

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Technical Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was held at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, Colorado. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County Planning & Development
Pat Coffee	Pueblo County Engineering & Public Works
Irene Kornelly	Citizens' Advisory Group
Steve Gardner	City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain, Public Works
Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo Water Quality
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Dennis Maroney	Pueblo Conservancy District
Rich Muzzy	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)
Jeff Rice	El Paso County, Engineering
Suzanne Rohrs	Fort Carson Stormwater
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utility

Others in Attendance:

- Larry Small, Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors
- Kim Gortz, Colorado Springs Utilities/Alternate

2. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Irene Kornelly, seconded by Mark Shea, approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approved Minutes: A correction to the May minutes was requested. Mark Shea asked that on Page 2, paragraph 3 that the words "...review and comment" be replaced with "landuse approval". Mark Shea then made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 minutes with the correction. It was seconded by Irene Kornelly and approved by unanimous vote.

(Due to technical difficulties the reports, presentations, public comment and business items were not conducted in order as shown on the agenda; however these minutes are kept in the order of the agenda as approved.)

4. Presentations

a. Steve Gardner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the evolution of the City of Colorado Springs Drainage Criteria Manual. The current manual, which is the one that the members of the Fountain Creek District are looking at adopting in whole or in part, has been well received by developers. There are remaining issues to be resolved that were included in the spin off projects such as floodplain management policies, watershed-wide issues, site planning and incorporating LID. Larry Small brought up the Fountain Creek Watershed Policy Evaluation done by Matrix. Nancy Keller said she would distribute that document to the TAC. Steve Gardner encouraged everyone to attend an annual field trip sponsored by CASFM that is coming up and that emphasizes LID. Information on that field trip will be sent out.

b. Duane Greenwood gave a presentation on the Fountain Creek Cliff Bank Stabilization Project located just outside of Fountain, Colorado. It is located outside the Fountain Creek corridor so was just an informational presentation. The project will stabilize a cliff bank of approximately 35 to 45 feet in height along a mobile home park addressed as 700 Crest Drive. The Fountain Creek has shifted and is close to threatening an access road and some of the mobile homes. This project is being done with CDBG funding. The City of Fountain will be transferring the project over to El Paso County because a majority of the site is located outside the City of Fountain.

5. Reports:

a. Larry Small gave a report on the Governing Board meeting of May 2. There was no business however three citizens appeared to comment on damage to the Fountain Creek due to recent flooding. Terry Hart gave a report on what Pueblo County is doing to mitigate damages. The Upper Fountain Creek Master Restoration Plan should be finished June 29. The Monument Creek Master Plan has not yet been signed. Next meeting is June 22.

b. Irene Kornelly gave a report on the Citizen's Advisory Group. The meeting, Frost Ranch tour and the Children's Water Festival were all cancelled due to the rain. The CAG was able to do two presentations at the Fountain Fun Center. Next meeting is June 12.

6. Business:

a. Mark Shea gave a quick update on the Checklist Committee. An email communication had gone out but Mark was requesting some more guidance from the TAC as to what additional review the TAC was to provide versus El Paso and Pueblo Counties. Nancy Keller stated we need an interim checklist first that allows developer to indicate how they comply with the objectives and goals of the Fountain Creek Strategic Plan and Fountain Creek Restoration Master Plan and then the District can proceed from there to adopt specific criteria at a future date when funding is available to develop them.

b. Mark Shea gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recent SB 15-212 that recently passed. The senate bill addressed the concerns of the northern area of the state and post-wildfire issues but, as a last minute amendment, excluded the Fountain Creek watershed except for stormwater facilities required as part of an MS4. This puts the District at a disadvantage as we try to come up with ways to mitigate flooding in the watershed. The District will need to determine if future legislation should be proposed.

7. Other Business: None

8. Public Comment:

a. Chris Woodka with the Pueblo Chieftain asked that when Colorado Springs talks about redevelopment is any effort made to do studies on how the existing development effects infiltration and runoff. Various TAC members gave input as to how the DCM will address these issues.

b. Gary Rapp, representing wastewater and stormwater for Recycling of Colorado Springs, presented two handouts on the DCM versus the SDS 1041 Permit and prescriptive versus performance based standards. This led to a discussion on the pros and cons of these standards and how they relate to the DCM.

c. Deborah Stout-Meiningner is a resident of the mobile home park at 700 Crest Drive. She expressed concerns that El Paso County will not be responsive to the Fountain Creek Cliff Bank Stabilization Project and that it won't get done.

9. The next meeting will be held on July 1 at 1:00 pm at the Fountain City Hall.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.