

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

**Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2019**

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 February 9, 2019 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 about 9:30 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  
Nancy Bernard  
Judith Rice-Jones  
David Woolley

**CAG Members Not Present:**

Christine Lowenberg  
Tom Ready  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
TAC Representative to the CAG

**Also in Attendance:**

Larry Small, FCWD Executive Director

- 2. Approve Agenda of Meeting.**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the February 8, 2019 Agenda was approved.**

- 3. Approve Minutes of January 11, 2019 Meeting.** Approval of the January 11, 2019 meeting minutes was postponed until the March 8, 2019 meeting.

- 4. Presentations.** There were no presentations.

Irene made a pair of organizational announcements.

- She requested an updated CAG Membership List be emailed to all current members, and
- In the event of snow or other need to cancel or postpone a meeting, she will send an email to the CAG by 6:30 the morning of the meeting that it has been cancelled. If members do not receive an email, there will be a meeting as scheduled.

## 5. Reports.

**a. Governing Board Meeting.** Larry reported on the January 25th Board meeting. There were two items of business.

- The District Board extended its contract with Larry Small as Executive Director, from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020.
- The Board also approved our engagement letter with Bachman PR, Lisa Bachman, for a public outreach campaign. He will have a kick-off meeting with Lisa the following Friday. \$100,000 is budgeted for this campaign, which does not include the funding for Creek Week, which is contained in a separate budget element.
- The Enterprise Board approved the contract for Barr Farms Phase 1 construction with Sun Construction Company.
- The Enterprise Board also approved the contract for Piñon Bridge Construction with Tezak Heavy Equipment.
- The Enterprise Board also approved the task order with Matrix Design for the design of the Overton Road Project as well as a task order for design of the Barr Farms Phase 2 Project.
- The next Board Meeting will be February 22nd, 2:00 p.m., in Fountain City Hall.

**b. TAC Meeting.** Irene reported on the TAC meeting held Wednesday February 6.

- There was discussion about a proposed program working with USGS to quantify contaminants in the creek, and to determine whether the removal of sediment through various mitigation efforts has had any effect on the contaminant-carrying capacity of the creek.
  - This would, of course, include the many activities undertaken by the city's stormwater and utilities departments, not just the District's.
  - It is important to our long-term funding to quantify the benefits of our efforts.
  - Irene reported that the MMFAC had also discussed the necessity of quantifying contaminant reduction and water quality improvement in its January meeting.
- Another topic of discussion was that El Paso County is starting to look into how to restore and stabilize the huge cutbank at Riverside Mobile Home Park in Fountain.
  - TAC membership thought that the design was too early in the process to make meaningful comments.
  - There has apparently been insufficient communication between the county and the City of Fountain, each of which controls a portion of the affected property.
  - It is hoped the Community Development Block Grant money being used will allow for a resilient solution, and not just to rebuild a troubled stretch of creek.
- The county is also preparing to begin work on the Maxwell Street Trailhead, a project that was presented to the CAG in May 2018 while in the design stage. It's a FEMA project, meaning there are restrictions on how the funds are used, and the county does not have the money to address the fundamental issues at hand. Larry is meeting with them in the coming week.

**c. Outreach Group.** The Outreach Subcommittee has not met this year.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee.** Irene reported that the committee had just started its deliberations on recommended projects for 2020 and has a long way to go before it can make a report to the Board. She commented that many of the projects completed or in-process have been combinations of two or more WARSSS Study projects, resulting in significant cost savings by reducing the contractors' mobilization and set-up costs. Larry commented that with the six projects we've done, 18 of the original 215 projects have been completed.

