

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

**Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2016**

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 April 8, 2016 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Irene Kornelly, Chair, at 9:32 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager
Lisa Godwin
Ian Hartley
Allison Plute
Amber Shanklin

CAG Members not present:

Duane Greenwood – TAC Representative
Lois Illick
Dana Nordstrom
Tom Ready
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Ross Vincent – Vice Chair

Also in attendance:

Larry Small, Executive Director, – Fountain Creek Watershed District

2. Approve Agenda of April 8, 2016 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the April 8, 2016 agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2016 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the March 11, 2016 minutes were approved.

4. Presentations: There were no presentations.

5. Reports.

a. Governing Board Meeting. Larry Small reported on the March 26, 2016 Board meeting.

- The Board approved an extension of the audit for 2016.
- There was a discussion of various scenarios for raising money from representative governments in the watershed. Larry presented a range of options for the Board to consider. The Board will continue the discussion in the next meeting.
- The District needs about \$200,000 per year for its basic operation. This year we are looking at a shortfall of about \$75,000 that must be covered, while the actual shortfall is closer to \$125,000. The \$75K is needed to cover our matching contributions for upcoming grants.
- The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) met in La Junta last month and approved our grant application for flood control alternatives. Larry expects the contract in three or four months. The \$25,500 match on this award is part of our urgent \$75,000 need.
- Larry is still awaiting word on the WARSS Assessment grant, for which we will need \$30,000 for that matching contribution.
- The next meeting will be April 22.

b. TAC Meeting. Irene reported on the TAC meeting [0.6.28]. Bud O'Hara from the Pueblo Conservancy District spoke on the history of the group and its current efforts to rebuild the levees along the Arkansas River in Pueblo. The district was formed in 1922 to build levees after the disastrous floods of 1921.

- The levees are now being rebuilt, and with the presence of the Pueblo Dam, the flood risk is much lower and so the new levees need not be as robust as before.
- There had been an effort to save the murals along the levee, but the concrete crumbled as it was removed, ending that hope. The district has a committee studying how art can be incorporated into the new work.
- There are also efforts toward improving and expanding the kayak park.

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

- Allison has a list of upcoming outreach events and needs people to sign up to help man the booths/tables.
- Beaches, Boats, and Bikes is a Greenway Fund initiative aimed at developing water features along the creek. Feedback was almost universally against actual water entry activities; the current water quality is much too degraded to entice the public.
- The Fishing Derby at Pikeview is Saturday May 14, as is the Pueblo Skate Park opening. Both events need volunteers.
- Irene asked for someone to be a second signer for our account at Security Savings. Jerry Cordova had been also been a signer but relinquished that responsibility when he left the CAG.

d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee. Irene reported on the Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee meeting March 17.

- The committee used the Overton Road Project as a test case to see how the draft project evaluation process would have worked in that instance.
 - A lot of the process worked, but because it was an emergency project, lots didn't work. It was a worthwhile exercise.
 - It was determined that if a project takes place on an upper stretch of the creek, the committee would need to know its impact, if any, would be further downstream.
 - The district will really need its own engineer to help quantify the impacts of projects.
- The committee meets again March 17 at the Pueblo Public Works Department.

e. Website and Facebook Page. Mary had nothing new to report this month.

6. Current Business. None

7. Other Business.

- Allison mentioned a potential speaker for a future CAG meeting. Utilities is involved with their Integrated Water Resources Planning, a 50-year plan, and a presentation by that group would be useful for the CAG. A July presentation is envisioned.
- Irene is planning to have Jeff Bailey of Pueblo give a report in May on the side detention pond at Wal-Mart, as well as an update on the sediment collector. In June Rich Mulledy will talk on Colorado Springs storm water projects.

8. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

9. Next Meeting. The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday May 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. at the Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main, 2nd Floor, Fountain, CO.

10. Adjourn:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.