

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Citizens Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2012

The meeting was held at:
McHarg Park Community Center
405 2nd Street
Avondale, CO

This meeting was not recorded.

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions

The July 13, 2012 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed Citizens Advisory Group (“CAG”) was called to order by Chairperson, Mr Terry Hart, at approximately 9:35am. In attendance were the following designated members of the CAG:

Terry Hart – Chairperson	Vice Chairperson – Irene Kornelly
Mary Barber	Dan Henrichs
Ross Vincent	Jack Wallick
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board	

Members not present:

Tom Ready	Carol Baker
Vance Clifton	Dieter Erdmann
Yvette Valdez-Trujillo	Elaine Kleckner
Richard Skorman – CAG Representative to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“FCWD”) Governing Board	

A quorum was noted at approximately 0940.

2. Approve Agenda of July 13, 2012 Meeting

The July 13, 2012 agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the June 8, 2012 minutes were approved.

4. Reports

a. Governing Board Meeting. Mr Hart and Ms Kornelly reported the Governing Board:
-Discussed the role of the CAG and achieved general consensus (all Board members not present) that the role of the CAG should include 1) talking to people in the community, and 2) communicating feedback/input/opinions to the Board. The CAG is not authorized to commit the District.

-Discussed the role of the District, if any, in storm water control. The Board has not settled yet on whether or not to move forward with a ballot initiative in 2013.

-Discussed receipt of a \$2.4 million Great Outdoors Colorado grant.

-Approved Mr Small and Mr Skorman to meet with the Trust for Public Lands in order to determine what assistance they might be able to provide in polling public sentiment for a District ballot initiative.

-Received a presentation on the Colorado Springs Drainage Criteria Manual.

-Discussed the potential for Initiatives 3 and 45 to be on the Nov ballot. The deadline for gathering signatures is August 8th.

-Conducted routine business.

b. TAC Meeting. Ms Kornelly reported in addition to normal business the Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”):

-Discussed the outcomes of the policy workshop conducted on June 20th and implementation steps.

-Discussed flood control, erosion and sedimentation implications of the Waldo Canyon Fire. Ms Kornelly and Ms Frost updated and clarified regional actions pertaining to the fire:

-An advisory group consisting of the U.S. Forest Service, City of Colorado Springs, military installations and others has been formed to address burn area impacts.

-The District will receive a presentation at the Board meeting in September on the anticipated short and long-term impacts of the fire.

-The fire will have an impact on floodplain modeling and reporting in the US Geological Survey (“USGS”) flood control study. The TAC will review the situation with the USGS.

-Approximately 14,000 additional properties are now included in a revised floodplain map. The Regional Building Department is notifying affected property owners about the new floodplain area and distributing a Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) fact sheet, “Flood after Fire”. The FEMA is seeking authorization to provide expedited flood insurance to property owners who received notices based on the revision.

-Additional rain and flood gauges have been or are being installed in and downstream of the burn area.

-CAG discussion during and after the TAC report included:

-Concern that not much attention is being paid to water quality related to potential pollutants from burned structures.

-Whether or not the District needs to participate or hold special meetings related to fire-related flooding. The members agreed that Mr Hart may want to bring this up at the District meeting on July 20th.

c. Outreach Group. Ms Kornelly reported the Group met last month. They are pausing until they receive District guidance. Adopt-a-Creek is continuing. It is not clear whether there are any GOCO-related outreach needs at this point. They do not intend to hold a meeting in August.

d. Oil and Gas Exploration Subcommittee. Ms Kornelly and Ms Frost reported the CAG subcommittee will meet after today’s CAG events. The City of Colorado Springs will not be looking at any proposed regulations until at least October. The legal standing of the District interacting with the Commission on permits, whether the District might enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with El Paso County, and other questions remain.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried (6 approved, 1 abstention), the CAG will review by Email the Oil and Gas Exploration Subcommittee draft report and approve/disapprove and comment so that a preliminary report can be given to the Board at the July District meeting.

Mr Henrichs concerns (paraphrased): there is not enough information to make an opinion one way or another; to expect absolutely no drilling is not reasonable; and impacts on geological structure are not well known.

e. Website Working Group. This Group is probably no longer needed. Mr Jeff Besse is administering the website and continuing to work on content. There is no approval process for posting information. Members should feel free to discuss website ideas with Mr Besse. The CAG should address the website periodically/at least once a year.

5. Current Business

a. Waldo Canyon Burn Runoff Concerns: Discussed under Item 4.b

b. Tour of Irrigation Systems: Collier Ditch Diversion; Colorado Canal; High Line Canal; and the Oxford Ditch. Tour followed the meeting.

c. Ballot Question. Discussed under Item 4.b. The CAG will seek clarifying guidance from the Board.

6. Other Business: None

7. Public Comment: None

8. Executive Session: None Required

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled CAG meeting will be August 10th, 2012, 9:30am, currently planned in Pueblo.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 am.