

Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee (ASAC) Minutes

February 11, 2026, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

Name, Role	Term Exp	Attendance	Name, Role	Term Exp	Attendance
ASAC Member Attendance:					
Alex Pray, Chair	2027	X	Kia Ruiz	2027	X
Dar-Lon Chang, Vice Chair	2026	X	Krystle Morey, Member	2026	V
Kristin Klipka, Secretary	2028	X	Laurel Mattrey, Member	2026	X
Aaron Coffeen, Member	2026	V	Mark Jelinske, Member	2027	X
Emma Boff, Member	2027	X	Michelle Martin, Member	2027	V
Haley Hall, Member	2028	V	Rachael Smallwood, Member	2028	A
Harriet Hall, Member	2027	X	Marissa LaPorta, Member	2028	V
Arvada Team:			Guests:		
Randy Moorman, Council Liaison		X			
Steven Russell, Staff Liaison		X			
Eric Lewin, Staff Liaison		V			
Jaqueline Rhoades, Staff Liaison		A			

X = Present, in person | V = Virtual participant | A = Absent

Action items

- All Members: review spreadsheet and sign up for topics/dates you can cover for Council public comment LINK:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qd5mh_WxWniubC1vj6P1WYYPRGht2mZsl9Gg7b1GXn8/edit?usp=sharing

Minutes

5:30 p.m. Convene

- Convened at 5:32
- Land Acknowledgement
- *Approval of January minutes, pending Steven edit naming Alex Pray as responsible party for finalizing ASAC LOS*
 - Kia motioned, Dar-Lon seconded; passed unanimously by voice vote

5:35 p.m. Public Comment (3 min/ speaker)

- Grant Walker:
 - Arvada resident

- Attended 2/10 CASAP council workshop; Positive experience overall
- Felt Council was impressed and ready to approve, but looking for some sharpening of language
- Multiple Councilmembers emphasized appealing to the “local guy’s pocketbook”;
 - That might be a little problematic because CASAP is not aimed at the resident’s pocketbook, it’s aimed at City pocketbook. If you consider this will reduce energy costs, etc. for the city, that should eventually decrease taxes, etc. for the local folks–Make it relevant
- Council recommended a statistically representative survey; this would be problematic– you have to be careful what you’re asking for, bc something like this could open to all sorts of criticism
- Karen Miller,
 - Parks Advisory Committee member
 - Commended us for our work last night
 - Will report back to the PAC with whatever ASAC would like to report
 - Sees a possibility for ASAC and parks committee to collaborate
 - Would be interested in having ASAC present at meetings
 - ASAC would appreciate public comment in support of the CASAP in next CC workshop

5:50 p.m. General Business

- Updates from Committee members
 - Mark presentation on commercial building decarbonization
 - Attended building decarb tour for stakeholders; involved legislators, policymakers, CO Energy Office, City/County Denver
 - Multiple facilities featured
 - Fort Collins feature:
 - High pressure electric steam generator/heat pump;
 - A big challenge in decarb is making high temp heat for industry ; Some industries just req high pressure steam
 - Device is very beta, but tech is there for this
 - Northglenn city hall feature
 - Bought some offsets
 - High energy use index
 - There are cities like Arvada doing net zero work
 - Denver Housing Authority “Krisana” facility feature
 - Facility going all-electric
 - Challenge is maintaining reasonable utility costs
 - Xcel downtown chill water plant feature
 - Sends chilled water to buildings downtown thru underground pipes, downtown steam loop
 - Want to replace with various district energy solutions
 - Building is chilled via water storage tank
 - Alternative setup:
 - Area of service by connected network of piping aka “ambient loop”

