

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

**Meeting Minutes
April 14, 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 April 14, 2017 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 9:32 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair
Ian Hartley – Vice Chair
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary
Sherie Caffey
Dana Nordstrom
Allison Plute
Ross Vincent
David Woolley

CAG Members not present:

Tom Ready
Amber Shanklin
Brandy Williams

Also in attendance:

Larry Small, Executive Director, FCWD
Terry Hart - Pueblo County Commissioner and FCWD Board Member

2. Approve Agenda of Meeting April 14, 2017

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the April 14, 2017 Agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of March 10, 2017 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the corrected March 10, 2017 minutes were approved.

4. Presentations: None

5. Reports

a. Governing Board Meeting. Larry Small gave a report on the March 24 Board meeting.

- The regular Board meeting consisted of only the usual reports and approvals.
- Meeting as the Water Activity Enterprises Board, they approved a task order to Matrix Design Group for engineering, permitting, and construction management of the Highway 47 project.
- The next Board meeting will be April 28.

b. TAC Meeting. Irene reported on the TAC meeting and provided a written report from Brandy Williams, the TAC Chair, who was unable to attend today's CAG meeting.

- Larry Small presented an update of the Highway 47 project in Pueblo.
- Roger Sams presented the Fountain Sanitation District Streambank Armoring project.
- Matrix distributed the *Design Storms for Estimating Peak Runoff in the Fountain Creek Watershed of Colorado* and a summary and table of contents for chapters 1-6 and 14 of the *Drainage Criteria Manual Volume I*.
- The TAC has agreed to move forward with a Streamside Overlay instead of a Floodplain Policy, as the District has been granted Land Use Authority within the corridor. Another reason for a Streamside Overlay instead of a Floodplain Policy is that El Paso County already has a fulltime Floodplain Management Department.
- The TAC has agreed upon an agenda and a month for the meeting with Planning Directors and/or designees from the participating entities within Pueblo and El Paso Counties. The meeting will be held in October 2017. More information will follow.
- The next meeting will be May 3.

c. Outreach Group. Allison Plute reported on the Outreach Group's activities.

- The April Stools Day event in Bear Creek Park was a success; the Outreach Group got good publicity and exposure. There was even some in-creek clean-up work done.
- In cooperation with the Greenway Fund, rain barrels are being offered to the public, with an upcoming presentation on set-up and use.
- The Great American Clean-up, Earth Day – April 22, will include an event at Pikeview Reservoir. CAG members are encouraged to sign up and participate in one of the many locations throughout the watershed.
- The Sustain a Fest happens from 11:00 to 4:00, Saturday April 22 at the Colorado Springs Sustain a Center at 702 East Boulder St.
- We have an open seat at the April 27 session of the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, which is meeting at the Hotel Elegante April 26 and 27.
- The next Creek Week planning meeting is May 10.

d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee. Irene reported that the committee recommended proceeding with the Highway 47 Bridge Project, due to the urgent need to act before significant damage occurs. Although it had been the committee's intent to create a 10-year plan of action before actually beginning work on any project, it was apparent that this project needed immediate attention.

e. Website and Facebook Page. Mary Barber had nothing to report.

6. Old Business.

Larry presented updates on the Highway 47 and Masciantonio Farm Projects.

- The Highway 47 Bridge just east of I-25 is severely threatened by erosion in the Fountain Creek channel. The stream is now running parallel to the bridge, putting **the pilings and abutments** at risk. Larry showed photos illustrating the movement of the channel over the last decade or so.
 - CDOT applied for and was granted permission by the Army Corps of Engineers to perform emergency mitigation work to protect the bridge until a permanent fix can be made.
 - CDOT had no funds for the work, except in the training budget, so it put together a bunch of bulldozers and trainees to re-align the channel and put the stream back into a proper configuration with respect to the bridge. The work is extremely temporary, as the next major storm could undo much of the work and send massive quantities of sediment down to where channel dredging is underway, undoing much of that effort.
 - CDOT wants to partner with the District on a more permanent solution to the problem. Matrix is performing the design work, and construction may begin in September to take advantage of low winter flows.
- Design for this project is 100 percent complete and has been sent out for bids, which are due May 26. Award will be made sometime in June.

7. New Business.

a. **Proposal to form a Fountain Creek Brewshed Alliance.** Allison proposed establishing an organization to unite the District with local brewers to spread watershed awareness and conservation ethics.

- Brewers are an especially appropriate industry to partner with. They rely on agriculture, with its inherent reliance on water, and their product is more than 90 percent water. Brewing also uses significant quantities of water for equipment and facility cleaning and sanitization. As an industry, brewing is particularly water-conscious.
- Partnering with breweries in outreach provides an opportunity to promote water conservation and wastewater minimization to an eager and water-aware audience.
- Breweries' wide consumer base will help extend our own outreach efforts.
- Participating breweries would have to host a fundraiser at least once a year, with proceeds going to Creek Week, and join the Adopt-a-Waterway program and perform clean-ups at least twice annually. In return they receive Brewshed-related marketing items such as 'edu-taining' coasters developed and provided by Colorado Springs Utilities.
- The CAG and its Outreach Committee would be required to provide the following:
 - \$500 per year for three years (\$1500 total) to use the 'Brewshed' trademark
 - \$500 for development of a logo which we would own.
 - Window decals for member breweries
 - Print a fact sheet/map to be developed by Brewshed members and Utilities.
 - Approve the Fountain Creek Brewshed Alliance as a collaborative program supporting Creek Week and other watershed health initiatives for a three year term.
 - Approve expenditures totally \$2500 from the Creek Week POA budget for setting up the Alliance. The Creek Week and Outreach Group budgets can afford the expenditures.

- Discussion ensued on several issues.
 - Whether Creek Week funds should be used was debated, and the group eventually decided that Outreach/Creek Week funds would be appropriate to use.
 - There was thought that either the District Logo or the Creek Week logo should be incorporated into Brewshed Alliance logo.
 - The trademark costs were debated, with the eventual conclusion that it's not a huge cost, and that being a part of a national collaboration would have value.
 - Legal issues in the contract for use of the trademark were also a concern.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CAG approved Allison Plute to continue working to establish The Fountain Creek Brewshed Alliance.

- b. Approve purchase of more 'Scoop the Poop' doggie bags.** The cost would be \$300, which is easily within the budget and scope of the Outreach Committee.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the expenditure of \$300 for dog waste bags and dispensers was approved.

- c. Select a CAG member to replace Richard Skorman as the CAG representative to the Board of Directors.** Richard's election to Colorado Springs City Council precludes him from serving on the Citizens Advisory Group. He is expected to take a seat on the Governing Board now. Irene Kornelly was nominated to replace Richard.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Irene Kornelly was elected as the CAG representative to the Executive Board, with Mary Barber continuing to serve as alternate.

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

- 9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday May 12, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main.

10. Adjourn:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.