

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

**Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 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 August 10, 2018 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Mr. Ian Hartley, Vice Chairperson, at 9:38 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Ian Hartley – Vice Chair  
Mary Barber – Alternate Representative to the FCWD Governing Board and Web Manager  
Josh Watkins, TAC Representative to the CAG  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Carolyn Best – Summer Intern  
Sherie Caffey  
Christine Lowenberg  
Dana Nordstrom  
Allison Plute  
David Wooley

**CAG Members Not Present:**

Irene Kornelly – Chair and CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Darcie Hannigan  
Tom Ready

**Also in Attendance:**

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

**2. Approve Agenda of August 10, 2018 Meeting.**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the August 10, 2018 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of May 11, 2018 and June 8, 2018 Meeting.**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the May 11, 2018 and June 8, 2018 minutes were approved.**

#### 4. Presentations

**a. Aerial Video Before and After Masciantonio Project – Larry Small.** Larry presented aerial drone video with a running commentary of the Masciantonio Project, taken both before and after the \$1.8 million remediation project.

Larry also presented some pictures of a recent high water (5,000 to 8,000 CFS) event at the Highway 47 project. The design is working as planned.

**b. Introduction to the Greenway Fund – Christine Lowenberg.** Christine is the executive director of the Greenway Fund, a consultant in infrastructure and utilities, and a member of the CAG.

- The Greenway Fund was established in 2011 to increase awareness and fiscal resources to the area, specifically benefiting greenways and waterways.
- In 2016 the board underwent a strategic planning process reviewing past operations and determining current and future needs, its relationship with the Fountain Creek Watershed District, and the community at large. Also in that year the Greenway Fund became a private fiscal partner to the City of Colorado Springs Parks through the award of a GOCO grant for the Legacy Loop. The Greenway Fund worked through El Paso County to make the project an Enterprise Zone, qualifying private donors for tax credits.
- In 2017 the Greenway Fund moved its fiscal sponsorship from Pikes Peak Community Foundation to Coalitions and Collaboratives (CO-CO), also associated other conservation and watershed-related interests. Other 2017 activities included:
  - Hiring an executive director (Christine Lowenberg) with large-scale water & infrastructure project experience, having now moved into project development and fund raising.
  - Actively supported Ballot Initiative 2A, which funded Colorado Springs stormwater activities through a fee.
  - Initiated an in-depth economic study of the value of greenways, especially when associated with water, for the purposes of private, economic, and grant development, enhancing the regional economy, environment, and watershed.
  - Providing board memberships to regional leaders in water and watershed-related areas.
- 2018 Greenway Fund initiatives include the 4th annual Greenway Fund Forum which was held at the Penrose Pavilion September 4th, as well as continued advocacy for the Legacy Loop, the Watershed Outreach Collaborative in partnership with the District, sponsorship of Creek Week, and many other local water events.
- Christine elaborated on the complicated relationships between the City, Developers, and the Not for Profit sector, and how each holds a part of the answer to keeping our watersheds and waterways healthy and useful.
- A specific project that Christine highlighted was Boulder Crescent Park, in downtown Colorado Springs. The park is currently in bad shape, being heavily used by our transient population. As a part of the Legacy Loop development, plans have been drawn up to rehabilitate the park. Although there are currently no City funds for this work, the Greenway Fund has worked to develop accurate cost estimates, construction plans, and funding. At this time approximately half the funding has been secured.

- Christine elaborated on the results of their economic study of the impacts of greenways.
  - The study looked at three specific community assets: the Legacy Loop in Central Colorado Springs, the Midland Trail connecting Old Colorado City with Manitou Springs, and Sand Creek from Airport Road and Powers Blvd to its confluence with Fountain Creek.
  - Significant per capita benefits were documented in the categories of Health, Recreation, and Transportation. These findings were key to Colorado Springs recently being awarded a transportation grant.
- The Greenway Fund continues its work in advocating for greenways, neighborhood level projects, and partnering for a variety of community improvements.
- Christine emphasized public outreach with the District, Envision Shooks Run, and other local initiatives. She emphasized that the Greenway Fund is not in the business of designing, managing, and building projects; their role is in analysis and support of those in that role. She ended with a call for greater cooperation between the District and the Greenway Fund, claiming that with their complementary approaches they can provide greater benefit to the watershed. [1.10.15]

## 5. Reports.

### a. **Governing Board Meeting.** Larry reported on the most recent Board meeting.

- [0.35.35] The Board approved the 2017 audit. There were no issues.
- The Board approved a resolution asking our member governments for a total of \$200,000 (pro-rated by population) for operations expenses. It has been two years since we last requested funding from them.
- We received the grant from the CWBC grant for design of the Pueblo Channel project between 8th and 13th Street in Pueblo and the Board approved a task order to Matrix for the project. We now have three projects in design: the Pueblo Channel, Piñon Bridge, and Barr Farms.
- Terry Hart spoke at length on needs, projects, sources of sustainable funding, and the future of the District as a player in agriculture, recreation, and public safety.

### b. **TAC Meeting.** Josh reported that the August TAC meeting heard and saw Larry's aerial video presentation on the Masciantonio project.

### c. [1.24.05] **Outreach Group.** Allison Plute reported on the Outreach Group activities.

- Susan from the Pueblo Health Department is now longer with the organization, and there was concern support for Creek Week in Pueblo City and County would be gone, but Creek Week still has support in Pueblo.
- Carolyn Best, our summer intern from CC, has been coordinating efforts for outreach to Creek Week teams and providing other valuable assistance. Fundraising is going well.
- The Watershed Outreach Collaborative meets Thursday August 16 at 8:00 the Ivywild School. A rain barrel workshop is also planned.
- September 17 the Brewshed Alliance will hold a screening of short films about rivers.
- September 24 will be the third annual Clean and Crawl in downtown Colorado Springs. Participants will move from pub to pub, ensuring storm drains are marked and cleaned.
- The E. coli management plan includes Porta-Potties at homeless camps and scoop the poop publicity.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee.** The committee is working to prioritize 2019 projects.

**e. Website and Facebook Page.** Mary had nothing new to report, the website proposal is on hold, and we may reissue the RFP with changes. The website is working.

**6. Current Business/Project Reports.** There was nothing new to report on current projects. As mentioned earlier, we have three projects in the design phase: Piñon Bridge, Barr Farms, and the Pueblo Channel project.

**7. Other Business.** Dana Nordstrom announced the Happy Trails BBQ fundraiser for El Paso County Parks. This is a major fund raiser for Parks, the donation is \$45, and Allison Plute is a table captain.

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

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be September 14. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Manitou Springs at the Rainbow Falls parking lot.

**10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.**