

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Citizens Advisory Group  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2010**

The meeting was held at:  
City of Fountain, City Hall  
116 S. Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fountain, CO 80817

**1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Introductions**

The August 13, 2010, meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed Citizens Advisory Group (“CAG”) was called to order by Chairperson, Ms Ferris Frost, at approximately 9:40am. In attendance were the following designated members of the CAG:

Ferris Frost – Chairperson  
Ross Vincent  
Irene Kornelly  
David Kinnischtzke  
Chris Yuan-Farrell

Terry Hart  
Carol Baker  
Dennis Maroney  
Jack Johnston

Members not present:

Tom Evans – Vice Chairperson  
Eva Montoya  
Dan Henrichs  
Richard Skorman

Jay Winner  
Tom Ready  
Mary Barber

Mr Dan Kogovsek, Legal Counsel and Pueblo County Attorney; Mr Gary Barber, Interim Executive Director, Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (arrived at approximately 10:50am); and members of the public were also present.

A quorum was noted at approximately 0940.

**2. Approve Agenda of August 13, 2010 Meeting**

*Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried as amended by the Chair, the agenda for the August 13, 2010 meeting was approved.*

**3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)**

*Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the July 9, 2010 meeting were approved.*

**4. Proposal by Perry Cabot, Faculty Affiliate Assistant Professor, Colorado State University, Colorado Water Institute and Adjunct Professor, CSU-Pueblo**

Mr Cabot brought forward a proposal that the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (“District”) play a role in hosting the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum in Fountain for 2011 which was then discussed. He is proposing an outdoor event for the Forum to

his committee. The Forum could be used as an educational and outreach event for the District. The planning for the event is typically turned over to the local host with a local chairperson and program committee. About 150 people attend the event. He would like support of the CAG to help host the event and assist with the program. There is always a theme for the Forum which would be developed together. The Forum is normally held between March 30th and June 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr Cabot stated that money to help with the event is always appreciated with the average monetary commitment being \$500.00. The Forum is open to the public. Mr Cabot would like to involve students in particular. Last year's program is on the web site <http://www.arbwf.org>. A panel format works really well. He would like the CAG's support and participation to help with the program (10-12 supporters).

*Upon discussion and motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the recommendation that the District host and co-sponsor the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum in 2011 was approved.*

#### **5. Presentation by Rich Muzzy, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (“PPACG”), Water Quality Management Plan (also referred to as the 208 Plan)**

Mr Muzzy announced that the Water Quality Management Plan (required under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act) is being released for public review and comment. The plan covers El Paso, Teller and Park Counties based on the PPACG designation in 1974 as the water quality management planning agency. The 208 Plan covers five watersheds including the Fountain Creek watershed. The information in the 208 Plan is largely dictated by requirements of state and federal regulations and policies. It deals mainly with point sources of pollution.

Mr Muzzy's primary purpose is to make the CAG members aware the plan is available for review. He distributed a memo about the plan, which includes an executive summary. The plan is available on the PPACG web site. He reviewed the contents of the plan and some of the complicating factors associated with the comprehensive plan. He asked members to keep in mind as they review the plan that it is a planning document with recommendations; it is not regulatory. The deadline for comments is mid-September, with a public hearing on October 13, 2010. The process also requires a hearing with the Water Quality Control Commission, which will be January 10, 2011 with an additional comment period. Additional reviews with the State and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will likely be involved. He can also make a DVD of the plan available.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **a. Governing Board meeting**

Ms Frost reported the Board met on the single issue of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) floodplain mapping. The issue is that FEMA is using a different method in determining the floodplain in their effort than that used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“ACOE”), which the District uses. The reported reason for this is FEMA has been unable to get the data from the ACOE that backs up the information used in the ACOE study.

Mr Maroney stated the Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) addressed this issue with FEMA after the presentation. FEMA is using a different methodology because they need the backup information in case there is a challenge during the public comment period after the maps are developed. FEMA is willing to accept the ACOE study and use it for their mapping if they can get the backup data from URS. URS committed to make the data available to FEMA during the

last TAC meeting. The reason this is important is because the District adopted the ACOE study as one of its foundation documents for the watershed. It's important that FEMA accepts the same document rather than develops new numbers. URS is working to gather and provide the information to FEMA, hopefully this month.

Several CAG members had hoped the meeting would have been more interactive. Mr Johnston suggested joint meetings be held once or twice a year in order to discuss particular items. Ms Frost announced there will be a joint meeting between the Board and the CAG in the future.

