

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

**Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2018**

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 January 12, 2018 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 9:34 a.m. The following CAG members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Irene Kornelly – Chair and CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board
Ian Hartley – Vice Chair
Mary Barber – Alternate Representative to the FCWD Governing Board and Web Manager
Jack Wallick – Secretary
Darcie Hannigan
Dana Nordstrom
Allison Plute
Tom Ready
Ross Vincent
David Woolley

CAG Members not present:

Sherie Caffey

Also in attendance:

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

Irene handed out a copy of the 2018 meeting schedule, along with possible presentation topics, and asked that CAG members suggest additional presentation topics.

2. Approve Agenda of January 12, 2018 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the January 12, 2018 Agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of November 17, 2017 Meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the November 17, 2017 Minutes were approved.

4. Presentations. None

5. Reports

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

- The usual reports and routine items on the Consent Calendar were approved.
- The Board held the public hearing on the consolidated 2018 budget, and approved it.

- The Board extended the Matrix Design Technical Services Contract, the sixth extension.
 - The Enterprise Board heard and approved the usual consent calendar and ratified the Enterprise Board budget for 2018.
 - Irene gave a report on the Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee.
 - The next Board meeting is January 26 at 2:00, in the Fountain City Council Chambers.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.** There was no report from the TAC, but Larry reported that the 2018 officers are Brandy Williams - Chair, Mark Shea - Vice Chair, and Kevin Binkley - Secretary.
- c. Outreach Group.** Irene reported that the Outreach Group had no meeting in December.
- The meeting date and place has moved to the fourth Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Wildcat Room at the Ivywild School. The change is to accommodate new members from the Greenway Fund Communications and Events Committee and other organizations making up the new Watershed Outreach Collaborative, or WOC.
 - Allison commented that in 2017 there were a total of 43 WOC events, in 29 of which the District was the lead organization. Those 43 events resulted in a total of 10,100 contacts.
 - Allison passed around the draft 2018 Event Calendar asking members to sign up and take the lead for at least one event in the year.
 - Outreach is working on an update to the Fountain Creek Watershed brochure; Darcie and Jonah from CC have been working that project.
 - The Brewshed Alliance has expanded with the new year. New members are Trails End, Goat Patch, and Tap Traders, which though not an actual brewery, is a big proponent of microwbrewing. Brues Alehouse in Pueblo will be approached soon. They are also looking at getting a Pueblo running club associated with brewshed events.
 - The next Creek Week Steering Committee meeting is January 26 at the Fountain Creek Nature Center.
 - We will receive a public interest fellow from Colorado College next summer. The person will receive \$4,000 from the Creek Week budget for 400 hours in June, July, and August.
- d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee Meeting.** Irene reported on the November 14 meeting.
- The committee intends to recommend three projects to the Board for the 2018.
 - The three will be phased in over the year.
 - The first to begin planning and design will be Piñon Bridge. This is a situation similar to the Highway 47 Bridge project, in that the creek channel has moved and is threatening the bridge structure. This is estimated to be a \$2.3 million project. Larry commented that he has a grant application with the Corps of Engineers for a feasibility study that could grow into help with construction funding as well.
 - Next will be a project in Pueblo combining several projects in close proximity, to reduce design and contract mobilization costs. The project area is between 8th and 13th Streets, on both banks of the creek. Project costs are estimated at \$3 million. Larry has a grant application with the CWBC to help with design, and he is very optimistic about award.
 - The final project will combine two Barr Ranch projects, with design beginning in October or so. Project cost is estimated at \$2 million.
 - The committee meets again January 16.
- e. Website and Facebook Page.** Irene reported that we did not get the \$5,000 CDPHE grant for website upgrade. Mary asked that people sent her files for website posting. She is getting by with work-arounds using Dropbox and Google Drive.
- 6. Current Business.** Irene conducted the Annual Meeting, as follows.

- **Current Membership and Nomination of New Members.** Irene announced that the current CAG members have all indicated that they will continue serving in 2018. Christine Lowenberg, executive director of the Greenway Fund, was nominated as a new CAG member.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CAG approved submittal of the CAG membership, including Christine Lowenberg, to the Board for approval.

