



CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION
 MEETING NOTES
 January 19, 2022

	Directors in Attendance	Dick Smith, Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, Mark Adam, Jack Sakolosky – Virtual Mtg
	Committee Members in Attendance	None
	Guests in Attendance	Dave Baldwin, Larry Dunbar
	Guest Speaker	Ms. Kristen Schlemmer, Bayou City Waterkeepers
1	Handout Documents	Meeting called to order - 6:34 pm. Handouts: 1. Comments for CFRTF Ad Hoc Prioritization Framework Committee; email from Jim Robertson to the CFRTF Committee dated 1/19/22 with his comments relative to the changes proposed in a draft document issued by the committee. (CFRTF – Community Flood Resilience Task Force)
2	Membership	No new membership applications.
3	Meeting Notes	The board approved September, October, and November meeting notes. Sakolosky stated that December meeting notes were sent to board members for comments. Smith suggested the board provide Hoyland with guidance for posting of meeting notes on the CCFCC website.
4	Treasurer’s Report	The January treasurer’s report was approved. Review and approval of the 2022 budget was postponed until February since Porea was not able to attend tonight’s meeting.
GS	Guest Speaker	Ms. Kristen Schlemmer, Bayou City Waterkeeper Ms. Schlemmer provided the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary goal of Bayou City Waterkeeper’s is the protection of water quality of the Lower Galveston Bay watershed.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Schlemmer recently learned of proposed new development in the Little Cypress Creek watershed which could impact approximately 120 acres of existing wetlands within the 100 yr floodplain. The new project is called Cypress Green by Marvita Development, a proposed 646 ac residential development. Robertson was aware of the proposed development. • Ms. Schlemmer stated she has contacted the EPA and the Corps of Engineers to make them aware of the development. The Corps has assigned a case number and will review the permit application for environmental compliance. • Ms. Schlemmer will keep CCFCC informed of new development she becomes aware of in the Little Cypress and Cypress Creek watersheds. <p>Smith clarified that CCFCC’s primary goal is reduction of flooding in the Cypress Creek watershed through construction of storage in the upper watershed, provision of storage for the major tributaries, and construction of deep tunnel conveyance. Additional goals include water quality protection and the continued expansion of the Cypress Creek Greenway project.</p>
5	Old Business	<p>a. <u>USACE and Buffalo Bayou Tributaries Resiliency Study (BBTRS) - Smith</u> No new information. Colonel Vail’s assignment in Galveston will end in July 2022. A new colonel will then be assigned to the post.</p> <p>ACTION: Smith to contact Colonel Vail to follow up with him on the meeting he had previously suggested with HCFCD, CCFCC, and the Corps.</p> <p>b. <u>Follow-up Meeting with HCFCD Management</u> Sakolosky informed the board of his email correspondence to Matt Zeve and Alan Black. His email requested a follow-up meeting to the virtual meeting held on October 21, 2021. The request was denied by HCFCD since the tunnel conveyance study is not finalized. Robertson and Smith pointed out that strong advocacy of the tunnel alternative for the BBTRS has resulted in the Corps re-evaluation of the tunnel for the Buffalo Bayou watershed. Potential entities to support CCFCC’s advocacy of tunnel conveyance include North Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Kline Chamber, and the pending FM 1960 Management District.</p> <p>c. <u>Cypress Creek Major Tributaries Study - Robertson</u> Robertson reported the Jones & Carter report is scheduled to be approved at Commissioner’s Court on January 25, 2022. Staff will be available to meet with him after approval. He also indicated the proposed TC Jester detention basin and the Westador detention</p>

