

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

**Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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 October 9, 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, Chair, at 9:38 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair  
Ross Vincent – Vice Chair  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Nancy Keller – TAC Chair and Representative to the CAG  
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Lisa Godwin  
Lois Illick  
Allison Plute

**CAG Members not present:**

Ian Hartley  
Dana Nordstrom  
Tom Ready  
Amber Shanklin  
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board

**Also in attendance:**

Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner, Board Member  
Larry Small, Executive Director, Fountain Creek Watershed District

**2. Approve Agenda of October 9, 2015 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the October 9, 2015 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of September 11, 2015 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the September 11, 2015 minutes were approved.**

**4. Presentations:** There were no presentations for this meeting.

**5. Reports.**

**a. Governing Board Meeting. [0.03.35]** Larry Small gave a report on the September 28, 2015 Board meeting.

- Larry gave the Board a report on the 2016 budget, in which two options were presented.
  - The first option funded full operation of the District, but showed a \$135K shortfall.
  - The second option was to continue the limited operation we currently have, augmenting as necessary for services such as attorney fees and administrative support. This option only showed a deficit of \$29K, a number that can be bridged.
  - The difference between 2016's budget and previous years is that this budget will include the Water Activity Enterprise will be getting the first installment of the SDS monies to the Monetary Mitigation Fund, estimated at \$9.7 million, on January 15. These funds cannot be used to subsidize District operations, only for programs and program support.
  - The board instructed Larry to go with the second option.
  - Larry expressed the opinion that 2016 will be a very positive year for the District.
- The other action the Board took was to authorize Larry to submit a grant application to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for a current WARSS assessment of the Fountain Creek corridor. An objective is to find where the sediment/erosion issue is coming from. The grant is for \$30K, matched by \$30K and supported by about \$31K of in-kind contributions. The funding will come from the CWCB's Watershed Restoration Grant Fund. If approved in December 2015, work may begin as early as March.

**b. TAC Meeting. [0.11.10]** Nancy Keller reported on the TAC meeting.

- The TAC heard a presentation by Keith Curtis on El Paso County's revised floodplain map. It appears that there will be less property in the floodplain than was designated in the old map. One unresolved item is the certification of the Templeton Gap Floodway levee, which has about \$5M worth of pending maintenance. The links to the maps will be sent to CAG members. [Ed. Note: those links are included here: FEMAs' preliminary (new) map, <http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=be1ed42518a94817a583377cc7d2325e&extent=-105.1128,38.6033,-104.2264,39.0756> , and the current effective map, <http://rbdgis.pprbd.org/public/floodplain/> ]
- The Design Criteria Manual committee looked at scoping the applicability of the document, and decided to limit it to just the Fountain Creek corridor, rather than to involve all the applicable jurisdictions and try to get them up to speed at the same time. Nancy will work with the Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee for funds to complete the project. A number of the jurisdictions are already in that process themselves, and moving forward.

**c. Outreach Group. [0:17:50]** Allison Plute reported on Creek Week.

- We doubled our numbers from last year and had lots of media coverage. At least 1300 people participated this year, and the thank you ad will run next week when all the numbers have been tabulated. We received over \$10,000 in contributions from a total of more than 25 sponsors.
- Irene and Allison will be working to get a complete accounting of the contributions and expenses for an upcoming meeting. There will be funds left over for use as seed money for next year's Creek Week.
- Allison will send all sponsors a certificate and FCWD swag in recognition of their support.
- Lisa Godwin was recognized for doing all the map and registration work for all 42 crews.
- Allison plans to produce an annual report on Outreach Group activities.
- The Pueblo Wheel Park opening is in November, although an actual date has not been released.
- There will be a Stools & Ghouls scoop the poop event at Bear Creek Dog Park on Halloween, with prizes for costumes, etc. Dana and Allison will be there.
- There are updates to the website education area, specifically a curriculum developed by Manitou Elementary School. We hope to make it a valuable portal for watershed education.

- Irene and Mary attended the Fountain Creek Regional Park's Family Picnic event. They set up the table and distributed information. The event prompted Mary and Irene to propose we get stickers or even fake tattoos promoting watershed concepts for kids. There are still some funds left from our CDPHE educational grant.
- The Outreach Group will meet Wednesday October 14 at 2:00 downstairs in the Fountain City Hall.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Committee.** Irene reported that the committee met September 17 at the Pueblo County Public Works Building. The meeting focused on the budgeting process leading to the budget as reported by Larry earlier. The next meeting is 1:00 p.m. Thursday, 15 October at the Pueblo County Public Works Building.

**e. Website and Facebook Page.**

- Irene has an acronym list from CDOT for posting on the website as an adjunct to the Drainage Criteria Manual.
- Mary will link to the Matrix site for easy access to the Upper Fountain Creek and Cheyenne Creek master plans.
- Apparently there was a problem accessing two documents from the website: The Cost of Service Worksheet and the Public Notice Worksheet. It will be looked into, and workarounds were discussed.

**6. Current Business.** Ferris reported that she had attended the FEMA public meeting on the revised flood plain maps. The meeting was well-attended, and individuals could work with a FEMA representative who would look up the specific location and explain the situation. Irene will be sending links to the FEMA maps in question and commented that Pueblo County's revised map is still unavailable. Nancy said she would try to find out its status.

**7. Other Business.** Larry announced that the Southeastern Conservancy District would be presenting the Water Rights Task Force study results October 14th. It may also be presented at the Arkansas Valley Roundtable forum later that day, although it has not yet been confirmed. Comments on the study have mostly been favorable. Irene asked Larry to prepare a summary of the study for presentation to the CAG.

**8. Public Comment.** There were no public comments.

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday November 13, 2015, 9:30 a.m. at the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main. There will not be a December meeting of the CAG.

**10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**