



CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION
 MEETING NOTES
 June 15, 2022

	Directors in Attendance	Dick Smith, Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, John Porea, Mark Adam, Joe Myers, Jack Sakolosky – Virtual Mtg
	Committee Members in Attendance	Bill St. Clair
	Guests in Attendance	Dave Baldwin
	Guest Speaker	None
1	Handout Documents	<p>Meeting called to order - 6:35 pm. Handout Documents (12 Items, 33 pgs) were emailed by Smith to board members dated June 12 and June 13.</p> <p>Opening comments by Smith indicated the primary activity scheduled for tonight’s board meeting will be the election of officers.</p>
2	Membership	<p>No new applications from MUD’s. Applications received from nine (9) new supporting members: Hesse Equipment Co., Spring, TX; Heritage Plus Financial, Inc; Kathie’s Interiors; LT Hair Care; Universal Propane Grill & Light; Heinz Plumbing; Houston Exterminating; MBA Associates; and Apache Septic Destin Borrego, Owner/Operator.</p>
3	Meeting Notes	<p>The board approved meeting notes for January, February, and March 2022. April meeting notes were approved pending inclusion of review comments from Smith. There are no meeting notes for May 2022 since the board meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>The board also approved meeting notes for CCFCC’s meeting with HCFCD / Executive Director Petersen on April 8, 2022, and the virtual meeting of the Tunnel Advocacy Committee held on April 27, 2022.</p>

4	Treasurer's Report	<p>The June treasurers report was reviewed and approved. The treasurer will clarify the note for Check # 1817 to indicate the amount of the invoice received from Network Solutions.</p> <p>Smith reported he contacted Dan Meacham, Timberlane MUD, to request their district approve a monthly contribution to CCFCC. Smith reported an invoice from Houston Stronger of approximately \$2,500 will be received for CCFCC's membership on the Houston Stronger board. Porea will update the 2022 budget accordingly.</p>
5	Old Business	<p>a. <u>Election of Officers</u></p> <p>Smith reminded the board of his recommendation last year that due to worsening vision health problems his position as President be filled by another director with the proviso of continuing in an administrative management role as "President Emeritus". After discussions last week with Joe Myers, Myers agreed to Smith's request to fill this position if recommended to and elected by the board. Smith also briefed the board on his discussion with Pete Smullen to determine if Smullen would consent to be considered for re-election as Vice President. This concluded with Smullen declining such consideration and confirmation he will continue as a director and chairman of the Technical Management Committee.</p> <p>The following officers were elected: President: Joe Myers Vice President: Mark Adam Treasurer: John Porea Secretary: Jack Sakolosky</p> <p>The "President Emeritus's" responsibilities will be to provide leadership and guidance to the Board, mentor the Board President in proceedings of the Coalition, and provide a historical perspective in the decision-making process.</p> <p>Dick Smith was recognized by the board as President Emeritus (Past President), and will continue his services to the board as Chairman of the Communications Committee and Chairman of the Tunnel Advocacy Committee. Smith will also continue to serve on the Technical Committee with Pete Smullen and Larry Dunbar.</p> <p>b. <u>BOD Covid-19 Interim Plan / BOD Roster Update</u></p> <p>Mark Adam will maintain updates of CCFCC's COVID 19 Interim Plan and the board's master roster that provides the contact information for each Director.</p>

		<p>ACTION: Adam to email each updated document to all board members for review/approval at next board meeting.</p> <p>c. <u>USACE Buffalo Bayou Tributaries and Resilience Study (BBTRS))</u> USACE has scheduled completion of the study in December 2023.</p> <p>d. <u>Cypress Creek Major Tributaries Study</u> Robertson will contact Jonathan St. Romain, HCFCD, to obtain an update on the status of the recommended detention projects. He reported HCFCD has scheduled a virtual meeting with the public for the Mercer Detention Basin (proposed 1,500 ac-ft) on June 29, 6:30-7:30 pm.</p> <p>e. <u>Underground Tunnel</u> Smith reported HCFCD has scheduled a virtual meeting with the public to present the Phase 2 Tunnel Study, June 16, 6:30 pm-7:30pm. The report evaluates a regional tunnel network for Harris County watersheds. Federal guidance requires alternatives be evaluated based on cost/benefit analysis plus a broad range of socio-economic issues. However, HCFCD and the Corps have stated federal policy guidance has not been developed for the evaluation process. Myers stated HUD requires evaluation of socio-economic parameters for CDBG projects. He expects the HUD guidance will likely be used as guidance for the tunnel evaluations.</p> <p>f. <u>Technical Consultant Contract</u> Smith stated CCFCC has four to five outstanding work authorizations issued to Dunbar. Dunbar’s contract has been amended to extend it through 2022. Smith suggested the contract should be extended an additional two years (i.e.; through 2024).</p> <p>ACTION: Smith to coordinate with Dunbar to clarify existing work authorizations and discuss extension of engineering contract.</p> <p>g. <u>Bylaws – Proposed Revision to Quorum Requirements</u> Smith reported he has reviewed the bylaws and concluded that changes to the quorum requirements are not necessary. A complete set of current bylaws is available on CCFCC’s website.</p> <p>h. <u>Houston Stronger Membership</u> CCFCC is now a member of the Houston Stronger board. The Houston Stronger board meets every three months. Bill St. Clair</p>
--	--	---

