

Fountain Creek Watershed District Board
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2009

The meeting was held at:
City of Fountain, City Hall
116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor
Fountain, CO 80817

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Ken Sampley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance were the following designated members of the Fountain Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Rich Muzzy	PPACG
Jim Houlk	Thomas and Thomas
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County
Kim Headley	Pueblo County
Dennis Maroney	City of Pueblo
Ken Sampley	City of Colorado Springs

Also in attendance were: Dan Kogovsek, Cole Emmons, Chris Woodka, Carol Baker, Duane Greenwood, Kevin Houck, Gary Rapp, JB Johnson, Jim McGannon, Dave Smedsrud, Larry Patterson, Sean Frisch and Steve Brown.

2. Approve Agenda of July 29, 2009

An agenda item was added between item 6 and 7 regarding the Fountain Creek Watershed Policy Evaluation and Workshop

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the agenda for the July 29, 2009 meeting was approved with the additional agenda item.

3. Approve Minutes of July 14, 2009 TAC Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes for the July 14, 2009 TAC meeting were approved with the clarification under Item 6, second bullet that “linear feet” should be added after 625.

4. Review, Discussion and Recommendation to District Board concerning the following: Application by Becker-Johnson, Inc. on behalf of Patric J. and Christi A. Lehouillier for approval of an Overall Development Plan for Confluence Vista, located generally southwest of Old Pueblo Road and Valley Street, El Paso County Assessor Tax Schedule Nos. 56080-00-061 and 56080-00-062. 62 patio homes on 10.33 acres are proposed for development. A

portion of the project (bank stabilization) lies within the Fountain Creek Watershed District Corridor as defined in §§ 32-11.5-101, *et seq.*, and specifically at § 32-11.5-103(9)(a), C.R.S. This item was continued from the TAC's July 14, 2009 meeting for the Applicant to provide additional evidence to the TAC including compliance with the Strategic Plan for the Fountain Creek Watershed.

Information was passed out summarizing how the project was consistent with the Strategic Plan and Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study.

It was clarified that at the July 14, 2009 meeting the TAC made a recommendation to the Board regarding the Confluence Vista zoning request and at this meeting the TAC needs to make a recommendation regarding the overall development Plan.

Following a presentation by Mr. Johnson of Becker-Johnson, Inc., members discussed the Confluence Vista Project. The following points were made during the discussion:

- A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) was approved for the floodplain boundary change for Jimmy Camp Creek by FEMA;
- No decision has been made yet regarding where the trail should be located;
- Bank protection will just be along the east bank of Fountain Creek and would be owned and maintained by the City of Fountain;
- There will be no channel realignment; and
- The bank stabilization design needs to still go through the Corps of Engineers for a permit.

Following the discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Overall Development Plan for Confluence Vista be approved with the following items presented to the TAC in the future for review, approval and recommendations to the Governing Board:

- Final design of improvements, including bank stabilization and related infrastructure, within the 100 year floodplain of Fountain Creek;
- Detailed plans should be provided to address Strategic Plan issues associated with revegetation, invasive species management and noxious weed control;
- Plans shall accommodate regional trail corridors as appropriate; and
- Plans shall address visual impacts of the proposed retaining wall and screening between the development and creek/trail corridor.

5. Review of Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“FCWD”) enabling legislation specifically regarding the TAC. Determination of appropriate TAC membership by government agency representation and technical discipline, and recommendation by TAC to FCWD Governing Board on appointment of additional TAC members.

Members discussed how to make the TAC consistent with Exhibit B of the Fountain Creek Watershed IGA and with the goals and objectives expressed by the District Governing Board. Based on this discussion, the following changes to Exhibit B were recommended:

- Combine the two separate technical expert categories originally designated for “Recreation/Parks” and “Open Space” into one category -- “Recreation/Parks/Open Space”;

- Two representatives should be selected for the category designated as “Federal Regulations/Military Installations,” one to represent Fort Carson and one to represent the Air Force Bases in the watershed;
- Under the category “Others as determined by the Board,” two categories were added:
 - Regional Floodplain; and
 - Wastewater/Point Sources.

