

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

**Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2016**

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 March 11, 2016 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Irene Kornelly, Chair, at about 9:30 a.m. A quorum was noted, with the following CAG members in attendance:

Irene Kornelly – Chair  
Ross Vincent – Vice Chair  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Duane Greenwood – TAC Representative  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager  
Lisa Godwin  
Ian Hartley  
Dana Nordstrom  
Allison Plute  
Tom Ready

**CAG Members not present:**

Lois Illick  
Amber Shanklin  
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board

**Also in attendance:**

Larry Small, Executive Director, – Fountain Creek Watershed District

**2. Approve Agenda of March 11, 2016 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the March 11, 2016 agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of February 12, 2016 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the February 12, 2016 minutes were approved.**

**4. Presentations: Creek Week 2015 Wrap Up, 2016 Progress and Plans – Allison Plute.**

Allison presented a summary of last year's Creek Week and a status on this year's event.

- Highlights of last year's Creek Week included:
  - We had about \$35,000 in support and in-kind donations. The steering committee itself was estimated to have contributed \$20,000 worth of support. Cash expenditures were only \$6,000; a relatively small amount compared with the program's scope.
  - Promotions included save the date cards, event posters, social media buzz, a video commercial made by El Paso County media department. Proclamations by community leaders were important aspects of this multi-jurisdictional event. With their focus on water, we partnered with breweries in town for additional exposure.
  - Lisa Godwin worked with groups to get registered and find a spot for cleanup.
  - We doubled participation, from 625 last year to 1550 this year. More than nine tons of trash was collected.
  - We were also a part of the International Coastal Cleanup Program, through which we received all of our trash bags for free.
  - Allison made special mention of the Manitou Springs Elementary School. Among their accomplishments were a \$100 donation from the Parents Association, all K through 5th grade students participated, and the 5th graders even developed and presented a demonstration on watersheds to the kindergartners.
- This year we have an expanded steering committee with new and returning members; the town of Monument is engaged; and we are doing more targeted marketing.
- We already have some good grants and may not have to do as much scrambling for support.
- One of the new steering committee members is working on a coupon book to be given out to participants, a program she used in Georgia. Restaurants and other local businesses would offer freebies or discounts on their products.
- Rather than t shirts, this year we will be giving out buffs – a multi-use piece of headgear in which one size fits all in a variety of configurations. The buffs will be the familiar bright green color.
- We are also looking at in-water teams. Underwater Connection will assist in this new part of the cleanup effort.
- Lisa reported on the new Creek Week registration process.
  - Looking at the Great American Cleanup registration process, the group was impressed with its simplicity. They use Go Daddy for their platform, and so we are considering setting up a Creek Week site there to be linked with our website. This would permit better access and ease of administration. At a cost of about \$10 per month, it is a good value. Our URL would be creekweek.info
- Allison is hoping all members of the CAG, TAC, and Board participate this year.

## 5. Reports.

**a. Governing Board Meeting.** Larry Small reported on the February 26, 2016 Board meeting.

- Bill Alt gave a presentation on the Turkey Creek Conservation District concerning stormwater impacts from Fountain Creek on his district.
- The Board approved the land use applications from Colorado Springs Utilities and Excel Energy.

- The Board voted to turn down the Department of Local Affairs grant for the Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard drainage improvement project. Since award of the grant last year, too many requirements and hurdles had been added for the District to be able to execute the project with the available funds. This is the first grant we've turned down, but we had no choice. In addition, DOLA has been late paying our last three invoices from previous grants. We will not apply for any more grants from DOLA.
- The Board named Larry as our representative to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.
- Larry reported on funding concerns for the District.
  - Much more of the GOCO and CWBC grant monies in 2017 will be directed toward trails and parks than stormwater and watershed protection.
  - The Board directed Larry to work on alternate funding scenarios based on funding from member governments to support the District and its work.
  - We need about \$200,000 per year to pay operating costs. Monetary Mitigation Fund (SDS) monies must go to projects controlling erosion, sedimentation, floods, or water quality improvement. They cannot fund District overhead.
- The Round Table approved our Flood Control Alternatives grant application. The state staff has also approved it, and it goes to the CWCB board in mid March. In addition to the WARSS grant already received, we will have a significant match. Larry will present recommendations for meeting those requirements at the next Board meeting.
- The amended IGA between Colorado Springs and Pueblo County regarding District funding is still held up. Hopefully it will be resolved, SDS will begin operating, and the District will get some money.
- There was an extended discussion not only of funding and matching strategies, but also of detention and sediment use strategies.