#### **b. Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) Meeting**

The TAC discussed the FEMA issue as previously noted. The Colorado Water Conservation Board (“CWCB”) has dropped the 500-year floodplain requirement. Critical facilities within the 100-year floodplain will require 2-feet of freeboard rather than one foot. It is still recommended that critical facilities be kept beyond the 500-year floodplain, but it is not required. Two new members have been appointed to the TAC: Mr Dan Bare and Mr Michael Augustine.

#### **c. Outreach Group**

The Outreach Group discussion was postponed until after Item 5, Current Business.

### **5. Current Business**

#### **Nomination committee for replacement of Business representative**

Ms Frost requested a nomination committee be convened to make a recommendation for the business representative to replace Mr Kevin Walker. Following a discussion about the necessity for a business representative on the CAG, a consensus was reached to try to find a replacement. Mr Johnson and Ms Frost will accept suggestions and will make a nomination.

#### **Denver Great Outdoors Initiative – letter**

Ms Frost stated she and Ms Kornelly attended the meeting in Denver. The focus of the meeting was to get input from communities about how to get kids into the outdoors for the President.

Ms Kornelly noted the initiative is a way to get comments to Secretary Salazar who was a proponent of the initiative as a Senator. A report will be sent to the President by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was a public listening session for the White House Initiative on America's Great Outdoors to learn about some of the smart and creative ways communities are conserving outdoor spaces. Discussions are taking place about how this should go into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Written comments may be submitted about what works; what are the most effective strategies for conservation, recreation, and reconnecting people to the outdoors; what are the challenges; what roles can the federal government play to be a more effective partner; what tools and resources are needed to be more successful. Ms Kornelly recommended the CAG forward comments for Governing Board approval at their Sep meeting. She believes this will demonstrate to Secretary Salazar that we are attempting to fulfill his vision for Fountain Creek; and it will help to make the District known to more people.

Ms Baker said Senator Bennett is also working on getting an outdoor education initiative through. She thinks perhaps we can take pieces of our plan and present our ideas as a way to address both

initiatives. We might also be able to use the information to submit a request for funding to the Senator to implement our ideas.

After additional discussion about the benefits and process for making comments, it was generally agreed that it is a good idea to make comments. Ms Baker will create a draft, send it to Ms Kornelly and she will bring it to the September CAG meeting.

### **Rainbow Falls letter**

Mr Evans volunteered to prepare a letter of support to El Paso County for a specific Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) map to create the master plan for Rainbow Falls. The master plan will be used to attempt to get money. Mr Evans will forward the letter to Mr Barber, Executive Director, and work with him to get it signed before August 23rd.

A brief discussion ensued about the need for a process to get letters of support signed on short notice, perhaps by the Executive Director.

### **Water Fair**

Ms Frost suggested the District would benefit by participation in the Water Fair recognizing World Water Monitoring Day on September 18th.

*Upon discussion and motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the recommendation that the District participate in World Water Monitoring Day in Colorado Springs on September 18, 2010 was approved.*

### **Outreach**

Ms Baker reported that the team would really like to start getting the word out about the District and to get community support for the efforts in the watershed.

Key tasks (with strategies) for good communication (spreadsheet) include:

- Understand what the District wants to engage in and what funding is needed to do so.
- Get communication materials together such as key messages, handouts, etc
- Establish a foundation for support (individuals and groups)
- Conduct outreach such as education, information dissemination and activities

Colorado State University - Pueblo is very interested in supporting the effort by sponsoring workshops or helping with the web site.

The team will continue working on the strategies for submittal to the District for discussion at the retreat (to be scheduled).

### **State Fair**

Mr Maroney asked for volunteers to assist with the display at the State Fair. A sign-up sheet and passes are available at his office or call 719-553-5572. The booth will not be staffed full time this year. The booth will be in the agriculture building.

**6. Other Business:**

Mr Muzzy announced he will be taking students on a tour of the watershed on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr Yuan-Farrell informed the group that Frost Livestock Company closed a conservation easement with Colorado Open Lands last week. The Frost Family has donated a total of 2500 acres adjacent to or near Fountain Creek. He also announced there is movement on the Wells Property referred to as the Fountain Creek Connector Trailhead. An application for a GOCO grant will be submitted by the end of this month. We should hear by December whether the funding gets approved for the City of Fountain to purchase the property.

**7. Public Comment:** None

**8. Executive Session (If Required):** None

**9. Next meeting: Date, Time, Location**

The next regularly scheduled CAG meeting will be September 10, 2010 at 9:30am in Pueblo (address to be provided).

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40am