A total of sixteen positions were identified to serve on the TAC. The TAC considered and developed a slate of candidates that fills fifteen of the positions. No recommendation was made for the Lower Arkansas Representative to be selected by Pueblo County.

Following a discussion, upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following individuals were recommended to serve as TAC representatives:

(Note: Individuals that are highlighted in Bold were previously appointed by the Governing Board at its June 26, 2009 meeting to serve on the TAC. All new members recommended by the TAC to be added to the existing members are underlined).

Membership on the TAC should consist of the following:

- Six (6) technical representatives, one (1) from each of the cities and counties and the Lower Arkansas that are represented on the Board of Directors. Each representative will be selected by the member entity that they represent.
 - El Paso County – **Elaine Kleckner (EPC Planning Department)**
 - City of Colorado Springs – **Ken Sampley (CS Stormwater Enterprise)**
 - City of Fountain – Duane Greenwood (City of Fountain Public Works)
 - Pueblo County – **Kim Headley (Pueblo County Planning Dept)**
 - City of Pueblo – **Dennis Maroney (City of Pueblo Stormwater Dept)**
 - Lower Arkansas Rep selected by Pueblo County – No Recommendation
- Technical experts who represent specific subject areas. These subject area experts will be recommendations by the TAC to the Board who will have final approval of appointments. Technical expert categories to be drawn from are:
 - Agriculture – Greg Lander (Natural Resource Conservation Service)
 - Recreation/Parks/Open Space – **Jim Houk (Consultant)**
 - Water Quality – Nancy Keller (City of Pueblo Wastewater Department)
 - Ecosystem and Wetland Restoration/Preservation – Jim McGannon (Consultant)
 - Municipal Water – Carol Baker (Colorado Springs Utilities)
 - Watershed Perspective – **Rich Muzzy (PPACG)**
 - Federal Regulations/Military Installations
 - Fort Carson – Stephanie Carter (Fort Carson)
 - Air Force – Matt Lewis (U.S. Air Force Academy)
 - Others as determined by the Board
 - **Regional Floodplain – Tim Condit (Regional Building Dept.)**

- Wastewater/Point Sources – Jim Heckman (Fountain Sanitation District)

6. Review, Discussion and Recommendation to District Board Concerning the Following:

After discussion, it was the general consensus of the TAC members to prepare a recommended set of criteria and procedure for presentation to the Governing Board at a future meeting. It is anticipated that the regulations will require a public review process and official adoption by the Governing Board.

The TAC anticipates submittal of a recommendation at the September 25, 2009 Governing Board meeting.

7. Fountain Creek Watershed Policy Evaluation and Workshop

Members discussed possible funding of \$25,000 available from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to conduct a policy evaluation and workshop. A hard cash match would be required to obtain the funding from CWCB. Timing of the project was discussed and possible duplication of efforts with an evaluation being conducted the City of Colorado Springs regarding their stormwater criteria..

It was the general consensus of the TAC members to form a working group to discuss the project further and see how it could be coordinated with what the City of Colorado Springs is proposing.

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment:

Representatives of La Farge stated they were pleased with progress being made and expressed concerned that there needs to be professional staff to help out.

Carol Baker announced that she received \$80,000 from Colorado DOT and Colorado Water Conservation Board towards a fish ladder to be put in around Clear Springs Ranch.

10. Executive Session (If Required): None

11. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next TAC meeting would be at their regularly scheduled date and time on August 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Fountain City Hall. The following agenda items were identified for the next meeting: 1) Election of Officers now that TAC is fully formed; 2) Discussion and

Recommendation regarding LaFarge Quarry; 3) Establishment of criteria and procedures for evaluating future projects; and 4) Policy Evaluation and Workshop follow up discussion.

12. Adjourn