

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Technical Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was held at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, Colorado. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County Planning & Development
John Chavez	El Paso County Stormwater
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Engineering & Public Works
Steve Gardner	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District, Wastewater
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo Water Quality
Elaine Kleckner	El Paso County Community Services Parks
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Dennis Maroney	Pueblo Conservancy District
Robert Miner	At Large – Palmer Lake
Rich Muzzy	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)
Kevin Niles	A.G.U.A.
Suzanne Rohrs	Fort Carson Stormwater
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utility
Fred Williams	US Air Force Academy

Others in Attendance:

- Larry Small, Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors
- Kim Gortz, Colorado Springs Utilities/Alternate
- Jeff Rice, El Paso County, Engineering/Alternate

2. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda by Fred Williams, seconded by John Chavez, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: Several corrections to the April 1 minutes were requested. Mark Shea name was added as being in attendance. The spelling of Shelly Cobau's name was corrected. Under Presentations a. the word Creek was added to Fountain and Monument for clarity. Under Presentations b. the words in bold were added to the sentence "Matrix will be reviewing **the Pueblo Springs Ranch**" for clarity. Under Other Business the figure listed under the DOLA grant as \$1,001,100 was changed to \$290,000. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 minutes with all corrections was made by Jim Heckman, seconded by Mark Shea, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Presentations:

b. Due to technical difficulties Elaine Kleckner gave the first presentation/discussion. She stated that she is looking at this based upon her previous experience as a land use planner. She listed several documents that she suggested the TAC use as guidance for their reviews of Fountain Creek projects.

These documents include:

- Fountain Creek Study by the Army Corp of Engineers, 2003
- Strategic Plan, 2009
- Fountain Creek Corridor Master Restoration Plan, 2011
- Fountain Creek Watershed Policy Report, 2012

Elaine pointed out that the Watershed Policy Report indicated that the number one thing that the District needed to do was to adopt the appropriate portions of the Drainage Criteria Manual to have the strong and well defined land use authority. Elaine also suggested that City and County comprehensive plans and master plans should incorporate the Fountain Creek issues.

The Fountain Creek District should also look at adopting a review checklist to guide future Fountain Creek reviews and projects. Elaine then brought up the land use review checklists that the TAC had worked on previously but were not instituted. A lengthy discussion ensued as to why the checklists has not been instituted - issues associated with the checklists and what needs to happen from this point forward to make sure that development in the Fountain Creek corridor is referred to the District for land use approval.

It was suggested that requiring a letter from the applicant stating how they conform to the master plan with their submission to each jurisdiction, if the project is in the floodplain, would simplify the reviews and would help ensure that the applicant has considered the protection of the floodplain. Review for conformity with the Master Plan will be done by the District not the individual jurisdictions.

The TAC needs to work with the 9 jurisdictions to educate their staff on what needs to be submitted to the District and what information is needed. Larry noted that according to the statute all land use applications must be submitted to the District. Larry currently provides a courtesy review and comments if they are not in the floodplain. If they are in the floodplain the TAC and CAG will review and provide comments to the District for final approval or disapproval. Pamphlets could be developed to provide information about the process to each jurisdiction. This information could be included with the information they provide to developers. Eventually the District will need to hire engineers/consultants to develop policy and procedures to meet all of the statutory responsibilities.

Larry Small clarified that any drainage facilities within the corridor must be reviewed and approved by the District; however the District does not currently have a defined drainage standard to go by. Adoption of the appropriate portions of the DCM by the District is important to provide criteria to do reviews.

The conclusion was that a committee consisting of Mark Shea (Chair), Elaine Kleckner, Jeff Rice, Jeff Bailey, Joan Armstrong and Pat Coffee would meet to develop a checklist(s) that can be used for developers and for the TAC to determine if a project conforms to the goals of the master plan. Rich Muzzy volunteered to combine the various Fountain Creek goals into one document. Nancy Keller will send out the checklists of jurisdiction requirements previously created. The next meeting the TAC will look at the proposed drainage criteria manual and the statute creating the District.

a. John Chavez gave a power point presentation on the Colorado Regulation 85 Nutrient Data Gap Analysis Report, December 2013. This report was based upon sampling at several Colorado locations and John's report focused on the Colorado Springs data (1992). The conclusion of the report was that

the State did not need additional monitoring of MS4's unless something triggered a need for monitoring of specific entities.

5. Reports

a. Larry Small gave a brief report on the Governing Board. Dennis Hisey is the new Chair replacing Val Schneider. Channel 5 news did a story on Cheyenne Creek the previous night. The next Board meeting will be May 22.

b. Irene Kornelly, CAG Chair, was unable to attend. Larry Small said that the Frost Ranch tour and Pueblo Water Festival had been cancelled due to weather. The CAG has some educational materials available and are looking for volunteers to distribute their brochures. They also have a presentation that can be obtained from Alison Plute at (719) 650-7474.

6. Business

a. Nancy Keller handed out an updated membership list. Discussion ensued from last month's meeting regarding whether the TAC should allow consultants to be members. After much discussion Rich Muzzy made a motion that consultants not be allowed to be voting members of the TAC, seconded by John Chavez, it passed unanimously.

7. Other Business

John Chavez said there needs to be discussion on what the impacts are from Senate Bill 212. Mark Shea said he could give an overview at next month's meeting.

8. Public Comment: There were no comments.

9. The next meeting will be held on June 3 at 1:00 pm at the Fountain City Hall.

10. There being no further business Dennis Maroney made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Muzzy seconded the motion, approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.