		<p>basin are scheduled to be funded through ear-marks that will be obtained through Representative Crenshaws office. HCFCFCD will conduct a virtual meeting on these basins on Feb. 3, 6:30pm – 7:30pm.</p> <p>d. <u>Tunnel Drainage System – Sakolosky, Smith</u> No report. Refer to agenda Item 6.b.</p> <p>e. <u>BOD President Appointment</u> Smith reported his vision continues to deteriorate due to macular degeneration.</p> <p>ACTION: The nominating Committee (Sakolosky, Adam, and Lyras) will meet to identify potential candidates.</p> <p>f. <u>CCFCC Email System</u> Smith stated the Geek Squad was working to get the system functioning. There is a temporary hold due to Covid 19 delay. Smith requested authorization from the board to pay a person to assist him transfer contact information from the old computer to the new system at a rate of \$20/hr. The request was approved by the board.</p> <p>g. <u>Policy Document: Capital Equipment - Smith</u> Smith suggested CCFCC define capital equipment as any equipment costing \$300 and greater. The board approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Smith will complete the paperwork required.</p>
6	New Business	<p>a. <u>Commissioner’s Court</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Gerrymandering Lawsuit</u> Smith reported the gerrymandering lawsuit filed by Commissioners Cagle and Ramsey will be reviewed by the State Supreme Court after the March primary. Ex-commissioner Radack has filed a similar lawsuit. 2. <u>CFRTF Ad HOC Prioritization Framework</u> Robertson reported he was invited to attend a committee meeting to review proposed flood prioritization methodologies. He recommended changes to three (3) items. The committee will take his recommendations under review. HCFCFCD is assisting the committee assess the impact of the revised prioritization parameters on the previously defined flood projects.

		<p>b. <u>Bayou City Waterkeepers / CCFCC Mutual Interests</u> Smith suggested CCFCC issue WA #51 to Dunbar to review the Drainage Impact Report for the Cypress Green development. Phase I of the project is proposed for 200 acres of development. WA #51 was approved by the Board. Dunbar stated HCFCD's detention guidelines for Little Cypress Creek were to be applied to the development of this project.</p> <p>c. <u>Annual Membership Meeting</u> Smith suggested the board consider conducting the annual membership meeting similar to the approach used last year (i.e.; the annual meeting was held as part of the monthly meeting). The board agreed with this suggestion and the meeting will be scheduled as part of the regular March or April board meeting.</p> <p>d. <u>Election of Directors</u> Smith stated he will contact Carl Zeitler to determine which director's terms expire this year.</p> <p>e. <u>Other New Business</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>HGAC Flood Funding</u> Robertson informed the board that HGAC has received \$489 million through GLO/HUD to distribute to government entities within the HGAC regional area. Funds will be distributed through an application process. This funding is independent of the potential \$750 million for Harris County from GLO/HUD. 2. <u>Update Houston Stronger Plan</u> Dunbar reported that Houston Stronger is working with the Willow Fork Drainage District on a pilot project for excavation in Barker Reservoir. He also reported the Corps is evaluating a tunnel conveyance option for Buffalo Bayou which is being funded by HCFCD. The Corps will apply their standard cost benefit analysis for this option which will protect approximately 20,000 homes.
7	Other Issues	None
8	Committee Reports	Nominations Committee - Sakolosky

		<p>Sakolosky reported the committee (Sakolosky, Adam, Lyra) will meet to discuss potential candidates for existing director vacancies and the president’s vacancy.</p> <p>Technical Committee – Smullen No report.</p> <p>Membership Committee – Adam Adam stated he submitted a copy of the draft letter for the MUD’s to each board member. He will proceed with sending the letter to the districts on the MUD list. Adam will also update the BOD roster previously maintained by Zeitler.</p> <p>Cypress Creek Greenway Committee – Robertson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robertson reported Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled this Saturday (January 22) for Pilot Gully, Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve, and MUD 230 detention pond. The trees are provided by Aramco. The program is by the Texas A&M Forest Service Group as part of an effort to reduce erosion in the Cypress Creek watershed. <p>Communications Committee – Smith Smith reported he sent Christmas Cards to approximately 25-30 contacts and key government representatives that CCFCC has worked with throughout the years.</p>
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