

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District**  
**Citizens Advisory Group**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2013

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

**1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions**

The February 8, 2013 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed Citizens Advisory Group (“CAG”) was called to order by Ms Irene Kornelly, Chairperson, promptly at 9:30am. In attendance were the following designated members of the CAG:

Chairperson – Irene Kornelly  
Vice Chairperson – Perry Cabot  
Richard Skorman – CAG Representative to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“FCWD”) Governing Board  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Richard Mulledy, TAC Chair and Representative to the CAG  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Dan Henrichs  
Jerry Cordova  
Mary Barber  
Ross Vincent  
Tom Ready  
Dieter Erdman  
Carol Baker

CAG Members not present:  
Nancy Bernard

Also in attendance:  
Larry Small, Executive Director Fountain Creek Watershed District  
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner  
Christina McDonough, visitor

A quorum was noted.

**2. Approve Agenda of February 8, 2013 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the February 8, 2013 agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the corrected draft January 11, 2013 minutes were approved.**

**4. Reports**

**a. Governing Board Meeting. Larry Small reported on the January 25th Board meeting as follows**

The annual election of officers took place with the following results:  
Gabe Ortega was elected Chairperson

Eva Montoya was elected Vice Chairperson  
Brandy Williams was elected Secretary  
Jane Rhodes was elected Treasurer  
Terry Hart is the Pueblo County Commissioner representative

- There was discussion of the mill levy, and at the February 22nd meeting the Board will be briefed on the topic by Frank Forth of Trust for Public Land.
- The board discussed the grant application for bank restoration at the Frost Ranch, and authorized another \$45,300 in matching funds, reaching a 24% match.
- The next meeting of the board will be Friday February 22nd at the Fountain City Hall.

**b. TAC Meeting. Rich Mulledy reported on the February 6 meeting as follows**

- Feb 6, officers elected  
Jessica Frank Secretary,  
John Chavez Vice Chairperson,  
Richard Mulledy, Chair.
- Discussed Waldo Canyon restoration, including Hwy 24 efforts,
- Heard Carol Baker's presentation on the Front Range Trail through Clear Springs Ranch
- Formed a subcommittee to adapt the Colorado Springs Drainage Manual to the District's standards. The TAC will recommend adopting the entire manual (Volume 1), with comments explaining the applicability of various sections to the watershed and floodplain.
- Land use subcommittee will be developing a recommended FCWD land use checklist for developers.

Chairperson Kornelly commented on the ongoing process of standardization of drainage standards throughout the watershed, primarily based on the Colorado Springs Drainage Manual.

- c. Outreach Group.** The next meeting of the outreach group is scheduled for February 19.
- d. Oil and Gas Exploration Subcommittee.** Chairperson Kornelly reported that although there are bills in the legislature, CDPHE hearings being scheduled and held, and much other activity, there is nothing really new to report in the arena.
- e. Waldo Canyon Fire Restoration.** Chairperson Kornelly and Mr. Skorman spoke on recent activity, including funding efforts, at various levels, public meetings on flood education/restoration, activity by CUSP and others.

**5. Current Business**

- Larry Small presented detailed plans for a grant application for Fountain Creek Bank Stabilization at Frost Ranch. The file for that presentation will be submitted for posting on the District's website.
- Carol Baker presented current design for four and a half miles of the Front Range Trail through Clear Springs Ranch. The design work is being funded by the GOCO grant. Some design/construction aspects will be resolved in future presentations.

Phase II GOCO funds were recently awarded for further work in 2013. Interpretive signage, fish passages, put in and takes out sites, and other features were explained. Restoration was also in the mix. The RR crossing south of the current design area remains an unresolved issue.

Comments were made proposing that we consider an Outreach project at Clear Springs Ranch in conjunction with Earth Day, e.g., a 5K race.

- Ms. Frost reported on latest developments on the proposed gravel pits, previously put forth by LaFarge. Martin Marietta now owns that business and had applied to the county for a permit extension, which was granted. In a

separate meeting, the Martin Marietta representative made it clear that they were open to hearing the Watershed's suggestions, and it appears that the relationship will be more workable than with LaFarge. Any final design is one to two years away. The overpass design/cost appears to be the chief issue.

- Carol Baker reported that the Regional Stormwater Taskforce presents its findings to a joint meeting of City Council and El Paso County Commissioners February 11, with the expectation that both groups will resolve to pursue the storm water effort in a regional manner. Related issues are that Mayor Bach wants an engineering firm to analyze and verify the list of projects and then prioritize that list as high, med, low, etc. Although the mayor wants the study done first, before even discussing funding, most other players want to tackle it all as one process and continue the momentum if an election is to be held in November.
- Additional discussion ensued on the funding/election issue; the Trust for Public Land is performing a feasibility study on election approaches, possibilities, surveys, etc.

#### **6. New Business:**

- Perry Cabot announced the arrival of a new family member, with the news warmly received by the CAG.
- Perry Cabot also spoke on the availability of educational grant money, acknowledging that while much of the District's efforts are aimed at remediation, monies are available for education programs, which would benefit many of the Outreach Group's efforts. Mary Barber commented that such grants could also be appropriate for county efforts involving the Nature Center, and asked to be kept aware of future opportunities. Discussion ensued on the value of collaborative efforts between the District and the Nature Center. Nancy Bernard's presence on the CAG will do much to help those synergies.

**7. Public Comment:** Ms. Christina McDonough introduced herself as having been and currently is involved in water resource projects in Florida and has relocated to the region.

**8. Executive Session:** None Required

#### **9. Announcements and Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled CAG meeting will be March 8, 2013, 9:30am, Fountain City Hall.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:36 p.m.