



CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION  
 MEETING NOTES  
 August 17, 2022

	Directors in Attendance	Joe Myers, Dick Smith, Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, John Porea, Mark Adam, Jack Sakolosky – Virtual Mtg
	Committee Members in Attendance	Lisa Foley, Bill St. Clair
	Guests in Attendance	Dave Baldwin
	Guest Speaker	None
1	Monthly Transmittals/ Handouts	Meeting called to order - 6:40 pm. Transmittals/Handouts – Myers briefly described the following monthly communications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft meeting notes for the July board meeting.</li> <li>2. A draft resolution for CCFCC to participate in the process and support creation of a Cypress Creek (Special Purpose) District.</li> <li>3. Smith’s email to board members dated August 17, 2022 describing his intent to follow the format of CCFCC’s 2006 Annual Report in preparation of the 2021 Annual Report.</li> </ol>
2	Membership	No new applications.
3	Meeting Minutes	The board approved the July meeting minutes to include the edits discussed at the meeting. Action on the meeting notes for the August 2 <sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting was deferred for further discussion at the September meeting.
4	Financial - Treasurer’s Report	Smith reported CCFCC’s consultant services contract with Dunbar has been extended to December 31, 2024. A placeholder of \$50,000 was included in the 2022 budget to cover pending work authorizations with Dunbar. St. Clair requested the budget detail show \$2,500 pending expense for membership in Houston Stronger. Porea clarified that encumbered funds are dedicated to the Cypress Creek Greenway project. Smith suggested we contact non-contributing MUD members to update them on CCFCC’s current activities and to request they

		consider making a monthly contribution to CCFCC. The July treasurer’s report and the 2022 budget were approved.
5	Business	<p>a. <u>BOD COVID-19 Interim Plan</u>  Myers stated that the COVID-19 Interim Plan provides a framework of projects that can be used to develop an Annual Action Plan for CCFCC. Myers will work with Adam to prepare the Annual Action Plan for 2022.</p> <p>ACTION:  Myers and Adam to convert the COVID-19 Interim Plan to a draft Annual Action Plan for 2022.</p> <p>b. <u>BOD Roster Update</u>  Adam will resend the updated roster for board member review. Myers stated he will include a list of board members and committee members at the top of the agenda for each monthly board meeting.</p> <p>c. <u>Proposed Resolution to Participate in the Cypress Creek Drainage District Discussion</u></p> <p>i. Myers summarized the meeting he had with Paul Eschenfelder and George Peckham (Cypress Creek – Stop the Flooding). They informed him that Karen Cambio, legislative assistant to representative Dan Crenshaw, suggested the need to form a special district to secure funding for flood mitigation for the Cypress Creek watershed. This suggestion was later picked up by Glen Wilkerson, representing the Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force.</p> <p>ii. Myers presented a draft resolution for the board’s consideration. The resolution states CCFCC’s flood mitigation goals and interest in participating in the discussion of a special purpose district with the Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force. The resolution describes the flood mitigation needs for the Cypress Creek watershed, the potential funding benefits that a special district may provide, and CCFCC’s interest to collaborate with likeminded organizations in the watershed. A special purpose district will require approval of the state legislature, and the district will operate under the authority of a local elected board. Draft legislation must be submitted to the legislature by October 19, 2022.</p> <p>iii. Discussion, comments, and questions included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The authority and regulations for a special purpose district should be clarified vs the operational rules for a TIRZ;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCFCC will have the right to end discussion and support of the special purpose district at any time if we disagree with the process and goals of the district;</li> <li>• CCFCC should withhold support of the special purpose district until further technical analysis is verified by technical consultant Dunbar;</li> <li>• The goal of the special purpose district is to secure funding for flood mitigation in the Cypress Creek watershed. No funding for construction is currently available from HCFCD or Harris County;</li> <li>• CCFCC should prepare a memorandum of understanding with the Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force;</li> <li>• CCFCC will obtain a copy of the draft legislation that is being prepared. CCFCC will have an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed legislation.</li> <li>• There is more that we don't know than we do know. No reason to decide on the resolution until we have further information.</li> </ul> <p>Myers called for a vote of the board for execution of the proposed resolution. St. Clair suggested wording of the last "Whereas" be modified to state "to pursue a potential source of funding" rather than the existing wording. The vote was called. The motion to execute the resolution passed with six votes supporting and one vote opposed. A copy of the resolution is attached as Exhibit #1.</p> <p>ACTION: Myers will coordinate with St. Clair to revise the proposed wording for the last "Whereas".</p> <p>d. Strategic Plan – Vision, Mission, and Goals Discussion Discussion deferred to September board meeting.</p> <p>e. Membership Discussion deferred to September board meeting.</p>
6	New Business	<p>a. Technical Assignment Updates Discussion deferred to September meeting.</p> <p>b. Meetings with Community Representatives or Elected Officials</p> <p>i. Meeting with Commissioner Ramsey, Pct #3 The meeting with Commissioner Ramsey was attended by Myers, Smith, and Robertson. The Commissioner expressed his support for the creation of a special purpose district to construct</p>

		<p>flood mitigation facilities for the Cypress Creek watershed. His assistant, Eric Heppen (??), was assigned to help the Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force pursue this goal. The Commissioner expressed his desire to have CCFCC work with the Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force. In summary, the meeting was positive. The Commissioner expressed his intent to continue to meet and to get things accomplished.</p> <p>ii. Quarterly Meeting Request with HCFCD (TBD) Myers will continue to pursue the scheduling of a quarterly meeting with HCFCD. CCFCC represents a large group of constituents in the Cypress Creek watershed. We are a partner with HCFCD and will continue to push for quarterly meeting to review progress and coordinate projects.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Myers coordinate with HCFCD to schedule quarterly meeting.</p>
7	Other Business	None
8	Committee Reports	<p><b>Nominations Committee - Sakolosky</b> Sakolosky reported he received an email from Smith that indicated Ms. Catherine Dunn, director on the Cypress Creek Utility District (Norchester Subd), expressed an interest in becoming a director on the CCFCC board. Sakolosky will provide information to the nominating committee and follow-up with Ms. Dunn.</p> <p><b>Technical Committee – Smullen</b> No additional report.</p> <p><b>Membership Committee – Adam</b> Adam will work with Myers to prepare a final draft of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p><b>ACTION : Adam/Myers to prepare draft Strategic Plan.</b></p> <p><b>Cypress Creek Greenway Committee – Robertson</b> Robertson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precinct #3 has placed the construction of two trail (2) crossings under SH 249 at the Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve on temporary hold as Precinct #3 reviews drainage issues.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the proposed boardwalk behind the Kroger Store located just west of SH 249 at Cypresswood has been delayed.</li> <li>• Robertson is working with Harris County and GHORBA regarding their trails at TC Jester (8 miles) and Cypresswood (10 miles in vicinity of SH 249/Cypress Creek/Grant Road). The goal is to develop a user agreement between GHORBA and Harris County.</li> <li>• Robertson’s meeting with Eric Heppen and Steve Dorman regarding the Cypress Creek Greenway Plan. This is a work in progress and will require additional coordination.</li> <li>• The majority of the trees that were planted by the Bayou Preservation Association along the reach of Pilot Gully adjacent to the Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve have died due to the drought.</li> </ul> <p>Tunnel Advocacy Committee – Smith Smith reported he is continuing to contact the attorney representative for MUD’s in the watershed. There are key attorneys such as ABHR and Young &amp; Brooks that represent multiple MUD’s.</p> <p>Communications Committee – Smith No additional report.</p>
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