

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

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

Irene Kornelly – Chair
Ross Vincent – Vice Chair
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
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
Ian Hartley
Lois Illick
Dana Nordstrom
Allison Plute
Amber Shanklin

CAG Members not present:

Tom Ready

Also in attendance:

Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner

2. Approve Agenda of August 14, 2015 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the August 14, 2015 Agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of July 10, 2015 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the July 10, 2015 minutes were approved.

4. Presentations: There were no presentations this month.

5. Reports.

a. Governing Board Meeting. Irene gave a report on the July 24 2015 Board meeting.

- The Board approved Ian Hartley as a member of the CAG.
- The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement for the Monument Creek Watershed Restoration Master Plan.
- Irene announced that the Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee will meet at the Pueblo County

Public Works Building on the 20th of August. This will be the organizational meeting of the committee responsible for allocating the \$50 million SDS money.

- Terry Hart spoke to the importance of the committee, in that prioritization of projects is crucial to meeting the mission of the district and to meet the goal of the 1041 process of protecting Pueblo from problems of high flow, low quality, and sediment.
- [0.9.35] Richard Skorman shared his concern that the Greenway portion of our name not be neglected in the focus on flow, quality, and sediment. The MMF committee will be important in this aspect. This generated discussion on how the SDS money is insufficient to meet all the goals set out in our master plan, but that by leveraging the \$50 million through grants and other awards it can be stretched much further, including greenway and trail projects. It was generally agreed that the public will not support tax increases for ‘engineering’ solutions without accompanying ‘green’ aspects such as greenways, trails, or open space.
- Irene also announced that Wright Water Engineers will present their findings with regard to the efficacy of Colorado Springs Utilities’ proposed mitigation projects that afternoon in the Pueblo County Commissioners’ Chambers. WWE’s report will be important in giving the county commissioners insight into the effect of those projects on Pueblo.
- At the next Board meeting Larry Small will speak on the Cheyenne Blvd mitigation work being done.
- The next Board meeting will be held at Pueblo in the county commissioners’ chambers, August 28, 2015.

b. TAC Meeting. Nancy Keller reported on the TAC meeting.

- The TAC spent the majority of its time on the Submittal Checklist for developers to summarize projects and indicate how they are working within the Strategic and Master Plans. The document is close to being finalized, and Irene will send the current version to CAG members for their review and comment as needed. The checklist will then go to the Board for approval.
- The Design Criteria Manual committee presented their recommendations for adapting the manual to our needs. The recommendation is to use grant money and support from other jurisdictions to fund a comprehensive adaptation of the manual to the District’s and others’ needs. This will save money and effort in the long term, as opposed to a quicker and cheaper patchwork approach. Floodplain administration and low impact development would be included in our version of the DCM, topics that were left out of the City’s version as being too controversial.
- Nancy handed out a copy of Cole Emmons’ Board presentation on the statutes governing the District’s activities.

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

- The Greenway Fund Received \$1 million from GOCO to complete the northern end of the Legacy Loop. Projects include:
 - A new pedestrian bridge over Mesa Creek,
 - An enhanced trail on the west side of Monument Creek by the Utilities shop, and
 - A new trailhead and parking lot at Fontanero Street, with 110 parking spaces, a gateway for a starting and finish line for races, space for food trucks, and so on.
 - Projects will all be completed within two years.
- The bridge at Van Buren Street and the Greenway is being cleaned up, the trail access paved, and the area will be known as the Pop Cycle Bridge where kids will be trained in bike safety and maintenance. The kick-off is August 30.
- The Greenway Fund is looking into whether a ‘splash mob’ event could be generated, and is reaching out to water-activity groups to gauge the feasibility and level of interest.
- Upcoming events are:
 - State Fair – volunteers are needed; Allison passed out a signup sheet. We will have a table in the Colorado Ag Building.
 - There is a Scoop the Poop event at the Stratton Open Space Saturday September 12 from 8:00 to

11:00 a.m. Allison pledged to buy the first round for volunteers at Fieldhouse Brewing Company for their Creek Week fundraiser that afternoon. Fieldhouse will tap their Creek Week Brew. \$1.00 per beer will go to Creek Week.

- September 19 will be at Fountain Creek Regional Park for the Family Picnic. Mary and Irene have volunteered for this event, but more are needed.
- Creek Week updates were:
 - Airgas will supply all our gloves, as well as having a big sale on their trash grabbers.
 - Manitou Elementary School is onboard, with each grade level going on a different day.
 - Keep Woodland Park Beautiful is onboard this year.
 - Proclamations will be made by City of Fountain, Manitou Springs, Colorado Springs, City and County of Pueblo, and El Paso County.
- Other items of interest to the Watershed are:
 - Envision Shooks Run is taking input on ways to clean up and restore the waterway to a neighborhood resource. The planning process will run 16 months, eventually followed by fundraising and implementation.
 - The Waldo Regional Recovery Group, which has been meeting since the fire, is morphing into the El Paso County Regional Watershed Collaborative received funding for two positions for two years – a coordinator and an assistant.
 - We are partners with Colorado Water Live Like You Love It, and as such we have the opportunity to get deals on lots of promotional stuff. Stickers were the item that Allison thought were most appropriate for at the time, and the budget still has funds for outreach items.

d. Website and Facebook Page. There was nothing to report.

6. Current Business. There was no Current Business.

7. Other Business. There was no Other Business.

8. Public Comment. There were no Public Comments.

9. Next Meeting. The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday September 11, 2015, 9:30 a.m. at the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main.

10. Adjourn:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.