

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
September 13, 2013

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 September 13, 2013 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 approximately 9:30 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following members of the CAG in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chairperson  
Perry Cabot – Vice Chairperson  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
John Chavez – TAC Chair and Representative to the CAG  
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Nancy Stone Bernard  
Lois Illick  
Tom Ready  
Jordan Vana

CAG Members not present:

Carol Baker  
Jerry Cordova  
Dan Henrichs  
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Ross Vincent

Also in attendance:

Larry Small, Executive Director Fountain Creek Watershed District  
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner  
Allison Plute, Colorado Springs Utilities

**2. Approve Agenda of September 13, 2013 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the revised September 13, 2013 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the August 9, 2013 minutes were approved.**

**4. Reports**

- a. Governing Board Meeting.** Larry reported on the August 23 meeting of the FCWD Governing Board in Pueblo.
- There was a public hearing for Colorado Springs Utilities’ Fountain Creek Stream Realignment and Flood Mitigation Project. There were no public comments on the project, and it was approved.
  - The Board approved a resolution confirming its previous decision regarding funding to Matrix Design Group for Fountain Creek Bank Restoration Project at Frost Ranch.

- The Board authorized a grant application to fund the USGS to study Fountain Creek post-burn water quality evaluation, appropriating \$3,000 as the district's contribution. Larry briefed the CAG on details later in the meeting.
- The next meeting of the Board is September 20, at which the only new business will be approval to submit a grant application to the USGS for a Phase I WARSSS (Watershed Assessment of River Stability and Sediment) study of the corridor. The District will provide \$25,000 of the \$50,000, with CWCD providing the remainder.

**b. TAC Meeting.** John Chavez reported on the September 4 TAC meeting.

- There was a brief discussion about a water quality project (to be presented later by Larry).
- The primary purpose of the TAC meeting was to focus on comments to the USGS Peak Flow and Sedimentation Transport Study, presented in the July meeting.
  - Of the six pages of comments delivered to Larry, some were for recognition upfront higher peak flows now versus historical numbers used in the study, especially in wake of recent fires.
  - The bulk of the comments addressed the study's conformance to the scope of work.
  - Some technical comments were submitted relative to peak flood attenuation and sediment transport models. The most significant of which had to do with failure to address the impact of data error (page 3 of the report) on the study results overall.
  - Dan Bare, who contributed heavily to the analysis and comments, announced he would be leaving the the City of Colorado Springs to work in the private Sector, and will resign his TAC membership as well. He will be missed, and the TAC needs to replace his hydrological expertise.

**c. Pikes Peak Regional Stormwater Task Force.** Irene reported that work is going on in the subcommittees and the next meeting of the Steering Committee is September 30.

- Larry reported that the next meeting of the Governance Subcommittee is September 19. There was a discussion in the group about a suggestion by Council President Keith King to use the District as the vehicle to establish the storm water entity.
- The subcommittee is considering limiting the area of interest to the Fountain Creek watershed, which contains about 80 percent of the population in the developed area of the county. One thought is for the District to establish an improvement district, which would be the watershed. The improvement district would be funded by a special assessment of all properties in the district. Larry is meeting with attorneys to look into the legal structure and operating concept.
- The watershed also extends down into Pueblo County to the confluence, so Council Member King is having discussions with representatives of Pueblo City and County.
- Larry clarified that any taxes levied by the improvement district would have to be approved by voters within the district boundary.
- Council Member King wants any resulting tax or fee to be tax deductible.
- Irene reported that the Outreach and Education Subcommittee held its first meeting September 5 and decided that a survey of citizens to determine their level of knowledge of storm water issues and their tolerance for a tax. Additionally, the pikespeakstormwater.org website needs update and expansion. The subcommittee will meet again September 19, with the agenda to include consideration of an RFP for a public opinion survey and focus groups, based on similar PPRTA RFPs.

**e. Outreach Group.** Irene also reported on the CAG Outreach Group.

- The next meeting is September 16, in the small conference room downstairs.
- The group is considering a coloring book, possibly modeled after one by 4-H. It would be aimed at 3rd through 6th grade children, although members of the Board and advisory groups would be eligible to receive and use them as well.
- Mary Barber reported progress with the website, despite software learning curve. Meeting minutes and agendas are being
- Mary is working with Rich Muzzy to set up a Dropbox for documents that need posting.
- Mary asked that members send her (via Dropbox) final documents for posting.
- Terry Hart suggested posting the video of cars being washed down Highway 24, which prompted a discussion of website suggestions.

**5. New Business: USGS Post-Burn Water Quality Evaluation of Fountain Creek.** Larry reported on a grant application approved by the Board at their last meeting. The proceeds would fund a study by the USGS on Fountain Creek water quality following the recent fires.

- This is a joint funding agreement with the USGS, and focuses on water quality in runoff from the two wildfire areas affecting Monument Creek and Fountain Creek.
- The study will look at some 200 contaminants at six existing monitoring sites.
  - Monument Creek above Woodmen
  - Fountain Creek below 8th Street (Colorado Springs)
  - Monument Creek at Bijou
  - Fountain Creek at Nevada
  - Fountain Creek at Piñon
  - Confluence with the Arkansas
- The study will be a one-time sampling following a significant rainfall event.
- The funding consists of \$6,000 from the USGS and \$12k from a partnership of local entities (Utilities \$4,000, PPACG 3,000, FCWD \$3,000, El Paso County \$1,000, City of Colorado Springs \$1,000).
- It is expected that there will be a report. But if not, there are CDPHE funds that can be applied for to pay for a report.

**6. Public Comment:** There were no Public Comments.

**7. Announcements and Next Meeting:**

- John Chavez will speak next meeting on storm damage in El Paso County.
- Allison will look into tours of the burn areas and associated mitigation efforts, to include recent storm damage, for CAG members.
- The next scheduled CAG meeting will be October 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., Fountain City Hall.
- Mary reported on the initial grant application for a Paths to Parks connection between Ft. Carson and the Chamberlain Trail.
- Jordan Vana reported that the Greenview Farm Project in Pueblo County is progressing following a reappraisal of the water rights. The value of the water has gone down to a level at which an offer could be made, following additional work between the parties.
- Larry reported that there was a tour of the Wedgewood Property for GOCO, part of the Open Space Grant submitted for purchase of the property. Award is to be announced in November, with funding in December.
- Allison announced a cleanup of the area around Pikeview Reservoir (Garden of the Gods Rd and Mark Dabling) Saturday September 14. The Sabin Middle School Young Environmental Stewards and Colorado Springs Utilities are cooperating on this project.

**8. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 a.m.**