

CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION MEETING NOTES February 16, 2022

Directors in	
Attendance	Dick Smith, Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, John Porea, Mark Adam, Jack Sakolosky – Virtual Mtg
Committee	None
Members in	A.
Attendance	
Guests in	Dave Baldwin
Attendance	
Guest Speaker	None
Handout	Meeting called to order - 6:33 pm.
Documents	Handouts:
	Refer to Attachment #1.
Membership	No new membership applications.
Meeting Notes	The board approved December 2021 meeting notes. Sakolosky stated
	January notes were in progress.
Treasurer's	Porea emailed a copy of the proposed 2022 budget to board
Report	members. Approval of the 2022 budget will be postponed to the
	March board meeting. The February treasurer's report was approved.
	Porea suggested the board look into the cost and benefits associated with digitizing CCFCC's records storage.
	ACTION:
	Sakolosky check with Gail Gray, LFUD, for cost information regarding
	the digitizing of LFUD's storage records.
Old Business	1. Management Changes Harris County
4	Alan Black, PE, is currently serving as Interim Director. Smith
	reported the new director of HCFCD will be Tina Peterson, PE, PhD.
	The new Harris County Engineer is Dr. Milton Rahman, PE.
	Members in Attendance Guests in Attendance Guest Speaker Handout Documents Membership Meeting Notes Treasurer's Report

2. Flood Bond Funding

Refer to email from Smith dated 2/11/22. HCFCD estimates an approximate \$1 billion shortfall, with the hope of receiving \$750 million funding from GLO/HUD. The County is providing temporary funding from HCTRA.

3. <u>US Corps of Engineer Stakeholder Partnering Forum</u> The Corp's annual Partnering Forum will be held in Galveston on February 24. Smith pointed out that CCFCC will need the Corp's support for a tunnel option for the Cypress Creek watershed

support for a tunnel option for the Cypress Creek watershed. Discussion by the board identified the following coordination initiatives to garner support for the tunnel option:

- Meet with Bill Calegari and the Katy Prairie Conservancy to discuss strategy and support.
- Meet with consultant Dunbar.
- Schedule meeting with HCFCD Interim Director Alan Black.
- Robertson to contact Matt Zeve to explore options for meeting.
- Sakolosky to contact Dunbar re Houston Stronger Community Plan. Robertson has been requested by Houston Stronger to provide input regarding the Cypress Creek watershed.

4. Community Flood Resilience Task Force (CFRTF)

Smith reported on an email he received on December 15, 2021 from Bob Rehak. Rehak reported Commissioners Court planned to reallocate flood bond monies to benefit Precincts #1 and #2. Rehak was appointed to the Task Force by Commissioner Cagle.

5. <u>Anamoly Cyppress Creek Watershed Analysis of 2016 and 2017</u> Floods.

Refer to Smith's email dated 2/6/22. Smith reported Dunbar has received new information via an open records request (TPIA) submitted by Smith in early February.

- 6. New Maps of Harris County Gerrymandering
 Smith received copies of the new Commissioner precinct maps
 from Alan Black. Reference his email dated 2/10/22.
- 7. <u>Harris County Commissioners Term Expiration Dates</u> Reference email from Smith dated 2/20/22.
- 8. Tunnels for Stormwater Conveyance

Smith summarized highlights from various newspaper articles including the Community Impact Newspaper article (Feb) and his email dated 2/10/22. He suggested CCFCC schedule a meeting with Alan Black to obtain a update on the Phase 2 tunnel study.

9. New Development

Refer to Smith's email dated 01/25/22. Smith reported information received from Bayou City Waterkeepers (BCW) indicates the Corps of Engineers/EPA is conducting wetlands surveys for the project area. BCW is concerned with a potential loss of existing wetlands due to the proposed development.

10. Water Resources Development Act 2022 (US House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Hearings
Refer to Smith's email dated 2/21/22. Smith is coordinating with St. Clair to assess how to obtain the Committee's consideration of future stormwater tunnel conveyance funding for Harris County.

11. Houston Stronger

Smith informed that the next Houston Stronger meeting is scheduled for March 11. Robertson and Smith will attend the meeting.

12. Cypress Creek Major Tributaries Study

Robertson reported the following information from HCFCD's virtual public meeting regarding findings of the Jones & Carter report:

- Report recommends construction of 23 detention basins located in eleven different areas along Cypress Creek;
- Proposed detention basins will provide flood mitigation storage of approximately 12,800 ac-ft. This includes proposed basins at Cypress Park (Stockton property), Longwood, and the Raveneaux site.
- The original study by consultant firm Michael Baker recommended approximately 26,500 ac-ft of storage. The findings by Jones & Carter indicate there is not sufficient land available to provide 26,500 ac-ft of storage. Additional conveyance capacity (i.e.; tunnel) will be needed to replace this lack of detention storage.

The proposed TC Jester detention basin and the Westador detention basin are scheduled to be funded through ear-marks that will be obtained through Representative Crenshaws office.

6	New Business	Included in #5 above.
7	Other Issues	Adam will update the Board of Directors roster (previously maintained by Zeitler). Smith will contact Zeitler regarding the status of annual insurance, and the potential interest of a director from Malcolmson MUD becoming a member of the CCFCC board.
8	Committee Reports	Nominations Committee - Sakolosky Sakolosky reported that Nick Lyra declined the request to meet with the nominating committee. Adam will check his files for a list of potential candidates previously compiled from MUDs. Sakolosky asked if any board members could identify a third person to join the nominating committee. Technical Committee – Smullen
		No additional information. Membership Committee – Adam No additional information.
		Cypress Creek Greenway Committee – Robertson Robertson reported Arbor Day tree planting (± 6,000 trees) was completed for Pilot Gully, Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve, and MUD 230 detention pond. Also, he continues working with Precinct's #3 and #4 with respect to their re-organization of the Park's Departments due to remapping regarding the Greenway projects that were underway.
		Communications Committee – Smith Smith reported his communication with the Community Impact Newspaper. He requested the board's approval of needed part-time computer support and assistance at \$20/hr. The board approved this request.
		Tunnel Advocacy Committee – Smith Smith is preparing information and will schedule a future meeting to define objectives and develop a plan. He has communicated with the Corps to understand the process needed to obtain Federal funding. The committee includes Smith, Robertson, Adams, Sakolosky, and St. Clair.
9	Adjourn	8:55 PM

ATTACHMENT #1 Call In No: 1-23-265-9402, 833 &7-532#

Summary – Handout Documents BOD Feb 16, 2022 Meeting

- 1. Management Changes Harris County and HCFCD
- 2. Flood Bond Funding (at time of voter election)
- 3. USACE (CCFCC / COL Vail email exchange)
- 4. CFRTF
- 5. Anomaly in CFS (WA #21)
- **6. Gerrymandering map** (Resulting changes in County Commissioner Districts overlap in Cypress Creek Watershed)
- 7. Term Expiration Dates (Harris County Commissioners Court
- 8. Stormwater Conveyance Tunnel
- 9. New Development (regulatory issues)
- 10.WRDA (Year 2022)
- 11. Houston Stronger
- 12. Major Tributaries (Flood Bond Project) Jones & Cater Report