



CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION  
 MEETING NOTES  
 October 19, 2022

	Directors in Attendance	Joe Myers, Dick Smith, Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, John Porea, Mark Adam, Jack Sakolosky - Virtual Mtg
	Committee Members in Attendance	Bill St. Clair
	Guests in Attendance	Cathy Dunn, Dave Baldwin
	Guest Speaker	None
1	Monthly Transmittals/ Handouts	Meeting called to order - 6:35 pm. Bedient Proposal – Myers briefly described the proposal received from Bedient/Dunbar for preparation of a comprehensive flood mitigation plan for Cypress Creek. The proposal lists HCFCFCD’s reports and studies that will be reviewed and evaluated to develop the plan. The estimated cost for the services is \$20,000. Refer to Attachment #1.
2	Membership	No new applications.
3	Meeting Minutes	Sakolosky will update the September meeting notes to reflect comments received from Myers and Baldwin. Approval of September meeting notes will be delayed to the November board meeting.
4	Financial - Treasurer’s Report	Porea presented the treasurer’s report for the period ending October 19, 2022. Porea stated the \$10,000 prepayment check for the Comprehensive Flood Mitigation Plan for the Cypress Creek watershed has been issued. He requested Myers forward him a copy of the invoice. Myers asked for a motion and vote for approval of the Bedient/Dunbar services. The motion passed unanimously.
5	Old Business	a. Discuss Cypress Creek Flooding Task Force Actions Myers reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCFCC has three members on the task force – Myers, Robertson, and Adams.</li> <li>• The task force is meeting with State and local representatives. To date they have met with representatives Oliverson, Harless,</li> </ul>

		<p>and Huberty. Each has expressed support for the special district as long as the district has no authority to levee taxes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed special district will have seven (7) board members. Two (2) of the board members will be at-large members. Seven temporary members will be appointed by the state legislature. They will serve until a confirmation election is conducted. The legislation will create five (5) precincts within the Cypress Creek watershed.</li> <li>• Funding for the district will be through grants, state funding, and federal funding. The proposed legislation will a provision for future tax assessment justification to voters and voter approval of a tax referendum.</li> <li>• If the district is created by the legislature, there will be a confirmation election by the residents;</li> <li>• Myers stated the task force is working to submit the draft legislation to the state by January 2023.</li> <li>• A public town hall meeting is scheduled in late November at Lone Star College;</li> <li>• The next meeting for the Task Force is scheduled for Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>b. Membership</p> <p>i. Tunnel Advocacy – Outreach Refer to Committee Reports – Tunnel Advocacy Committee, Membership Committee.</p>
6	New Business	<p>a. Houston Stronger – Additional Discussion (Bill St. Clair) Bill St. Clair, CCFCC’s member on the Houston Stronger board, reported he was impressed by the Houston Stronger board’s action on the Harris County bond issue. The board decided not to endorse the bond issue after hearing concerns from Bill and other Houston Stronger board members.</p> <p>b. HC Bond Public Meetings Myers attended the October 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting held at Shirley Acres. He indicated the meeting had very low turn-out (5-10 people attending). A video was shown and information stations were staffed and included signs using indefinite/vague language describing how the funds may be used.</p> <p>c. USACE Stakeholders Meeting – October 6 Myers and St. Clair attended. The Corps updated stakeholders on the status of the Corps’ projects. HCFCD representatives updated stakeholders on the status of the Phase 2 Tunnel study. The Phase</p>

3 Tunnel study will be started soon. Additional information on the Tunnel Study can be found on HCFCD's website.

d. Technical Assignment Updates

i. Request for Cypress Creek Comprehensive Study – Dunbar/Bedient

Smith is working with Dunbar and Bedient to prepare the scope for this project. The goal is to prepare a comprehensive flood mitigation plan to reduce out of bank flooding in the Cypress Creek watershed. Smith stated two additional reports prepared by HCFCD that will be included in the study are the Future Conditions Report (prepared by PBS&H) and the Klein-Michelson report (in the 1970's). Robertson will send comments on the proposed scope to Smith and Myers.

