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**Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee (ASAC) Agenda**

**May 14, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

Hybrid meeting: City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor CCR Room/Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 858 7608 4610

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Assigned Minutes Recorder: *Arvada team members Kellee VanBrugen and Jacqueline Rhoades*

**Membership Attendance:**

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|--|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| 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 | x |
| Alex Pray  | Term Exp 2027 | x | Tara Kent                            | Term Exp 2025 |   |
| Emma Boff  | Term Exp 2027 |   | Rachael Smallwood                    | Term Exp 2028 | x |
| Haley Hall   | Term Exp 2028 | x | Marissa LaPorta                      | Term Exp 2028 | x |
| Kristin Klipka   | Term Exp 2028 | x |                                      |               |   |
|  |               |   |                                      |               |   |
| Eric Lewin (City Staff Liaison)  |               |   |                                      |               |   |
| Jaqueline Rhodes (City Staff Liaison)  |               | x | Randy Moorman (City Council Liaison) |               |   |
| Arvada Team Guests: Debby Baumgartner, Kellee Van Brugen, and Aislinn Droski |               | x |                                      |               |   |

**5:30 p.m. Call to Order at 5:33**

**Land Acknowledgement**

*Approval of April 2025 Minutes*

- Alex Pray moved to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. Michelle Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**5:35 p.m. Public Comment**

- None

## 5:40 p.m. Old Business/General Business

### Updates from Committee members

- Kia asked about Sustainability Front Range Quarterly Meeting attendance.
  - Kia is attending tomorrow
  - The invitation was shared in the past to the committee, and Kia and Dar-Lon also shared the email invitation.
- Mark Jelinske asked about the status of building code updates and how to get the committee involved with the [Building Code Advisory Board](#).
  - The Community Economic Development (CED) Department has been requested to attend a future meeting to provide information on the process and discuss the best way to stay informed.
- A discussion was held about the intersection of interests between other committees and how to stay informed about the work of other groups. With the new committee members, an item to review the roles and committee charter was suggested, as well as a plan to share information across committees

### Updates from Council Liaison

- City Manager selection of Don Wick, effective **May 17, 2025**

### Updates from Staff Liaison

- Reminder to join and support at the May 20, 2025 Business Meeting Recognition of Tara Kent for years of service.
- The May 13, 2025 Waste Hauling Program Council Workshop was no longer needed based on the direction received at the [April 22, 2025 Council Workshop](#). Next steps are for the updated rates/fees and Republic contract renewal to be adopted by the Council at the June 3, 2025 Business Meeting.
- 4/26, 6/7, and 8/16 Bulky Item Drop Off Events
  - <https://www.arvadaco.gov/728/Bulky-Item-Events>
  - The 4/26 bulky item cleanup event was a tremendous success, with an outstanding turnout of 1,775 vehicles. A total of 164.34 tons of materials were collected, utilizing 107 30-yard roll-off containers. In addition, 568 mattresses were collected and will be recycled into carpet padding. This achievement was made possible thanks to the dedicated teamwork between Republic Services and the City of Arvada. Community response on social media has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the effectiveness and organization of the event.
  - Alex Pray: Question around how we calculate the diversion rate.
    - Follow up for Debby to check on the diversion rate and if the bulky item drop off tonnage is included in the overall rate

### New Committee Members Introduction

- Round robin of introductions and what brings them to the committee.

**6:15 p.m. Guest Speaker – [Waste Diversion Action Plan](#) Sara Nichols, Caryanne Mansell, Audrey Wheeler- RRS**

- Baseline assessment looked at general metrics, what's been going well, and what elements of waste diversion are already in place. Staff workshops were held to identify and refine recommendations.
- Identified key recommendations as a potential starting point for the city's waste diversion program.
  - Increase single hauler participation
  - Require 'pay-as-you-throw' for all haulers
  - Add curbside seasonal yard waste collection
  - Support multifamily and commercial recycling
- Key recommendations fall within a short- to mid-term implementation range (short 1-2 years; mid 3-5 years).
- Ongoing strategies are listed that would help fill the gaps that were identified.

**Q&A:**

- What should be the goal to aim for participation with a single-hauler?
  - Audrey to look into what some comparative rates are, if available.
- What could the diversion rate look like if curbside composting would be available?
- What's the big difference between the diversion rates nationwide (32%) in comparison with the City of Arvada (17%)?
- Do we have any data on recycling contamination and if that is a factor in reducing diversion rates?
- Do we know the percentage of waste stream of single-family vs. multifamily vs. construction and demolition? Is seasonal yard waste a small percentage based on the graph?
- Does Arvada require/offer recycling for all residents through all haulers?
  - Yes
- Is there a cost to the consumer metric in these strategies?
- When measuring participation, is this increasing with residents moving in?
  - Please see the annual waste hauling report quick linked at <https://www.arvadaco.gov/715/Recycling-Trash>
  - [April 22, 2025 Waste Hauling Program Workshop](#)
- How does this information get incorporated into the Climate Action and Sustainability Plan?

Next tangible steps: Get on City Council Workshop Agenda and work elements into the Climate Action and Sustainability Plan

**6:45 p.m. CASP Update**

- [Update presentation](#) was provided by Arvada Transportation Planner Aislinn Droski
- [Comment log](#) was developed that reviews each comment and addresses it through a response from the City team.

- Streamlining the plan to provide an ease of access for the users and viewers of the document. Introduction of graphics embedded in the goals. Important information is moved to the beginning of the document.
- Next steps for staff: reorganization of strategies, reevaluation of prioritization metrics; creating accountability action and schedule. Once this has been completed, staff will bring it back to the ASAC for review.

#### Q&A

- Likes the direction of the plan. Would like to highlight the elements people would like to see but how do we elevate to bigger strategies?
- Likes the flow and makes sense to follow.
- Strategic decision that makes sense in a city structure but that may create a dissonance in what the public may understand. Those five categories may not be the best way to communicate those goals.

#### **7:15 p.m. Senior Sustainability Coordinator**

The job has been posted for about 1 ½ weeks and closes this Friday. Currently have over 40 applicants. A typical process is to do a screening to a smaller group of individuals. Panel process for interviews. No schedule set for interviews but we try to have those set within a few weeks of closing. Let Jacqueline know by Friday 5/16, if there is interest in sitting on a panel.

If there are questions that the committee would like to have asked during the interview or elements that the committee is interested in:

- A stronger technical background may be helpful.
- Education, community education is a strong need.

Send any feedback on questions to Jacqueline by Friday.

#### **7:30 p.m. Adjournment - 7:38**