



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

June 11, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://arvadaco-gov.zoom.us/j/84111044361?pwd=bQpXO8V7weq7p2HroSnKzEAEPHs3FY.1>

Assigned Minutes Recorder: Jacqueline Rhoades

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	Rachael Smallwood	Term Exp 2028	
Emma Boff	Term Exp 2027	x	Marissa LaPorta	Term Exp 2028	x
Haley Hall	Term Exp 2028	x			
Kristin Klipka	Term Exp 2028	x			
Eric Lewin (City Staff Liaison)		x			
Jaqueline Rhodes (City Staff Liaison)		x	Randy Moorman (City Council Liaison)		
Arvada Team Guests: Bethany Kolb					

5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of [March 2025](#) and [May 2025](#) Minutes

Call to order at 5:34

No discussion for March Minutes

2nd harriet

May minutes

No discussion for March

2nd harriet

5:35 p.m. Public Comment

Mariah Summer - passed assignment, thank you to Dar Lon

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

- Updates from Committee members
 - Mark Jelinske shared that he will have schedule conflicts with ASAC meetings Aug - Nov and will not be able to attend
 - Kia shared Tara's Reflections
 - Memorable items
 - Waste Hauling Reform
 - Sustainability Coordinator position
 - Ford and Moorman as members and then councilmembers
 - Sustain Arvada 2015 festival
 - Aspirational items
 - Curbside composting
 - Capstone projects by students
 - Students on the committee
 - active subcommittees
 - Edible forests or forest gardens in city parks
 - Community garden plots
 - Practice what we preach - classes for residents, rain gardens
 - Longmont Sustainability Efforts and Front Range Sustainability Committee Meeting- Can Arvada Host the Next Meeting?
 - Can Arvada host 25-40 people for an upcoming meeting? Mid-September is the next scheduled meeting. We would need to schedule this separately from ASAC.
 - Committee support was expressed, no opposition, and ASAC recommended the City team move forward.
 - Desire to learn from other cities on the development and implementation of CASPs
 - Spotlight on what's happening in Arvada (e.g., Better Buildings Challenge, native grasses conversion).
 - City staff need to confirm the budget, location, and posting/advertising of the meeting.
 - Westminster hosted at butterfly gardens and shared community-based solutions, projects, and Stakeholder engagement.
 - Longmont hosted most recently and shared sixteen hires examples (bag tax paid for one FTE)
 - Boulder also hosts meetings
 - Desire for a unified front-range approach to collectively
 - Neighborhood Leaders Meeting
 - Neighborhood Grants Program

- Interest from some Neighborhood Leaders groups in sustainability items for neighborhood grants.
 - Could a subcommittee focused on outreach connect with Brady regarding the Neighborhood Leaders Group?
 - How do the Neighborhood Grants work?
 - Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - A few ASAC members attended. Alex shared the benefits of connecting with other City groups and committees—namely, increased awareness of the overlap in interests.
 - Trucker hats were given. Dar-Lon can get more.
 - [Adopt a Trail](#) and [Adopt a Street](#) opportunities were discussed
 - Potluck is typically in August. There is an Aug 13 meeting, and is there interest in hosting the potluck?
 - What about CC4CA (Colorado Communities for Climate Action) See the March presentation. Key questions were asked about whether the city lobbyists were advocating for environmental and climate policies. Previous concerns were about the \$15,450 membership fees and how to fund, especially in the context of financing the CASP. What is the strategy around
 - Funding and Budget questions
 - How to fund the CASP recommendations
- Updates from Council Liaison
 - Randy is on a trip to Ireland and Scotland with his church choir; no updates are available to share with the committee.
- Updates from Staff Liaison
 - Gross Reservoir Expansion Project Update -[need to add background on the project and what it means for the city] Construction Update: On May 29, 2025, the federal judge presiding over the Gross Reservoir case vacated the injunction prohibiting construction from moving forward. In other words, construction is moving forward. Denver Water’s latest official statement is posted on their [website](#), which expresses the importance of the project and how Denver Water is still in the process of appealing with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and will continue working with the court to resolve remaining issues and address the rest of the judge’s April 3 ruling. Construction continues to complete the project by July 16, 2027. This date is a legally mandated deadline set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. According to the 2024 progress report, in May 2024, the first cubic yard of roller-compacted concrete was placed. This was 21 years in the making and required over two years of site preparation work to get to that point. Once started, RCC was placed day and night for nearly six months, completing the first 269 feet of the 471-foot-tall dam, which will be 131 feet higher than the existing dam.
 - WDAP Council Workshop
 - July 15 or August 12

- C3 light touch grant proposal for the Workshop, and with Council direction, possible support for advancing one of the top recommendations
- Bulky Item Drop Off Event April Data Update
 - 1775 Vehicles
 - 106 30 yrd Roll Offs
 - 164.34 Tons collected
 - 568 mattresses collected
- Bulky Item June Data
 - More than 50 team members worked
 - 1420 vehicles
- Next Bulky Item August 16th
 - Bulky item events are included in the City diversion calculations (mattress recycling is not)
 - What about where the stuff goes? Staff will follow up on this.
 - Harriet shared an experience using Graceful Home, a non-profit that will collect furniture/bulky items and load up a \$250 donation + value on donated items.
 - What about items that may be in usable condition to avoid landfill? Can a donation section be
- Arvada Aquatics Center received LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

6:15 p.m. **Guest Speaker** – Bethany Kolb- Envision Sustainability Efforts [link for my presentation for ASAC tonight](#)

Examples of envision projects in CO?
 Engr standards updates - opportunity for ASAC to share the value of this (e.g. stormwater updates)

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

- **Document Enhancements & Readability**

- A more common language makes the document easier to read.
- The ASAC comment log has been incorporated into the new draft.
- Overall, the draft document has been streamlined with fewer, more focused content sections.

- **Key Content & Goal Updates**

- The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction target has been revised: previously, "24% by 2030 and 70% by 2050," it is now "30% by 2030 and 60% by 2050."

- Please note that the priority metrics are currently missing; we have meetings scheduled for the next two weeks to reevaluate strategies and their priority scores with our internal teams.

- **Upcoming Review & Timeline**

- We will share the latest version of the CASP with ASAC after the meeting to provide ample time for review.
- The plan is currently scheduled to be presented to the City Council on August 12th. However, this may be pushed back to September to allow more time for ASAC comments on the newest version and input from the new Sustainability Coordinator hire.

7:15 p.m. Senior Sustainability Coordinator

- There were over 50 applicants, nine phone interviews, and five in-person interviews scheduled for June 17th.
- The committee is interested in having applicants review the draft CASP before accepting the position.
- A balance of technical and policy experience is desired.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27

7:30 p.m.