

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

**Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2017**

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 June 9, 2017 meeting of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District (FCWD) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was called to order by Ms. Irene Kornelly, Chair, at 9:35 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  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Cat Braza - Intern  
Allison Plute  
Amber Shanklin  
Brandy Williams  
David Woolley

**CAG Members not present:**

Sherie Caffey  
Dana Nordstrom  
Tom Ready  
Ross Vincent

**Also in attendance:**

Larry Small, Executive Director, FCWD  
Pete Galusky, PPACG

**2. Approve Agenda of Meeting June 9, 2017**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the June 9, 2017 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of May 12, 2017 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the corrected May 12, 2017 Minutes were approved.**

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

## 5. Reports

### a. Governing Board Meeting.

- Allison Plute led members of the Board through the watershed exercise given to school kids during outreach events.
- Following Brandy Williams' question on the Board's role in helping municipalities in the Watershed create stormwater enterprises, the discussion evolved into future revenue sources for the District itself. At some point, the \$50 million of SDS-related revenue will need to be supplemented with a mill levy or other stable source of income.
- During its meeting as the Water Enterprises Activity, the Board discussed the various types of investments available to the District for non-obligated funds in hand. The checking account does not pay interest.
- The next Board meeting will be June 23.

### b. TAC Meeting.

- The group received a presentation on the final design for the Masciantonio Farm project. Larry added that we are now in the bid process. Six bidders will submit proposals June 16th. The Board will make a decision on the 23rd; a contract will be in place by end of month. Construction will have begun by September.
- Larry gave a report on Board activities and Irene reported on the CAG and MMFAC.
- With respect to the E. coli study, AFCURE has found funding and there will be a meeting June 26 to identify possible seasonal discharge locations or point locations as part of an effort to identify sources of E. coli in the watershed.
- The subcommittee was not able to make a recommendation to the TAC on the Drainage Criteria Manual, Volumes 1 and 2, so that will be accomplished in a meeting this coming Monday.
- The streamside overlay will be taken up after the DCM recommendation is made.
- Larry and Brandy will meet in the next month to discuss the planning directors meeting in October in which they will let them know what to expect on future projects in the corridor.
- Manitou Springs is developing a streamside overlay and will report on progress in the TAC's August meeting. Hopefully this work will be applicable to the District's work on the same topic.
- The next meeting of the TAC will be July 5.

### c. Outreach Group.

- Allison Plute reported on the Outreach Group's activities.
- Outreach worked two children's water festivals, one in Pueblo at CSU, the other at Pikes Peak Community College – the Springs' first. Over 500 kids, and the Mayor, attended.
- The fishing derby at Pikeview Reservoir was attended by 45 kids. This year's derby started cold and threatened snow, but it warmed up nicely, and this year's catch was the largest so far – 16 fish were caught.
- We'll be working with the Leading Edge teen volunteer program again this year. This is an arm of the Leadership Pikes Peak program. Cat Braza, our intern, will lead the effort to increase pet waste awareness, working through pet businesses and at dog parks.
- The launch of the Brewshed Alliance is this afternoon at Triple S Brewing. One dollar from every beer sold during the event will go to Creek Week. The other member breweries are also working on fund raisers
- The Greenway Fund's rain barrel pick up is at Ivywild on June 24. Volunteers are

needed.

- Creek Week fundraising is underway. Sponsor letters have been sent out to last year's donors. The Homebuilders Association (HBA) is onboard this year, so this is a good opportunity for reaching the business community through their 500 members. David Woolley is working on the registration and mapping for volunteer groups, simplifying and streamlining the process.
- The Greenway Fund is meeting tonight to discuss the book Cadillac Desert, an examination of destructive water policies in the West.
- The Greenway Fund hired Christine Lowenberg of Lowlands LLC as executive director.
- Cat is setting up Watershed Outreach Stations at libraries and community centers throughout the watershed.
- Cat is also redesigning our brochure; it has not been updated since it was first printed in 2011. She solicited input from the CAG on what information should be added. Suggestions included Creek Week, the Brewshed Alliance, our outreach activities, and using the map to show the locations of projects being worked.
- We will have a booth at the El Paso County Fair on Wednesday July 19. Volunteers are needed; please contact Allison.

**d. Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee.** Irene reported that the committee has been working on a capital improvements list for the next ten years.

- The preliminary list identifies 26 projects and both their WARSSS ranking and the committee's score based on their requirements. Projects already underway are not on the list.
- The finalized list, with a narrative and caveats, will be presented to the Board for approval in September. Future weather events or funding opportunities could change these rankings.
- It was thought that only 3 or 4 projects could be done per year, indicating the fact that projects will continue being worked long after the five-year time frame in which we will be receiving the SDS money. It makes sense to use an interest-bearing account for uncommitted funds. Larry will open an account at Wells Fargo.
- The CAG's recommendation for approval will be needed prior to its presentation to the Board.

**e. Website and Facebook Page.** Mary Barber reported that there are issues with the web site. Posting information has been challenging. She'll continue working on the issues.

**6. Old Business.** Larry Small spoke on the Highway 47 Bridge Project.

- The aerial survey has been completed.
- There will be a stakeholder meeting June 14 at Matrix Design Group.
- CDOT is working on IGAs between the various parties.
- This will be a design-build project, with the job being bid at the 30 percent design stage.

**7. New Business.** There was no new business.

**8. Public Comment.**

Pete Galusky of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments commented on the search for a new executive director, saying that it will be a lengthy process.

Mary Barber reported that she is on a steering committee for Fountain Urban Renewal Authority. They are looking at two areas: Gateway – the Tomahawk area, and the Old Town area. There will be a public open house August. Because Fountain Creek is in the affected areas, Mary will keep us apprised of developments.

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday July14, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main.

**10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.**