??

Certain strategies were updated and discussed. Greenhouse gas reduction from our strategies are pretty low – is this a potential criticism?

Document will be shared after this meeting. Input can be commented by editing into the document. Not clear when general public will have access. Exec summary may be distributed first.

6:30 p.m.

An Overview of EPR with Councilor Moorman

Randy presented on Extended Producer Responsibility (PP shared same evening of presentation). There are six goals including free recycling for all and

simplified statewide guidelines. Our current recycling rate is less than half the national average. It is a global issue for most large companies. A broad coalition led to success in passage of legislation at state level that will develop a statewide recycling system, funded and managed by producers, with oversight and advisory responsibility. Payments from producers will come either to Arvada or to Republic – reimbursement for 100% of recycling costs. Producers pay less if they use less packaging. There is an exemption for small companies. Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) is a non-profit organization. There can be more than one after 2029. The CDPHE website has information about what it costs producers. No evidence it is passed on to consumers. There will be an advisory board of 13 members. In the fall there will be a public comment period for the plan. The program will launch in 2026. This program should stop tons from going to landfills, expand recycling, and boost our recycling rate. See PowerPoint for other details

Q: How did they get business community behind it? Many large companies trying to be more green and have set high goals for themselves.

Q: How does availability of recycling industry play into this? Recycling programs are looking to expand local markets and building of many more recycling plants. Ecocycle, for example, is not operating at full capacity. Other expansion underway.

Q: Is there a list of state mandated recyclables?

Q: How will this address Arvada HOAs?? Are there other Arvada specifics? City and PRO will negotiate with hauler and will be in the contract. PRO must figure it out. All details not worked out yet.

Q: Are the five states who are doing this enough critical mass? Yes. California – big state - is one of them!

The city team is looking at a number of issues with council related to the hauler contract and will keep us posted.

7:00 p.m. Finalize Winterfest Activities and Volunteers

Nalini gave an update on Winterfest. Be there by 11 for Randy's presentation. No table for ASAC so we don't need to be there the whole time. There will be a photo op. Randy will do the ribbon cutting. Festivals committee looking for volunteers, particularly for the afternoon shift.

The City has had discussions with the BID about recycling. There is interest for them to have their own recycling area. Might they also do community education? Members of ASAC could do outreach with businesses.

Next month we will have a presentation from CC4CA.

Can we put subcommittees on agenda for next month? Yes.

7:30 p.m. Adjournment