

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

**Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2017**

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 February 10, 2017 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 9:40 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair
Ian Hartley – Vice Chair
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager
Sherie Caffey
David Wooley
Dana Nordstrom
Allison Plute
Amber Shanklin
Brandy Williams

CAG Members not present:

Tom Ready
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Ross Vincent

Also in attendance:

Richard Mullydy, Colorado Springs Water Resources Engineering Division Manager

2. Approve Agenda of February 10, 2017 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the February 10, 2017 agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of January 13, 2017 Meeting and the January 13, 2017 Annual Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the amended January 13, 2017 minutes were approved.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the amended January 13, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Presentation: City of Colorado Springs Stormwater Management Program, Richard Mulledy, Water Resources Engineering Division Manager.

Rich gave a presentation on stormwater management activity in Colorado Springs since implementation of the intergovernmental agreement with Pueblo County last year. The presentation included a 20-page handout designed to show compliance with the IGA. CAG members may refer to the May 2016 minutes for Larry Small's presentation on IGA requirements.

- The city's stormwater efforts were previously under the City Engineering Division, but in a recent reorganization, Water Resources (storm water) has become its own separate division in the Public Works Department. This change was made to reflect the added manpower and increased budget under the terms of the IGA. The rate of growth needed to meet the demands of the IGA and the federal lawsuit has been challenging but the city met all requirements for the 2016 year.
- As a result of the IGA, City of Colorado Springs is obligated to spend \$460 million on 71 capital projects over a 20 year period.
 - This works out to approximately \$23 million per year.
 - The IGA came out of the 1041 permit process in which Pueblo County negotiated stormwater requirements in exchange for allowing the SDS pipeline to be built in Pueblo County.
- In 2016 the city and utilities have spent or encumbered nearly \$26 million on programs and O&M.
- Activities are spread across several teams, including
 - The Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Group, a 30 member team including equipment operators, laborers, and inspectors. The group includes a dedicated staff of eight using newly leased street sweepers, an important part of meeting our MS4 water quality standards.
 - The Water Quality Group charged with MS4 permit compliance, illicit discharge tracking/response, construction site inspections and other tracking and monitoring activities, as well as extensive public outreach by former CAG member Jerry Cordova.
 - The Development and Erosion Control Group, responsible for reviewing documents, reports, and plans to ensure MS4 Permit and Drainage Control Manual compliance.
 - The Stormwater Projects Delivery Group, responsible for small (under \$200,000) projects. It coordinates with both the drainage O&M Group and the Stormwater Capital Projects Delivery Group, as its work is tied to both groups. Significantly, this group manages IGA Project #1 – Emergency Projects amounting to \$1.5 million of small scale repair and maintenance annually. It also coordinates grant projects from FEMA, NRCS, and others.
 - The Stormwater Capital Improvements Projects Group, formed in 2015 and expanded in 2016 and this year. This group is responsible for large capital projects, i.e., greater than \$200,000 and coordinates with the Stormwater Projects Delivery Group.
- Rich discussed a number of projects, both completed and in planning, giving detailed descriptions of a number of IGA- mandated projects.
- Importantly, although the IGA was not signed until April of 2015, leaving the city with only eight months to complete the first year's obligations – which was to spend or encumber \$25.8 million. In the end, the city spent an actual \$17,453,280, with the rest being encumbered and thus tied to its associated projects. The city met its IGA requirements for 2016.

5. Reports.

a. Governing Board Meeting. Irene reported on the January Board meeting.

- The Board approved the CAG membership.
- Richard Mulledy gave the Board his presentation on stormwater progress, which the CAG just heard.
- The Board approved a \$100 contribution to the first annual Pikes Peak Community College Childrens Water Festival.
- The Board also agreed verbally to an informal collaboration with the Pikes Peak Greenway Fund.
- The Board elected officers for 2017.

