

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

**Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 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 May 11, 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 9:33 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  
Josh Watkins, TAC Representative to the CAG  
Christine Lowenberg  
Dana Nordstrom  
David Woolley

**CAG Members Not Present:**

Sherie Caffey  
Darcie Hannigan  
Allison Plute  
Tom Ready  
Ross Vincent

**Also in Attendance:**

Larry Small, FCWD Executive Director  
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner and FCWD Board Member  
Jason Meyer, Project Manager, El Paso County Parks

**2. Approve Agenda of May 11, 2018 Meeting.**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the May 11, 2018 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of April 13, 2018 Meeting.**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the April 13, 2018 minutes were approved.**

**4. Presentation – El Paso County Parks Flood Recovery Projects, Jason Meyer.** Jason spoke on county projects totaling \$3 million for the repair of trails damaged in the 2015 floods along the main stem of Fountain Creek. Six of the projects have been completed. The two remaining projects aren't expected to be complete until 2019.

- One of the remaining projects is the east bank at Willow Springs. It was heavily damaged, threatening the clay lined ponds nearby.
  - J3 Engineering from the Denver area performed the design which employs a range of solutions including buried soil rip rap and vegetative plantings to hold the bank together, as well as some large scale boulders.
  - The repair cost is estimated at \$1.3 million, while the original FEMA award was for \$800K. The design has been submitted to FEMA for review and for a second cost estimate. No response is expected before late summer, and award will not be before December, so construction cannot really begin until next fall.
  - Using county resources, a rip rap berm was built to protect the leading edge of the damaged bank, preventing further scour until the permanent solution is built. The rip rap can be re-used in the permanent repair.
- The Maxwell Street Trailhead was repaired in March 2018. \$40K was awarded and Parks spent \$30K. Previous repair work following the 2013 floods held up well in the 2015 floods, but sheet flow from the adjacent parking lot, as well as other factors, caused damage to culverts and surfaces. The in-house project reconfigured the trailhead and trail and increased drainage capacities.
- Four smaller projects addressing damage along the Fountain Creek trail were bundled together for efficiency. Much of the work was done in the fall of 2017, with completion by March 2018.
  - Near Stratmoor Valley it was necessary to move the trail from the creek edge due to FEMA cost-benefit analyses, rather than repair the existing stretch.
  - Near Camping World grading was improved and culvert was replaced, rip rap was placed, and the trail repaired.
  - Also near Camping World, FEMA cost-benefit analysis showed it was not worth repair the creek bank to fix the trail, so the trail was relocated along with culvert and grading work.
  - At Carson Blvd, post-2013 flood work held well, but downstream eddying took out creek bank and portions of the trail. Natural vegetation was re-established along the creek and 200 feet of trail were resurfaced.
- Hanson Street Trailhead has been trouble for some time, and Jason said they were on their fifth repair now. Damage from the 2015 flooding resulted in a \$1.47 million FEMA award, and design work is underway. Because of the complexity of the project, this is a multi-agency project headed by County Engineering, and Parks is on the project team. Design is not expected to be done until June 2019, with construction following that fall. Jason will be presenting the design concepts and alternatives to the TAC and offered to do the same for the CAG.

## **5. Reports.**

**a. Governing Board Meeting.** Larry reported on the April 27 meeting of the Governing Board. In a short meeting the Board approved changes to the TAC membership.

**b. TAC Meeting.** Josh reported on the April 2 TAC meeting. The major topic was the upcoming tour of projects for the July meeting.

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

- The District was represented at the Sustainafest in Colorado Springs April 14.
- The Great American Cleanup at Pikeview was cancelled due to snow. Creek Week took the Greenie environmental award for groups, while former CAG member and current Stormwater Outreach Meister Jerry Cordova took the individual award.
- Mary and Irene represented the District at Family Fun Day at the Nature Center and made about 300 contacts.
- The youth fishing derby has been rescheduled for June 9 at Quail Lake, due to a pH problem at Pikeview.
- Our student intern will start June 18; her name is Carolyn Best.
- E. coli has been in the news lately, as well as in Fountain Creek and its tributaries. Colorado Springs is considering an ordinance to keep people from camping within 100 feet of the waterway.
- Larry reported that Creek Week will be getting a \$250 check from Westervelt Ecological Services in Denver.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee.** Irene reported that the committee met April 17 and discussed how to approach 2019's projects. One topic is whether there are projects identified in the Needs Assessment that can be added to those from the WARSSS Report. Discussion will also include whether there are projects in addition to erosion control and sediment, such as E. coli, that we should be looking at. The next meeting will be Tuesday May 15.

**e. Website and Facebook Page.** We only received one proposal to our website RFP. Darcie, Mary, and David reviewed it and will respond with questions and requests for more information from the offerer.

## **6. Current Business**

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

- The Masciantonio Project is complete.
- The Highway 47 Bridge 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. CDOT agreed to add scour protection to the piers, as they were at risk. Completion has been pushed to the end of June due to the extra work at the piers. The west bank has been cleaned up; the debris has been removed, and the area looks good.
- The Barr Farm project is in the design phase. The topology is daunting – there are several hundred feet of stream bank up to 35 feet high, and very little room in which to work. A power line is at risk and should be moved although that may not happen soon. Overall, the project is a challenge. Construction could begin in October.
- Larry is still waiting on the contract for the CWBC grant for design of the project between 8th and 13th Street in Pueblo.

**b. Tour of Projects.** Irene announced that the tour of projects will be Friday July 13. Larry commented that we will visit Masciantonio, the Highway 47 Project, and the Pueblo Dredging Project. There will be one tour for everyone – elected officials, TAC, CAG, Board, etc. Details of time and meeting place will be announced.

**7. Other Business.** Terry Hart spoke about the loss of funding for water projects due to a reinterpretation of Mineral Severance Taxes. Many needed water projects are at risk of being unfunded, and the overall effect will be to limit the extent to which we can leverage our \$50 million with state grants. A source of sustainable, long term funding of water projects is needed. Terry urged CAG members to speak to their state legislators to restore funding to these crucial programs.

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

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday June 8 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 10:31 a.m.**