- **Election of 2018 Officers of the CAG.** The current officers were re-nominated as follows: Chair: Irene Kornelly and Representative to the Board; Vice Chair: Ian Hartley; Alternate Representative to the Board: Mary Barber; Secretary: Jack Wallick. There were no other nominees.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CAG approved the above nominees as 2018 CAG officers.

- **Sunshine Act Compliance.** Irene Kornelly emailed copies of the Colorado Sunshine Law to all CAG members. The provisions are listed below.
 - A. Meeting notices will be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a meeting at the same places as the El Paso County and Pueblo County Commissioners meeting notices are posted.
 - B. The day and time of regular meetings shall be the 2nd Friday of each month, at 9:30 a.m.; however, the CAG may meet at a different time if properly noticed. The primary meeting place will be the City of Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Fountain, Colorado 80817; however the CAG has the ability to meet in other locations from time to time.
 - C. The Secretary of the CAG shall be the official custodian of records – the Executive Director will also keep records as appropriate.
 - D. Official minutes and records will be maintained by the CAG Secretary, with copies to also be maintained by the Executive Director.
 - E. The audio recording is hereby designated as the official record of meetings.
 - F. The audio recording of executive sessions is hereby ordered, except for attorney/client communications.
 - G. The Official Newspapers for publication of required notices shall be the same newspapers that are used by the Boards of Commissioners of El Paso and Pueblo Counties.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, CAG members adopted the Sunshine Law Provisions.

7. Other Business.

a. 2018 meeting schedule. Irene offered late-comers copies of the annual meeting schedule and reiterated her request that CAG members suggest presentation topics for future meetings.

b. Larry Small spoke on current projects.

- Masciantonio Project.
 - All weirs have been built.
 - A lot of the groundcover has been put in.
 - Riprap at the Young Hollow entrance has been extended about another 50 feet up the hollow.
 - Progress is good and Larry expects the project to finish ahead of schedule in March.
- Highway 47 Bridge Project.
 - The project is underway, and stone is being used rather than sheet pilings because it was discovered that the shale is too close to the surface to be able to easily drive pilings. The shale should be left undisturbed if possible.

- The District is purchasing the stone because we can get a better price than the contractor.
- Larry was featured in a favorable KOAA Channel 5/30 TV news story on the project, and our logo is prominently displayed on the project sign at the east end of the site.
- The project is going well.
- Pueblo Project. This is the project combining several WARSSS sites between 8th and 13th Streets, included in the Monetary Mitigation Committee report on the CIP. The grant application to the CWBC is expected to be successful. We should know before end of the month.
- Barr Ranch Project. Larry mused that this one might end up actually being the first project to be started, because the potential Corps of Engineers feasibility/partial design grant, although a lengthy and time-consuming project, would pay off in the long run, especially in the event of approving support for the final design/construction phase. All in all, Corps participation would stretch the Piñon Bridge project out into next year.
- c. Dana Nordstrom distributed a hand-out from the El Paso County Park Advisory Board describing two upcoming trail repair projects. The Fountain Creek Regional Trail north of Camping World will be relocated because of flood damage last summer, and portions of the trail in the Maxwell Street Trailhead area will be re-aligned and/or replaced due to flood damage.
- d. Terry Hart initiated a discussion on using Fountain Creek corridor as part of an extended park centered around the Runyon Lake complex in Pueblo, near the confluence. Ideas were exchanged, and there appears to be momentum toward something like the Fountain Creek Nature Center or even a State Park. The Front Range Trail is in the area. Tom Ready commented that in the past State Parks had thoughts about a park occupying the Fountain Creek channel from Colorado Springs to Pueblo. Water quality could be a concern. Another heads up focused on the use of wetlands and other techniques to clean up Fountain Creek and the lower Arkansas.

8. Public Comment. None

9. Next Meeting. The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday February 9, 2018, 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 approximately 10:41 a.m.