- If there's a data center generating heat, can share that heat with rest of network when they need heat; heat transfer approach
 - Thermal energy networks trying to be a part of Ball Arena project
 - Denver's entry to HB24-1370
 - Also considering heat transfer from Hite river treatment plant
 - Overall message: things are happening, collab between entities and utilities and engineering companies
 - Kia: was there any emphasis on working with stormwater systems? EPA emphasis on facilities throughout City
 - Mark: not covered in this, but part of the picture
 - Kia: wastewater systems get clogged, how does that maintenance relate to the system?
 - Mark: not related, it's about pulling heat out of effluent
 - Denver is obligated to cool water before it returns to Platte river, so this is a win-win
 - Krystle
 - In the news: we're at record low snowpack across the state; Krystle put some fun graphs in the chat- link: <https://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/ftpref/support/states/CO/products/water-supply-reports/>
 - While this is a bit doom & gloom, community members often want to help out when there's drought
 - State is in the process of updating key guidelines re: water efficiency plan guidance
 - Recent legislation requires water supply element in Comp Plan, as well as water cons policies in the plan
 - Steven: this IS in our comp plan, but could be beefed up; offered to connect with staff/ requests resources if available
 - Krystle will share resource j
 - Kia: Organizing actions
 - Climate 350 on 3/7 <https://350colorado.org/climate-lobby-day-2024-2/>
 - Colorado Rising youth climate lobby on 2/20 <https://corfc.org/youth-rising/>
 - El movimiento on 2/23 [no link]
 - JeffCo Food Policy Council: did a training on conflict and negotiation in resource scarcity
 - Mile High farmers also had a "convening", theme around conflict, water availability, civil interaction
 - Alex: Any actions?
 - Kia: get on their email lists
 - Dar-Lon:
 - JeffCo sustainabilityCommission update
 - 3 priorities
 - 1. Regional composting: modular composting setup for serving small cities cost of \$100K

- Write-up in progress;
- Great data plan, willing to leverage current and new customers for data collection
- We will purchase some signup comps and pay 50% cost for 2 new dropoff locations
- Full customer service provided by Scraps
- Conduct waste audit events with public
- Offer perks like free compost for participation
- Asked us for promotion support, provide table for Scraps
- BPC update
 - Started working groups
 - Commercial and multifamily - Benchmarking to building performance standards
 - Residential - Transparency and “step-up” policies
 - Energy Code Adoption and Implementation Support
- Confirm WinterFest logistics
 - 2/28, 10-5; 2 shifts, 2 ppl min
 - Dar-Lon, Kia, Kristi; AP for backup
 - Offer to share table with Scraps
- CO WaterWise resources
 - 2026 Water Workforce Summit & Career Fair, 2/12-13, <https://coloradowaterwise.org/event-6507883>
 - Greywater Design and Installation Course, 3/6, Grand Junction <https://coloradowaterwise.org/event-6547911>
- EPR update
 - June finalize, July implementation
 - On track for this timeline
 - MSA review
 - WW Republic
 - E&O program; additional + state-wide outreach
- Tour potential alternate meeting spaces How does ASAC think about using PD substations?
 - This is liked by ASAC

6:45 p.m. New Business

- Debrief on CC workshop
 - Steven facilitated discussion using Miro board
 - Link to board: https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVGBofWe4=?share_link_id=303608559911
- Alex: Discussed strategy for ongoing outreach to Council
 - We have time to keep up the engagement, keep CASAP top of mind and consistent presence
 - Reinforce support
 - Do our best to have at least someone to talk about CASAP at each biz meeting
 - Use a soft approach; not a lot of convincing; “addressing misconceptions” could be offputting
 - We’re a group of experts, welcome to come to our meetings, reach out

- Kristi: Approach outreach with CC as a broader approach than just CASAP; what's our broader role, how can we partner with you,
 - Keep in mind council rules on public comment/ hearings ; some Councilmembers are worried about groups commandeering public comment
 - There's a diff bt being organized and monopolizing
 - Engaging others:
 - Ask community partners to talk about what matters to them/ their group, keep it authentic
 - Continue to encourage the networks you've connected with to talk about what sustainability means to them and why they want to talk about it
 - Kristi: bring neighbors/ friends with you to CC meetings for public comment
 - Kia: we can also organize groups to stand behind speakers
 - Don't feel pressured to talk about things outside your wheelhouse; keep it authentic and engage on topics that matter to you/where you have experience
 - Other thoughts on strategy:
 - Someone noted there was recently been a shift in CC members with has resulted in more support
 - Mark: do we have an opportunity to have back/forth and respond to questions
 - Steven advised using the right tone in approaching councilmembers
 - Alex: "correcting" Councilmembers could be off-putting
 - Mark: our sell here is that CASAP is a set of guidelines/options, not a commitment
 - We will conduct action planning for specifics
 - no mandates
 - Kia: who has existing relationships with Councilmembers? Leverage those where appropriate
 - Kristi: other strategy for consistent public comment
 - Harriet: note recognition, appreciating their thoughtful comments, etc.
 - Laurel: can we write a letter?
 - Alex: Start with thank you at next biz meeting, public comment
 - Kristi can reach out to Cmr Fiffer
- Important last order of business: snacks for next month
 - Emma volunteered

7:30 p.m. Adjourn

- Adjourned at 7:48