

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

**Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2014**

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 August 8, 2014 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  
Richard Skorman - CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Ferris Frost – Alternate CAG Representative to the FCWD Governing Board  
Mary Barber – FCWD Web Manager  
Jack Wallick – CAG Secretary  
Dan Henrichs  
Elaine Kleckner  
Lois Illick  
Allison Plute  
Tom Ready  
Ross Vincent

CAG Members not present:  
John Chavez – TAC Chair and Representative to the CAG  
Jerry Cordova – Vice Chairperson  
Jordan Vana

Also in attendance:  
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner  
Larry Small, Executive Director Fountain Creek Watershed District  
Brett Gracely, Colorado Springs Utilities  
Gwen Happ, Colorado Springs Utilities

**2. Approve Agenda of August 8, 2014 Meeting**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the August 8, 2014 Agenda was approved.**

**3. Approve Minutes of July 11, 2014 Meeting**

The minutes of the July 11, 2014 were not available; they will be sent to members prior to the next meeting.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, approval of the July 11, 2014 Minutes was postponed until the next meeting.**

**4. Presentation:**

**a. Colorado Springs Utilities: 50 year Water Plan.** Brett Gracely of Colorado Springs Utilities presented the new 50 year plan for water, known as the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP).

- The last major plan was completed in 1996, and its main recommendations have been completed. These

were:

- Conservation
- Non-potable water system expansion
- Existing system improvements
- Major water delivery system expansion and improvements
- The new plan is a roadmap for the future, and is needed, in part, because:
  - SDS Phase 1 is nearing completion.
  - Planning is really a continuous process, and this is a part of the overall effort.
  - Major projects require lengthy periods of time to complete.
  - The need to plan for and understand increased uncertainty in water supplies. New and more powerful modeling tools are a big improvement over the previous plan.
  - There is a need to integrate the many and complex topics of water supply, water demand, water quality, infrastructure, energy, regulatory and legal issues, and public opinion.
- Goals of the IWRP are:
  - A sustainable, long term water supply that is both resilient and reliable.
  - Deliver water cost-effectively and in an environmentally responsible manner.
  - Develop a plan is acceptable and explainable to the customers.
- Factors affecting city water resources include climate variability, demand variability, water rights challenges, infrastructure risks and failures, environmental challenges, and the entire federal and state regulatory nexus. All these have the potential of having huge impacts on the water supply sustainability.
- Improved scientific modeling will help drive the process and decision-making.
- The IWRP will be completed in the 2015 time period.

**b. Frost Ranch Demonstration Project, Before, During, and After – Graham Thompson, Matrix Design Group.** The presentation was postponed.

## 5. Reports.

**a. Governing Board Meeting.** Larry Small reported on the July meeting of the Governing Board.

- The board approved the MOU with Colorado Springs for the \$100,000 transfer from the city to the District for upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek restoration/remediation work. When the city completes their approval signatory process Larry will invoice them for the funding. This will be the District's largest invoice to date.
- The IGA Committee reported that they are close to resolving issues with the lower Arkansas' attorney.
- Larry reported to the Board on upcoming grant opportunities. A \$25M program is available through the CWCB for watershed improvement work. He is working with Elaine Kleckner on two Fountain Creek projects for the county parks department.
- The next board meeting is in Pueblo on the 22nd of August.

**b. TAC Meeting.** Irene Kornelly reported that the TAC met last Wednesday.

- The TAC heard the IWRP presentation that the CAG just heard.
- The TAC discussed the Waldo Canyon flood prevention work; the county is about 85 percent complete with their projected work. Depending on the funding agency, the money (and work) ends in either September or October.
- The TAC is will be looking at the Drainage Criteria Manual now that the city has approved the manual and it will be going to the county at some point in the future. The TAC will be looking to see which criteria should be required for future projects within our jurisdiction.

**c. Outreach Group.** Irene reported on Outreach Group activities.

- We will have a presence at the state fair in Pueblo, thanks to the Pueblo City/County Health Department which is giving us space at their booth. Lois has ordered refrigerator magnets which will be available to

- Board members as well as the TAC and CAG. Lois saved the District money by having a coupon.
- The District had a presence at the El Paso County Fair for one day. We used the city's watershed model as a demonstration device, which was greatly appreciated by the many kids (young and old) who participated.
  - Allison spoke about Creek Week.
  - Jeff Besse is working with Jerry Cordova to create a map, showing locations of easy access, dumpsters, etc.
  - County parks have applied for a \$20,000 grant from Lowes for clean up at Fountain Creek regional park – to be part of Creek Week, allowing for sharing of resources, economies of scale, etc. Notification will be next week.
  - We have a signed picture from the Broncos in support of the project.
  - CH2M Hill donated \$1000 to Creek Week.
  - The committee is getting lots of community interest in Creek Week.
  - Irene passed on two suggestions/comments from the TAC, re Creek Week: first, avoid the homeless camps, second, that there be a program to pick up trash bags before they are torn up by wild life, etc.
  - The next Outreach Committee meets next Monday at 10:00.
- d. Citizens Stormwater Initiative.** Richard Skorman spoke briefly, noting a lot of jostling among public officials to shore up their positions on the upcoming ballot initiative.
- It appears there will be five commissioners support the initiative
  - The mayor says that if he is satisfied with the governance of the program he would support it wholeheartedly.
  - The bad news is that the fee, and thus the overall funding, was reduced below that recommended by the taskforce.
  - Richard is optimistic that all players will get on board; the business community is very engaged.
- e. Website and Facebook Page.**
- Allison reported that she continues to post relevant material on the Facebook page, and is getting "likes". To reach the page, type "Fountain Creek Watershed" into the search box at the top of the Facebook page. Some CAG members had difficulty reaching the site, so a direct link from the webpage to the Facebook page was suggested.
  - Mary Barber commented that there is a Creek Week link on the website. People can get all the information, maps, and forms they need in one place. Registration goes live September 1st.

**6. Old Business.** There was no old business.

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

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

**9. Next Meeting.** The next scheduled CAG meeting will be Friday September 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fountain City Hall, 116 W. Main, second floor meeting room.

**10. Adjourn:**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.**