**e. Website and Facebook Page.** Mary gave an update on the website upgrade.

- We have a contract with Madwire to develop a new website that can be more easily navigated and more easily maintained.
  - Mary and David have reviewed a sample home page and inner page layout.
  - Page design is approved, and the developers are working on populating it with our information and graphics for a better look at how want it organized.
  - It will be more visually appealing and hopefully better organized for any potential users.
  - David added that much of the content in the current website will migrate over to the new one, in addition to there being expanded content on projects as it all becomes available.
  - David also reported that Madwire is currently migrating content to the new version and he will have a beta version of the new website February 15. Mary and David will have something to show the CAG in March or April.
  - They asked CAG members to send them good jpg photos of Fountain Creek or its tributaries for possible use on the new website.
  - The current website will remain functional throughout the new one's design and build process.

**6. Project Reports/Current Business.**

- **Project Updates.** Larry gave reports on each of the projects currently underway.
  - Barr Farms construction kicked off on January 2nd; Piñon Bridge was also authorized to start January 2nd, but the contractor just started February 4th. Both are now underway, with mostly just clearing/grubbing and installation of diversion culverts to allow equipment traffic into work areas.
  - The Pueblo Channel Project is at the 30 percent design stage, so the next Stakeholder's meeting is the 21st of this month.
  - The Overton Road and Barr Farms Phase 2 Project designs are underway by Matrix.
  - The CWBC notified Larry of grant award for the Floodplain Opportunity Study. He will take a task order to the Board meeting for approval this month to get that study started in March.
  - With respect to future plans, Larry said that although the Corridor Restoration Master Plan conceptualizes a greenway from Colorado Springs to Pueblo, there is no actual plan of where and how the greenway will be routed.
    - Larry would like to get a planning grant from GOCO to produce a Master Plan for that greenway.
    - Details such as which properties would it cross, locations for creek crossings, places for riparian habitats, rest stops, overlooks, and many other details would have to be included. A detailed plan is needed before we can begin looking at rights-of-way and easements as some of the first steps in implementing the envisioned greenway.
- **Creek Week Leadership.** Larry addressed the future responsibility and management of Creek Week in light of Allison's re-assignment within Utilities.
  - First, Creek Week is a CAG project, and no other organization will be assuming responsibility for it.
  - It is not clear what role, if any, Allison will be allowed to take with Creek Week. The City and Utilities are both in the midst of reorganization, so the Creek Week steering committee should be the source of Creek Week leadership, at least until the situation

at Utilities is clarified and possible permanently in the event that Allison cannot serve in her former capacity. Kimberly Reeves, Senior Sustainability Program Manager at UCCS, was identified as a good candidate to begin pulling things together as an interim or even long-term Creek Week Manager.

- David Wooley agreed to contact Kimberley and work with her to get things moving this year.
- It was suggested that perhaps Jerry Cordova of city stormwater could serve, but with the reorganization and other uncertainties he is not available at this time.
- There is about \$11,000 in the Creek Week account, of which approximately \$5,000 is earmarked for our CC intern this summer.
- Irene said it is important to coordinate with Bachman PR to ensure we do not work at cross-purposes by distributing conflicting or inconsistent information.
- We need to keep the Brewshed Alliance involved as well. Darcie Hannigan is no longer involved with them. Last year the Alliance raised about \$2,000 for Creek Week, so they are a valuable asset that should be maintained.
- **Fountain Creek Nature Center's Family Fun Day.** This annual event is being held Saturday May 4th. Irene announced that she will be there to represent the District and asked for two others to help her. Mary and David volunteered. They will have a table there to hand out literature, magnets, and tattoos, engaging the public from 10:00 until 2:00, plus set-up and tear-down. Nancy Bernard said that we would have a tent this year; last year being rather hot and sunny.

#### **7. Other Business.**

- Our next meeting will be held at the Fountain Creek Nature Center
- We will have another project site tour Friday, May 31st. We'll have three 15 person vans, and there will be a box lunch provided. Expect an all-day tour, returning around 4:30.
- As announced earlier, Irene will send an email by 0630 the morning of the CAG meeting if it is to be cancelled because of snow. She will send an email only if there will be no meeting.

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

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be March 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fountain Creek Nature Center, 320 Pepper Grass Lane, Fountain, Colorado. **Please note the change of location!**

#### **10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.**