**b. TAC Meeting.** Duane Greenwood reported on the TAC meeting. The TAC heard presentations by Allison Plute on Creek Week and side detention projects.

**c. Outreach Group.** Allison Plute reported for the Outreach Group.

- There are upcoming events, including the Greenway Fund's open house March 16, centered on Beaches, Boats, & Bikes – exploring in-water play in Monument Creek, and a Greenway Fund forum April 13 featuring Mayor Suthers.
- A group of Colorado College students is doing a project on pet waste. They'll be doing surveys at dog parks using GPS and maps. The Outreach Group will be working with them; they'll be at the county's April Stools Day event.
- The Regional Stormwater Group has met twice now. The Outreach group is working with them on a watershed-wide media campaign.
- Pueblo picked a date for the grand opening of the skate park. The District will be there.
- The topic of rain barrel legislation came up, and Larry reminded the CAG that while the District has no position on the subject, we are committed to protection of water rights.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee.** Irene reported on the Monetary Mitigation Committee meeting February 18th.

- The committee has solidified its benefits-based methodology for prioritizing projects and intends to apply it to the completed Overton Road project during the March 17 meeting as a trial run. Results from this exercise will give an idea of how well it works and point to refinements.
- After establishing the evaluation criteria, the committee will only meet when there is a need, e.g., when there are funds to be applied to projects.

- Administrative costs have been a major discussion topic for the Monetary Mitigation Fund Committee. It was agreed that 14 percent was the proper figure, although different agencies permit different amounts.
- The committee meets again March 17 at the Pueblo Public Works Department.

**e. Website and Facebook Page.** Mary had nothing new to report this month.

**6. Current Business. CAG Public Comment Policy**

CAG members received a draft of the CAG Public Comment Policy via email, and after discussion and comment; it was decided to revise the draft policy to give speakers ten minutes, rather than five minutes.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the revised CAG Public Comment Policy was approved.**

The approved CAG Public Comment Policy is appended at the end of these Minutes and will be available on the web page.

**7. Other Business.** Allison distributed temporary tattoos bearing the District logo, website, and the message “I (heart) Fountain Creek”.

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

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday April 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m. at the Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main, 2nd Floor, Fountain, CO.

**10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

**Public Comment Policy**  
**Citizens' Advisory Group of the**  
**Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District**

The Citizens' Advisory Group of the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District has a standing policy which allows any member of the public to appear at the public meeting and request to address a topic pertaining to matters within the jurisdiction of the Citizens' Advisory Group and not on the agenda.

Each recognized speaker during public comments shall keep his/her remarks to no more than ten minutes. Speakers will be required to move to a microphone for the benefit of the meeting recording and to state their name and affiliation prior to providing comments. Only one speaker will be recognized at a time. In the event, a group of persons supporting or opposing the same position desires to be heard, in the interest of time, a spokesperson shall be designated to express the concerns. Citizens who wish to make a longer presentation should contact the chair of the Citizens' Advisory Group to request time on the agenda.

Statements are to be directed to the committee as a whole, and not to individuals. Public comment is not intended to require the Committee to provide any answer to the speaker. Speakers will be courteous in their language and presentation, as will members of the advisory group.

Any action on items brought up during the Public Comment period will be at the discretion of the group.

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, public meetings may be scheduled to provide information to the general public on specific topics.