



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

March 12, 2025, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

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

Assigned Minutes Recorder: Emma Boff

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		Michelle Martin	Term Exp 2027	x
Alex Pray	Term Exp 2027	x	Tara Kent	Term Exp 2025	x
Emma Boff	Term Exp 2027	x	Rachael Smallwood	Term Exp 2025	x
Nalini Margaitis (City Staff Liaison)			Randy Moorman (City Council Liaison)		

Public Attendance:

- Muriah Summer

5:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of February 2025 Minutes - Will approve at the next meeting

5:35 p.m. Public Comment

- **Muriah Summer** - Grad student with CU Boulder. Writing a paper on local government and here to observe.

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

- Updates from Committee members
 - Kia and Tara will work on a subcommittee effort
 - Tara is leaving in May so meeting will need to happen soon
 - Will attempt to meet in a public area or maybe Tara's yard
 - Would also like to discuss policy changes such as curbside composting
 - Maybe we could tie in with Climate Action Plan?
 - Nalini can also help get a Cit Hall conference room booked
 - Dar Long asked Laurel to potentially lead a subcommittee into best practices for public bins

- City Team is also leading this, so ASAC probably doesn't need to do this quite yet
- City has found about 50-50 rate of bins that were actually able to be recycled
- City events may need some education help
- Better labeling/signage may be needed
- Old town reinvestment plan - there are different types of products that the City is looking at investing in to create better behaviors
- High contamination was mainly in the main square of WinterFest
- WinterFest
 - Successful event and a great excuse to get people outside!
 - Large ASAC turn out for the recycling bin ribbon cutting
 - Weather was awesome
 - We got lots of positive feedback!
 - Sounds like at the end of winterfest the trash barrels were overflowing so then people started placing their rubbish in the recycling bin
- Front Range Sustainability
 - Kia and Krystle were able to go to the recent quarterly meeting for all the local agencies with a sustainability component
 - We should really have a representative going to this regularly
 - Really helpful to hear from other communities to hear what other groups were doing to leverage their sustainability based groups
- Jeffco Parent Actions
 - 3 students/parents requested comment bonanza
 - Need for an updated policy from the board
 - Megan Teagarden - asked for a pause on the April 10th public comment because she wants to make better game plan
 - She wants to focus on talking with students to figure out next steps to become more specific for jeffco schools
 - Concerned about how conservative some of the leadership within JeffCo to take the proper actions to make a meaningful plan
 - March 17th - meeting with students to figure out how to get more students get involved
 - board's largest complaint is that they are hearing mainly from parents, but not many students.
- Jeffco Building Subcommittee
 - Jeffco Staff Jessica Hymer (spelling) - pilot project to retrofit about 14 homes in their pilot community. Looking to expand to two more communities. Want to develop a tool kit for other groups to adapt to do similar winterization efforts on homes that consume a lot of energy.
 - Learning curve for workforce to provide support on mobile homes
- Climate Lobby Day - 350 Colorado Sponsored
 - Lisa Feret and Lindsay Daughtery
 - Food waste reduction bill

- Dar Long pointed out that 1369 House Bill - Building decarbonization enterprise to motivate building owners to meet the 50000SFT and above policies. Want this effort funded by \$400/building.
 - Bill for warning label at the gas station so that people think of the effects of fossil fuels
 - Another Bill 1040 - Nuclear energy to be classified as clean energy. Nuclear is allowed in Colorado, but if it's classified as clean energy it would pull funds away from other true clean energies
- Alex prepared a document with public comments so that we can make sure to prevent redundancy and maximize public comments
- Arvada Building Board Meeting in March was cancelled. Is there any update?
 - No one here has any update
- Suggested sub committee by Krystle:
 - A sub committee that better tracks what efforts/developments are going on across the City
- Updates from Council Liaison
 - Randy is at a conference in DC
- Updates from Staff Liaison
 - Nalini shared drafted of [Climate Action Plan](#) last meeting.
 - Can send out a new link of the Climate Action Plan because City Staff have made several updates/edits
 - [Would like comments from ASAC by 3/26/25](#) (added to action item list) of the updated
 - Nalini presented at the transportation committee (TAC)
 - Councilman Fifer suggested that we reach out to all of the committees since we will likely be asked if other groups had been able to review it
 - Workshop on solid waste at the last city council meeting
 - Team is trying to get out in front of council early to preview the amendment for the waste program
 - Wanted direction from council on minimum opt out fee
 - Presentation on metrics and gave options to council to:
 - Increase opt out fee
 - Remain the same
 - Eliminate opt out fee
 - Seems like council is leaning towards keeping the fee where it is at
 - Followed up on options for compost
 - Leveraging renewals with republic
 - Bringing in a new hauler
 - April 22nd and May 13 - receiving feedback from city council on what they want to see in the amendment contractor with Republic
 - Waste Diversion Action Plan Focuses on:
 - Requiring pay as
 - Increasing participation
 - Piloting organic curbside
 - Education
 - Expanding recycling in public spaces

- 5/14/25 - new members are joining us! Will have snacks.
- No Majestic Views earth day event
- 4/15 - City Approclimation for Earth Day 6:00pm
 - Looking for ASAC members to participate
- Scope of work to write a plan on how the city can make decision on what can pursue full envision certification or not
 - Envision is kind of like LEED but for heavy civil construction projects

6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker – Jacob Smith

Executive Director of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)

- Staff composed of many previously elected officials or city employees
- Want stronger policy at the state level that took into account of what local agencies want
- Band together a bunch of jurisdictions to have a stronger voice
- Almost a third of the state population is represented in this group
- Similar to a CML (Colorado Municipal League)
- Have been able to collectively amplify community voices
- Focused on emerging technologies at this policy level over the last year (ex geothermal or carbon capture)
- Looking at what the latest science at the level of state of Colorado
- Resources - Put together material for local governments. Ex: recycling info graphic
- Arvada is not currently a member, but they would be supportive and happy to have us!
- Minimum requirement
 - Someone appointed to board
 - Can be anyone in the organization (aka doesn't have to be an elected official)
 - appointed person has to participate with board meetings
 - Update policy statement
 - Yearly Membership due is by population - \$15450 would be roughly what Arvada would owe
 - Also have different level of membership based on how much you really want
 - Happy to help in anyway if this membership is something ASAC would like to request the city to pursue
 - Jacob did suggest putting getting involved at a state policy level as part of their sustainability plan
- Questions
 - What is City's involvement in other advocacy groups
 - Nalini will have to get back to us on this, but the City has worked with lobbyists.
- Group's after presentation thoughts:
 - Is dollar amount reasonable
 - Could be feasible just fine, but would need council's support
 - What other entities does Arvada belong to and what is our commitment to those?
 - Difference of DRCOG versus this group
 - Cost benefit analysis of this (aka if we did this in house vs paying to be apart of)
 - Do we already have lobbyists working on these efforts?

- Recognize any duplications
- Get Councilman Moorman's thoughts on joining

7:00 p.m. CASP Feedback and Review

- Waiting for draft presentation on modeling
- Mention more on the conversion to natural grasses that have already started
- TAC feed back - congestion
- Written broadly, but if there is a place where we can add more detail to make an effort more clear then please provide those comments

7:30 p.m. Adjournment

Action Items

- ASAC members **review the updated/revised Climate Action Plan by March 26th, 2025**
 - The old link should get you to the new updates. Here is the [link](#).