

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Citizens Advisory Group**

**Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2015**

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

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions

The January 16, 2015 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Ms. Irene Kornelly, Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chairperson
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary
Elaine Kleckner
Lois Illick
Allison Plute
Jordan Vana
Ross Vincent

CAG Members not present:

John Chavez – TAC Chair and Representative to the CAG
Dan Henrichs
Tom Ready

Also in attendance:

Larry Small, Executive Director Fountain Creek Watershed District
Rich Mulledy, Matrix Design Group
Lisa Godwin, City of Fountain
Dana Nordstrom, El Paso County
Amber Shanklin, Palmer Land Trust

2. Approve Agenda of January 16, 2015 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the January 16, 2015 Agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2014 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the November 14, 2014 minutes were approved.

Please note: The Fountain IT people were unable to recover the audio recording from of the January 16 CAG meeting. Accordingly, the meeting minutes contain less detail than usual. As usual, attendees are asked to provide additions and corrections as appropriate.

4. Presentations:

a. El Paso County Fountain Creek Trails Project, Elaine Kleckner and Rich Mulledy.

Elaine Kleckner of El Paso County Parks and Rich Mulledy of Matrix Design Group gave a presentation on progress and plans at the Maxwell Street and Hanson Trailheads. The project will address damage to trails and property that were damaged by the September 2013 flooding as well as on-going scour.

- FEMA, state and local funds are being used to repair the Hanson Trailhead pedestrian bridge, reconstruct up to 1,000 feet of regional trail, complete creek bank stabilization and finish debris removal.
- FEMA funds will be used to repair embankments and other structures to reduce the risk of future flood damage.
- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has expressed interest in funding a more robust project in 2015-2016 at Maxwell Street.
- Trail repairs will also be completed in the Carson Boulevard Bridge area, and County Parks is working with the City of Colorado Springs, City of Fountain and a stakeholders group on a cost-sharing arrangement to repair the bridge.
- The overall project will be executed under a design-build contract, between El Paso County and Sun Construction.
- Contract value is in the range of \$1.2 million, of which the Maxwell Street work is \$300,000.
- Completion is scheduled for March of 2015.

5. Reports.

a. Governing Board Meeting. Larry Small reported on the December 12 meeting of the Governing Board. The meeting was held in Pueblo.

- Larry briefed the board on the projected budget, which at \$870,000 is the largest in the District's history. He expects grant revenue from a number of good opportunities tied to Waldo Canyon fire restoration and the 2013 floods.
- He discussed the Monetary Mitigation Fund Subcommittee, whose purpose is to plan for the expenditures of the 1041 Permit-related monies (approximately \$50 million), which could begin as early as 2016. Projects involve corridor restoration and must benefit Pueblo County.
- The IGA subcommittee is working to expand its cooperative reach into the North Monument Creek drainage.
- Terry Hart commented on the importance of the CAG, through the Outreach Group and related activities, as important to future watershed work.

b. TAC Meeting. Larry reported that the TAC did not meet last Wednesday.

c. Outreach Group. Allison Plute reported on the Outreach Group.

- The CDPHE 319 grant will help buy supplies and materials.
- Outreach is looking at 15 separate activities this year.
- \$3,000 has already been collected for Creek Week.
- The Creek Week Core Committee meets on the 22nd of January. There is currently no meeting set for the Outreach Group.

d. Website and Facebook Page. Mary Barber reported that the website software is being

upgraded and may not be fully functional over the next week or two.

6. Current Business.

- 2015 CAG Membership: Nomination of new or replacement Members.
 - Jordan Vana nominated Amber Shanklin of Palmer Land Trust to replace him as a representative of Land Trusts.
 - Jerry Cordova had nominated Lisa Kudryk-Godwin of City of Fountain to replace him as At-Large/City of Fountain representative.
 - Elaine Kleckner nominated Dana Nordstrom of El Paso County Parks to replace her as the El Paso County representative.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the membership list was approved.

- Election of 2015 CAG Officers
 - The following members were nominated as follows:
Chair: Irene Kornelly
Vice Chair: Ross Vincent
Secretary: Jack Wallick
CAG Representative to District Board: Richard Skorman
Alternate Representative to District Board: Ferris Frost

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the nominees were approved.

- Approve Sunshine Law Provisions.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, CAG members affirmed they had read the Sunshine Law Provisions.

7. Other Business.

- A Rainbow Falls field trip was tentatively scheduled for the April CAG meeting.
- A Frost Ranch bank restoration project tour was also discussed.

8. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

9. Next Meeting. The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday February 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main, second floor meeting room.

10. Adjourn:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.