



APAC Mission

To advise and make informed recommendations to the Arvada City Council on both future and immediate park related projects, land acquisition, modifications to recreational facilities, park and trail development and redevelopment, capital funding issues, and other related issues.

(From Rules and Procedures Rev. Dec 2016, B1)

Arvada Parks Advisory Committee (APAC) Meeting Agenda

Date: Sep 9, 2026 , 6:30 PM

Location: In-person Meeting (Anne Campbell Room; link to Google Meet on [Park Advisory Committee | Arvada, CO](#))

Minutes Recorder: Stephanie Redding

Membership Attendance:

Member	Term Exp	Present	Member	Term Exp	Present
Ryan Stevenson [Staff]	n/a	☐	Sarah Ruen	2027	☐
Hannah Szakal [Chair]	2027	☐	Greg Miller	2027	☐
Abigail Griffith [Vice-Chair]	2027	☐	David Maxwell	2028	☐
Stephanie Redding [Secretary]	2029	☐	Nancy Rogers	2028	☐
John Casillas	2029	☐	David Yonkie	2028	☐
Karen Gerbatsch	2028	☐			
Karen Miller	2029	☐			

Agenda Items

1.0 Call to Order (2 Min)

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2.0 Public Comment (3 Min each)

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3.0 Approval of August Minutes (3 Min) [202608- August APAC Meeting Minutes](#)

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4.0 Speakers - Steve Gustafson, Parks Operations Manager and Joe Kunze, Manager of Golf Course Maintenance regarding Native Area Maintenance (45 minutes)

4.1 Maintenance expectations

4.2 Water use and drought management

4.3 Wildfire concerns

4.4 Tennyson Knolls native area condition APAC member observation

5.0 2026 APAC Goals (5 minutes)

5.1 2026 APAC Goals - Established January 2026

- 5.1.1. *Conduct one year end review by EOY 2026 through City Council workshop or other means regarding APAC work during 2026.*
- 5.1.2. *Identify areas where APAC can collaborate on city projects through enhancing communication and understanding of city requests and objectives.*
- 5.1.3. *Remain informed and advise on updates to the 2026 Arvada Parks, Trails, and Open Space and Lake Arbor master plans.*
- 5.1.4. *APAC members, either on their own or in a group, visit 4 parks throughout the year to give feedback regarding the park during the regularly scheduled APAC meetings.*
 - 5.1.4.1. [APAC Park Site Visit App](#)
 - 5.1.4.2. Park audit summary through August 31
 - 5.1.4.3. Recognition of surveyors

6.0 Sub-Committee Updates (15 min)

- 6.1 Volunteer and Community Outreach Subcommittee (5 Min)
- 6.2 Best Practices Subcommittee (5 Min)
- 6.3 Golf Subcommittee (5 min)

7.0 Updates/Good of the Order (anything new from members) (5-10 min)

- 7.1 City Council Workshop December 15, 2026 (Hannah Szakal)
- 7.2 Master Plan CAG Update (Abigail Griffith)

8.0 City Staff Updates (15 Min)

- 8.1 Water usage and drought conditions update
- 8.2 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan Update will occur in October.

9.0 Adjournment (1 min)

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