

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

**Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2013

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 August 9, 2013 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“FCWD”) Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Ms. Irene Kornelly, Chairperson, at approximately 9:30 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following members of the CAG in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chairperson  
Perry Cabot – Vice Chairperson  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Richard Skorman – CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Carol Baker  
Nancy Stone Bernard  
Jerry Cordova  
Lois Illick  
Ross Vincent

CAG Members not present:

Mary Barber  
John Chavez – TAC Chair and Representative to the CAG  
Dan Henrichs  
Jordan Vana  
Tom Ready

Also in attendance:

Larry Small, Executive Director FCWD  
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner  
Allison Mosser, Colorado Springs Utilities

**2. Approve Agenda of August 9, 2013 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the revised July 12, 2013 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the July 12, 2013 minutes were approved.**

**4. Presentation**

**Land Use Permit Application for Fountain Creek Realignment at Clear Springs Ranch**

Allison Mosser, Colorado Springs Utilities

- Ms. Mosser presented Colorado Springs Utilities’ plans for the Fountain Creek Realignment at Clear Springs Ranch. This bank stabilization project will mitigate the ongoing bank erosion at the site. The

work addresses compliance conditions and requirements by the Bureau of Reclamation in relation to its approval of the Colorado Springs Utilities SDS project. Ms. Mosser explained in detail where, why and how rip rap and other hard features will be placed, details of approximately three acres of wetlands to be created, and the realigned stream bed will end up in relation to existing features. By stabilizing the bank and controlling future erosion, future sediment transport in Fountain Creek will be decreased.

- Following the presentation and an extended question/answer period, the CAG agreed to recommend approval (with enthusiasm) of the Colorado Springs Utilities Land Use Application for the Fountain Creek Stream Realignment Project. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, Colorado Springs Utilities' Land Use Application was approved.

## 5. Reports

### a. **Governing Board Meeting.** Larry Small reported on the Board's August meeting

- The Board discussed the El Paso County 1041 Permit system. There were two areas of concern:
- Denial of Judicial Review (already removed by the county)
- For utilities applications within the floodplain corridor, El Paso County would be the sole approving authority, whereas the District would only be a commenting agency. This would be in direct contradiction to the state legislation establishing the District as the sole approving body for the floodplain corridor. The issue remains in dispute, but the commissioners are aware of the strength of the District's position. Larry was clear that the District will continue to exercise its full authority.
- Terry Hart asked if our regulations are posted on the website for the convenience of project planners; the answer being no – until the county changed their regulations it wasn't necessary. It was agreed that the District should produce its own 'book'.
- The proposed Wedgewood Duck Farm Property open space purchase that was briefed by Dieter Erdmann several months ago is proceeding.
- Larry reported that the Board will provide \$25,000 matching funds as a partner agency with El Paso County in the GOCO grant application to be submitted 15 August.
- Should everything go as intended, it would be about 18 months until closing, at \$650,000. The appraised value is \$733,000 for the 61 acres and its water rights.
- The property and an adjacent 16 acres owned by the county will eventually be transferred to the District, requiring incorporation of its vision and operations into the Master Plan.
- The Frost Ranch Demonstration Project Grant is moving through the channels, as it were, and Larry is confident of funding in the near future and the new fiscal year.
- b. TAC Meeting. Irene Kornelly reported on the August TAC meeting.
- The TAC received the same presentation from Allison Moaser and likewise approved Utilities' Land Use Application.
- A subcommittee will be appointed to adopt the drainage criteria manual as a design standard for the district. It may go before the board in October. Carol Baker added that the TAC might rewrite portions to simply deny any development or encroachment into the floodplain.
- The TAC had no comments on USGS study, but they requested an extension to the comment period. They seem to have no serious comments, other than the ones surfaced in the CAG: Economics/Cost-Benefit Studies, Water Law, and other out-of-scope issues. Neither the TAC nor the CAG possesses the technical ability to verify the models on which the study and results are based, so it seems unlikely that any significant comments will be submitted.
- Discussed adding a representative from Ft Carson to replace a member who moved.

### c. **Pikes Peak Regional Stormwater Task Force.** Irene reported on the most recent meeting.

- The next meeting of the Steering Committee is August 26 from 9 to 11, in the Leon Young Service Center on Hancock Expressway.
- There will be a presentation on the continuance of Phase 2 to the combined Commissioners and Colorado Springs City Council from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. August 21 at the El Paso County Services Building on west Garden of the Gods.

- Carol commented that the commissioners and council understand the regional nature of the problem, and she is confident that all players will reach an eventual solution. [1:36]

**d. Website. Mary Barber was not in attendance so there was no website report.**

**6. New Business**

**a. Discuss Outreach Plan for 2014.** Irene distributed the 2014 Outreach Plan, produced by Ross Vincent, Ferris Frost, Perry Cabot, Jerry Cordova, Larry Small, Lois Illich, and Irene Kornelly.

- Larry hopes to present some form of this to the Board at its next meeting.
- The Plan calls for, among other things, a 3D model of Fountain Creek, updated brochures, attendance at events, sponsored clean-up events along the creek, and collaborations with similarly-oriented organizations.
- An initial budget of \$5000 was proposed.
- Perry Cabot expressed interest in educational grants to help with outreach efforts.
- Carol wondered if outreach efforts might include November 2014 election education activity, which would also require a Board resolution.
- The next Outreach Committee meeting will be August 19 at 10:00, downstairs in the Fountain City Hall. CAG members are invited to attend and finalize the plan before presentation to the Board.
- Perry recommended attendance at the Colorado Watershed Assembly, Oct 8-9. This group is active in restoration work.

**b. Discuss and Make Recommendations on USGS Report. The CAG chose not to make any comments on the USGS Report.**

**7. Public Comment:** There were no Public Comments.

**8. Announcements and Next Meeting:** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be September 13, 2013 at 9:30a.m., Fountain City Hall.

**9. Adjourn:**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:17 a.m.