		will serve as CCFCC’s representative to attend Houston Stronger board meetings. St. Clair will report the status of Houston Stronger activities to the board.
6	New Business	<p>a. HCFCD Phase 2 Tunnel Study HCFCD will conduct a virtual meeting to present the findings of the study to the public on June 16, 2022, 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm.</p> <p>b. Proposed Drainage District/Cypress Creek Cultural District Task Force (Wilkerson Group) Smith and Robertson summarized information from a meeting they requested and attended on June 10th with Glenn Wilkerson, Andy Johnson, and Calvin Cobb. An effort, led by Dr. Wilkerson, is underway to have the Texas legislature authorize the creation of a Drainage District located within part of the Cypress Creek watershed. The Wilkerson Group agreed to Smith/Robertson’s request to meet with the CCFCC’s board at the CCFCC monthly board meeting on July 20 to present their plan with a Q&A session. They indicated they wish to obtain CFCC’s support. They indicated Commissioner Ramsey is supportive and Texas State Representative Tom Oliverson is also supportive. Also, Andrew Johnson, (attorney) told Smith he is preparing draft legislation for the drainage improvement district and State representative Sam Harless has agreed to sponsor it in a forthcoming legislative session.</p> <p>ACTION: Smith, Myers, Robertson to meet and prepare a list of questions to discuss with the group at the July board meeting.</p>
7	Other Issues	July Board Meeting – CCFCC will be going back to in person meeting which will be held at the Coles Crossing meeting facilities.
8	Committee Reports	<p>Nominations Committee - Sakolosky CCFCC’s bylaws allow ten (10) board members. We currently have eight (8) board positions filled (includes Darren Hoyland who is currently on temporary leave). Two board positions are available to fill.</p> <p>Technical Committee – Smullen No report.</p> <p>Membership Committee – Adam Adam reported the following:</p>

- A meeting of the membership committee (Adam, Myers, Robertson, Sakolosky, Foley) was held to discuss preparation of a strategic plan for CCFCC, including consideration of a membership fee.

Cypress Creek Greenway Committee – Robertson

Robertson reported the following:

- HCFCD is currently reviewing 22 proposed detention basin sites for the Cypress Creek watershed. The sites are typically heavily wooded tracts and may be either wet or dry bottom basins. Jim has prepared a draft letter to HCFCD to summarize potential concerns of CCFCC regarding development of the sites and preservation of existing natura features.

ACTION:

Adam will review the draft letter and assist Robertson.

- Robertson is meeting with representatives from Pct #3 regarding the Pct #3 parks master plan.
- Pct #3 has identified some drainage and construction issues with the trail from the Kickerillo Mischer Preserve under SH 249. Construction has been temporarily placed on hold.
- Robertson is coordinating with Pct #3 regarding a proposed trail and board walk behind the Kroger store at Cypresswood Drive and SH 249.

Tunnel Advocacy Committee – Smith

Smith provided the following comments regarding the committee’s April 27th meeting:

- TCEQ’s list of water districts with wastewater outfalls provides a list of 130 MUD’s in the Cypress Creek watershed. A map prepared by Adam identifies approximately 30 MUD districts located adjacent to Cypress Creek.
- 84 of the 130 MUD’s on the TCEQ list are represented by fifteen law firms.
- Smith has received positive feedback from Lynn Humphries (ABHR), Andy Johnson, Bobby Lieb (President & CEO, Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce), and Tom Brodie, Gulf Coast Latin Chamber regarding their support for tunnel conveyance for the Cypress Creek watershed.

Communications Committee – Smith

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith is forwarding HCFCFCD's communications regarding public meetings for flood mitigation projects in the Cypress Creek watershed to CCFCC's MUD/HOA members and supporting members. • Smith will work with the administrative assistant to have the website updated with the results of the officer's elections from tonight's meeting.
9	Adjourn	8:50 PM