Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee
December 14, 2011
Arvada City Hall

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
   - Present: Councilmember Shelley Cook, Jessica Prosser, Doug Magee, Aaron Skoff, JacalynRaehl, Roy Caldwell, KevonStorie, Nancy Ford, Allen Best
   - Absent: Claire Burch

2. Approval of November 9, 2011 minutes
   - A few revisions were made to the minutes, and approved by ASAC

3. Review of Meeting Agenda: no revisions were made

4. Public Comment (on items not on the agenda)

   - No public was in attendance

5. Report from Staff / City Council Liaisons
   - Update on planning commission and city council review of zoning code amendments on urban agriculture: The Planning Commission will hear zoning code amendments in February; and City Council in March, in study sessions to review new amendments to the zoning code to allow for more urban agriculture within the city.
   - Summary of Dec. 9th Alliance Building tour: A few committee members that were able to attend the tour noted highlights of the tour, and a discussion followed about innovative ways that the Alliance Building was able to retrofit an older building in order to obtain L.E.E.D. certification status.
   - <u>Reminder</u>: All 2012 ASAC meetings in Anne Campbell Room
   - Upcoming events / activities, City Council meetings, tours :
   - There may be an opportunity for the ASAC to advise/advocate for the installation of composting toilets at Long Lake Ranch. Further research is needed to detail cost savings/environmental benefits of installation of composting toilet facilities versus regular bathroom facilities.
   - A new project in process is the development of a Sustainable Projects map, which will feature sustainable projects throughout Arvada. A draft map will be sent to ASAC members for feedback.

6. Unfinished Business
   - Sustain Arvada plan – Discuss revisions, approvals needed and next steps: A final draft must be done by January 9th, for submittal to City Council for adoption at its

meeting on February 13th, 2012. ASAC will formally adopt the Sustain Arvada (short) Plan at the January 11th, 2012 meeting.

7. New Business
   - Review of sustainability definition (by ASAC members) and mission statement for Sustain Arvada plan: The proposed definitions were reviewed, and committee decided (unofficially) to add a definition to the Sustain Arvada Plan such as: Honoring Arvada's rich heritage and preserving our resources to foster economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and community vitality today and into the future.
   - Updates by each committee member on focus areas of Sustain Arvada plan – presentation of action matrices, discussion of next steps: see below.

8. Reports from Committee Members
   i. Education- Education chair discussed plans to design a Facebook page for Sustain Arvada, and a goal to reach 1000 Arvada residents through Facebook by year end 2012. In addition, a goal to have a presence in each Arvada Report. Also, committee outreach through partnership with Arvada Festivals committee to be present at events beginning with the Kite Festival on April 14th, 2012.
   ii. Land Use- Several goals and background information were mentioned, including 1. Adopt ASHRAE Standard 189.1-2009, which has recently been adopted by City Council. 2. Expand bike routes and pedestrian trails. 3. Revive existing housing stock in 'blighted' neighborhoods to create desirable neighborhoods. 4. Adopt mixed use zoning code.
   iii. Waste- Increase opportunities to improve diversion rates by recycling and composting.

   - City Council will be asked to adopt the matrices on an annual basis.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
   - Continue discussions of matrices for Sustain Arvada action plan.
   - Formal adoption of Sustain Arvada Plan.

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. '

Respectfully submitted: JacalynRaehl, committee secretary