

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

**Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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 April 13, 2018 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Ms. Irene Kornelly, Chairperson, at 9:36 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

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 – CAG Secretary
Darcie Hannigan
Ross Vincent
David Wooley

CAG Members Not Present:

Sherie Caffey
Christine Lowenberg
Dana Nordstrom
Allison Plute
Tom Ready
Josh Watkins, TAC Representative to the CAG

Also in Attendance:

Larry Small, FCWD Executive Director
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner and FCWD Board Member
Richard Mulledy, Colorado Springs Water Resources Engineering Division Manager

2. Approve Agenda of April 13, 2018 Meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the April 13, 2018 Agenda was approved.

3. Approve Minutes of March 9, 2018 Meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the March 9, 2018 minutes were approved.

4. Presentations Annual Report of Activity, Richard Mulledy, Water Resources Engineering Division Manager.

Richard presented the Division's Annual Report of Activities as well as a look at the formal Annual Report of Expenditures required by the IGA between Pueblo County and Colorado Springs Utilities and the city of Colorado Springs.

- \$49 million have been encumbered or spent in 2016 and 2017, a huge increase for stormwater-related expenditures. As required by the IGA, the Division provides an audited report of expenditures to Pueblo County. That report is far from an engaging document, so Richard's presentation is based on the more readable 2017 Annual Report of Activities, which Richard distributed to the audience.
- The Division was staffed at 66.25 FTEs at the end of 2107; that number has since increased due to passage of the Stormwater Enterprise Fee. Its three primary functions are:
 - O&M of drainage and water quality infrastructure.
 - Engineering and construction of new capital projects.
 - Management of activities required by the MS-4 permit.
- 25 FTEs are assigned to the Water Quality Program, consisting of office-type employees; 41 are in Drainage Ops and Maintenance, who are equipment operators and other field personnel. A stormwater capital projects team has been created within the City's CIP Engineering program. All stormwater projects are coordinated with the Division's Stormwater Projects Delivery Group.
- Elaborating on the Water Quality Program, Richard pointed out a few of its functions.
 - MS4 permit and compliance tracking, to include illicit discharge responses,
 - Private BMP monitoring, the industrial facility program, and municipal facility runoff control,
 - Public Outreach, primarily by Jerry Cordova, a former CAG member, engages the public in stormwater-related educational programs. Jerry gave 86 separate presentations and reached over 6,000 students. Widespread media involvement also helps support their mandated educational and informational efforts.
 - Water quality monitoring is performed in coordination with the USGS, and the City is supporting AF CURE in its E. coli monitoring efforts.
- Richard highlighted some of the significant capital projects, accompanied by dramatic before and after photographs. During 2017, work was performed on 75 projects, either started that year or continued from the previous year. Projects costs ranged from tens of thousands to millions of dollars.
 - Several were FEMA funded and arose from flooding in 2013 and 2015.
 - Other projects are classified as emergency stormwater projects (IGA Project #1) under the terminology of the IGA; examples included the East Fork Sand Creek, Chapel Hills Mall channel, CSPD Impound Lot, and the Van Buren Channel were some of the ten or more in that category.
 - Larger capital improvement projects (greater than \$200,000) included the Downtown Drainage Improvements Project from Nevada to Shooks Run on Pikes Peak Avenue, the Monument Branch at USAA, and the King Street Detention Pond, and others around town.
- Colorado Springs Utilities also participates in complying with the IGA, particularly with utility creek crossings. As Richard commented, Pueblo does not want a sanitary sewer breaking in the creek. There are hundreds of potentially disastrous crossings that must be

protected. More than \$3 million was spent by Utilities this year on stabilizing those crossings.

- Other projects are classified as Tabor Projects, arising from the voter-approved retention of TABOR funds, and at least ten of these drainage-related projects have been completed by now. Significantly, the Stormwater Enterprise (SWENT) which was originally funded on fees based on impervious surface has been changed to a simple fee structure, with most residential units being assessed at \$5 per month. A few additional employees were hired to administer and provide customer service for the revitalized program.
- Terry Hart commented that as a long-time participant in the IGA process, he is impressed by the good work being done by the City, and in particular the Water Resources Engineering Division, in meeting the challenge of the IGA and the stormwater problem overall.