- The Chair is Greg Lauer
 - The Vice-Chair is Larry Atencio
 - The Treasurer is Jane Rhodes
 - The Secretary is Richard Skorman
 - The Board then met as the Water Activity Enterprise Board, with the same officers, and discussed the Highway 47 bridge over Fountain Creek in Pueblo. They have finally come to an agreement with all actors, and CDOT is going to perform immediate emergency repairs to stabilize the structure.
 - The Highway Commission will contribute about \$3 million for a long-term project to stabilize the creek and bridge.
 - The District will contribute \$2 million and will manage the project.
 - Pueblo will have to repair the trail at some point in the future.
 - The Masantonio Project is in the design phase, with construction sometime in the spring or summer.
 - The starting time for Board meetings has been changed to 2:00 p.m. from 1:00. Some Board members have a meeting in Denver the same day and had difficulty making it to Fountain in time.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.** Brandy Williams reported on the TAC meeting.
- Three members are leaving the TAC; they are: Keith Curtis, Pete Galusky, and Bob Miner. They agreed to be available if/when needed.
 - The TAC heard a presentation on the Monument Creek Restoration Plan by Graham Thompson.
 - The E. coli study is still a topic of discussion, and those knowledgeable will be developing contractor deliverables.
 - The TAC continues to work through issues with the District's Drainage Criteria Manual and Floodplain Policy.
 - Brandy and Irene discussed bringing someone from the TAC to give the CAG a presentation on the DCM and Floodplain Policy, hopefully in March.
 - The TAC is seeking a legal opinion on specifically what the District is allowed to do in this arena, and whether the two documents do not overstep our legal authority. [1.37.30]
- c. Outreach Group. Allison Plute reported for the Outreach Group.**
- The Watershed Outreach Collaborative (WOC), the collaboration between the Outreach Group and the Pikes Peak Greenway Fund referred to in the Board report above, has put out a calendar of events (handout by Allison) listing date, event, location, and responsible organization, among other information.
 - Allison and the Outreach Group encourage all District personnel to support these events and sign up well in advance with the owning organization.
 - She asks that everyone work at least one outreach event per year.
 - The WOC meets the second Tuesday of every month from 7:50 to 9:20 a.m. at the Ivywild Building in Colorado Springs.
 - Allison announced that Creek Week held its 2017 kickoff meeting the previous week.
 - This year everyone on the Creek Week Committee is required to also serve on one of the subcommittees as well, leading to greater involvement by all.
 - This year has a goal of engaging 3,000 people, versus last year's 2,400.
 - The group also wants to focus on increased coverage this year.
 - The next meeting is March 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 in the Fountain City Council Chambers.
 - With the District's ongoing involvement in the E. coli problem, study, and eventual plan, the Outreach Group is participating in Bear Creek Park's April Stools Day event on April 1.
 - Allison has learned the Fire Department has numerous community service hours with youthful offenders and has been looking for programs to use them in. Needless to say, Allison has been in contact with them for various scoop the poop and trash pick-up programs.

- As we have not had a tour for quite some time, Allison suggested viewing the Masantonio property or perhaps Rainbow Falls. It was thought that Rainbow Falls would be the better tour for now, while Masantonio is still being worked out. Ian Hartley added that the Highway 47 project in Pueblo is easy to get to and is a current project as well.

d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee. Irene reported on the MMFC meeting.

- The committee held its annual elections. The chair is Larry Small, Vice Chair is Mark Shea, and Irene is the Secretary.
- The Highway 47 project was discussed, the outlines of which were given in Irene's report on the Board meeting.
- The dredging in Fountain Creek in Pueblo is proceeding. The project had to get permission from the steel mill, which owns part of the area affected.
- There was discussion on the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for the District. The committee wants to wait until completion of the WARSS study and the study on flood control alternatives before making decisions or taking any action on the plan.

e. Website. Mary Barber had nothing to report.

6. Other Business.

Mary Barber had several announcements.

- The Sustainnovate Symposium at UCCS March 7 and 8 will focus on Water.
- Colorado Springs now has a Sustainability Coordinator, and a big Earth Day event is planned at the new Sustainacenter, 702 E Boulder.
- Nancy Bernard of the Fountain Creek Nature center will be speaking about Monarch butterflies on February 24th at the Environmental Forum, which meets the 4th Friday, 12 to 2 p.m., at the Margarita at Pine Creek.

7. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

9. Next Meeting. The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday March 10, at 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 approximately 11:07 a.m.