

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

**Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2019**

The meeting was held at:
Fountain Creek Nature Center
320 Peppergrass Lane
Fountain, CO

- 1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions** The March 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
Josh Watkins – TAC Representative to the CAG
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary
Nancy Bernard
Christine Lowenberg
Judith Rice-Jones
David Woolley

CAG Members Not Present:

Tom Ready

Also in Attendance:

Larry Small, FCWD Executive Director
Jed Chambers, Colorado Springs Utilities
Jason Messamer, Colorado Springs Utilities
Kyle Hinton, Colorado Springs Utilities

- 2. Approve Agenda of Meeting.**

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

- 3. Approve Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting, January 11, 2019 Meeting, and February 8 2019 Meeting.**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting, January 11, 2019 Meeting, and February 8, 2019 Meeting were approved.

4. Presentation - Colorado Springs Utilities Land Use Application, Jed Chambers, Jason Messamer, and Kyle Hinton.

Utilities proposed hardening and stabilizing their existing Fountain Creek maintenance access point downstream of the Owens and Hall Diversion Structure. The access is necessary for maintenance of the diversion structure used by the Ray Nixon Power Plant nearby.

- Their intent is to ensure that future maintenance activities can be performed at the Owens and Hall Diversions structure.
- They will place armoring along the eroded banks adjacent to the access point.
- Bank protection and access apron will be in the form of ungrouted boulder walls, boulder weirs, riprap, and erosion control matting.
- Much of the details will be field-designed in collaboration with the contractor.
- In response to questions, they discussed their re-vegetation plan, as well as their scour prevention measures.
- They emphasized that the project and structure are designed to be maintainable and worked on in the future. There was no attempt, or budget, to design for even a 20-year flood.
- Additional questions elicited vigorous defense of their design and construction plans as not being “bullet-proof” but robust and appropriate to the situation.
- The work is set to begin in April. A contractor is on board, and they expect the work to take between two and four weeks to complete. Necessary permits are in hand, and the contractor will pull any other permits as needed in the future. Project cost is estimated at \$100,000 to \$110,000.

5. Reports.

a. Governing Board Meeting. Larry reported on the February 22nd Board meeting.

- The Board approved a \$120,000 Task Order with Matrix to perform a study of Flood Plain Management (FPM) opportunities along Fountain Creek. The study will take about six months, completing in August
- The next Board meeting will be March 22.

b. TAC Meeting. Irene reported the TAC heard the same presentation from Utilities in their meeting held Wednesday March 6.

c. Outreach Group. Irene reported on several upcoming Outreach opportunities.

- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, April 23-24, 2019. The District is a sponsor, so we have a booth and 2 free attendees. Volunteers are needed!
- Great American Clean-up, April 27, 2019. Irene encouraged everyone to register online through El Paso County.
- Fountain Creek Nature Center Fun Day, May 4, 2019. Mary, David, and Irene volunteered to work this event.
- Pikes Peak Children’s Water Festival, May 17, 2019. The District is sponsoring this event and we need four or five people to work it.

David Woolley said he would contact last year’s Creek Week steering committee and see about setting up this year’s effort, select a new chair, etc. Larry has budgeted money for the event, but we all need to see how things shake out over the next few weeks.

d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee. Irene reported that the committee did not meet in February, but would meet March 19 at Pueblo Public Works.

e. Website and Facebook Page. Mary Barber reported that the new website is coming along nicely and that she and David will give a presentation on it in the April meeting.

6. Project Reports Larry used the topographical display in the Nature Center Lobby to show where our various restoration projects are located.

7. Current Business.

Recommend Approval, Disapproval, or Amendments to the District Board on the Colorado Springs Utilities Land Application.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CAG recommended Approval of the Land Application by Colorado Springs Utilities.

7. Other Business. We will have another project site tour Friday, May 31st. We will meet at Fountain City Hall, at a time to be announced.

8. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

9. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held at City of Fountain, City Hall, 116 S. Main, Fountain, CO

10. Adjourn:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.