5. Reports.

a. Governing Board Meeting. Larry reported on the March 23rd meeting of the Governing Board.

- The Board heard Richard Mulledy's presentation on Water Resource Engineering's Annual Report.
- Larry also reported the response from the Corps of Engineers on the Piñon Bridge project. The Corps was willing to help with the bridge only, but none of the channel and bank stabilization work that made the bridge work necessary. The Corps was only interested in a low-cost approach consisting of gabion baskets for bridge stabilization. As a result, the District will proceed on its own.
- The next Board meeting will be April 27 in the Fountain City Council Chambers.

b. TAC Meeting. Irene reported on the TAC meeting.

- The TAC also heard Richard Mulledy's annual report.
- There was talk about issues with El Paso County Parks.
- Apart from the usual reports, that was the extent of the meeting.

c. Outreach Group. Irene reported on the Outreach Group activities.

- The website RFP has been issued, and we've already heard back from two vendors seeking additional information. Vendor proposals are due April 27. David Wooley, Mary Barber, and Darcie Hannigan will help review responses.
- Sustainafest is April 14 at 704 E. Boulder St.
- The Great American Clean Up is April 21, coinciding with Earth Day.
- The Children's Water Fest is May 18.
- The Creek Week steering committee continues to meet.
- There are now two breweries in Pueblo that have joined the Brewshed Alliance – Shamrock and Brues Ale House. Darcie and her husband Ryan are taking the lead with the Brewshed Alliance. Darcie commented that they have sent a survey to all the Alliance members asking what they are doing and how can we help them. Responses will help us move forward with the concept and help determine its future.
- Carolyn Best is our new CC fellow. One of the tasks she'll be working on is the redesign of our brochure.
 - A draft was circulated at the last meeting, and comments/suggestions are requested. It's been years since the brochure was originally produced, and the team wants it to reflect our increased impact in the watershed and elsewhere.
 - Terry commented that we need to ensure we get noticed for the many projects in which we participate but are not the lead agency. An example of this is the hugely popular skate park in Pueblo. We need to get credit and recognition for our work.

- Discussion continued about how best to present our many projects and whether more than one document is needed.

d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee. The committee did not meet in March; they will meet April 17 to begin the 2019 CIP.

e. Website and Facebook Page. Mary reported that the site administrator noticed suspicious activity and performed a security upgrade, at no cost.

6. Current Business

a. Project Reports. Larry Small reported on current projects.

- The Needs Assessment Report was delivered to the CWBC at the first of the month, and Larry has received final payment. That project is complete.
- Larry had the final walkthrough on the Masciantonio project April 10, and it is now complete. He praised Tezak Construction for their work.
- The Highway 47 Bridge project is proceeding on schedule. Asbestos contamination from old drywall was mitigated. Larry said that he has 800 tons of debris to dispose of. The dumped concrete has been relocated and will be covered with dirt if possible. The project has been extended 300 feet downstream due to bank erosion in that reach and to keep the line of the realigned channel intact past the bridge.
- The Barr Farm project is underway. There have been some additional surveys done; the topology is daunting – there are several hundred feet of stream bank up to 35 feet high. A power line is at risk. Overall, the project will be a challenge, Larry said. Construction should begin in October.
- Contract documents for the CWBC grant for design of the project between 8th and 13th Street in Pueblo are being readied.

b. Tour of Projects. Irene asked for guidance regarding various aspects of the tour. Coordination with the TAC will be required, but it seems that Friday is a good day for elected officials and other VIPs, who are considered an important constituency. The tour may not take place on the CAG meeting day, but will substitute for the July meeting.

7. Other Business.

- Mary mentioned the upcoming Greenie Awards in which Jerry Cordova (Individual) and Creek Week (Organization), among other local notables, are vying for honors. Voting online continues through April 22nd.
- The Peak Alliance for a Sustainable Future's topic for their breakfast April 18 is Water Quality. Jerry Cordova and Christine Lowenberg are scheduled to speak.

8. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

9. Next Meeting. The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday May 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main, second floor meeting room.

10. Adjourn:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.