ii. HCFCD Cypress Creek Informational Meeting – October 12

HCFCD held a virtual public information meeting to present the Cypress Creek Implementation Plan on October 12, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. The virtual meeting was attended by Myers and several other CCFCC board members. Information was presented by Jonathan St. Romain, HCFCD's project manager for the Cypress Creek Tributaries study, and Scott Elmer, HCFCD's project manager for the Tunnel Conveyance Study. The proposed plan includes construction of detention basins ( $\pm$  23) recommended by Jones & Carter as shown in the updated Tributaries Study, and continued evaluation of deep tunnel conveyance for the Cypress Creek watershed in the Phase 3 Storm Water Tunnel Conveyance Study. HCFCD currently does not have funding for construction of the proposed implementation plan.

e. Meetings with Community Representatives or Elected Officials

i. Quarterly Meeting Request with HCFCD

Myers will continue to pursue his request to Alan Black, HCFCD, to conduct quarterly meetings with CCFCC to discuss the status of projects and funding strategies for the Cypress Creek watershed.

ii. Parks Meetings Throughout Precinct #3

Robertson reported Precinct #3 is holding meetings throughout the Cypress Creek watershed to present information on the Parks Master Plan and to obtain public input on park and trail needs. Robertson attended a meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting included Eric Heppen, Pct #3 Project Manager, and Steve Dorman, Pct #3 Director of Parks. Another meeting is

		scheduled for October 25 <sup>th</sup> at Precinct #3's Telge Road service center.
7	Committee Reports	<p>Nominations Committee - Sakolosky  Sakolosky summarized the Nomination Committee's October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Ms. Catherine Dunn. Ms. Dunn currently serves as a director on the Cypress Creek Utility District (Norchester Subd) and president of the Norchester Maintenance Fund. The nominating committee recommended Ms. Dunn be approved as a new director on the CCFCC board. Myers called for a motion and vote on the recommendation. Ms. Dunn was approved unanimously. Robertson reported Malcolmson Road Utility District recently elected two new board members that may have an interest in joining the CCFCC board. Sakolosky to follow up accordingly.</p> <p>Technical Committee – Smullen  No additional report.</p> <p>Membership Committee – Adam  Adam will work with Smith on the membership drive. Smith informed that he has sent a spreadsheet to board members to request their assistance for help in meeting with 128 utility districts. He will supplement the information that has been provided to include the meeting date and time for district meeting.</p> <p>Cypress Creek Greenway Committee – Robertson  Robertson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the crossing under SH 249 at the K-M Preserve and the YMCA has been resumed. Crossings under SH 249 will be located on both the north and south sides of Cypress Creek.</li> <li>• The proposed trail/boardwalk behind the Kroger Store at SH 249 and Cypresswood has been completed. The trail provides a connection from the YMCA to the K-M Preserve (south side of Cypress Creek) and the Harris County Maintenance Facility located on Cypresswood Drive.</li> <li>• Precinct #3 is partnering with Faulkey Gully UD and Malcolmson Rd UD to connect the Faulkey Gully trail system to the Northwest Harris County MUD #5 trail system at Spring Cypress Rd and Louetta.</li> <li>• Harris County's Safe Places program now has over 30-40 constables employed to provide security on the Cypress Creek Greenway trails system.</li> </ul>

		<p>Tunnel Advocacy Committee – Smith          Smith reported he is working with ABHR to identify the 21 MUD’s that ABHR represents. ABHR has been supportive of CCFCC’s request to attend MUD board meetings to inform the board members of CCFCC’s advocacy efforts for long-term tunnel conveyance to reduce flood risk in the watershed. Smith stated HCFCD cannot achieve flood mitigation without tunnel conveyance. The Tunnel Advocacy Committee will work with the Membership Committee to meet with ± 128 districts to inform the district of CCFCC’s goals and request the district become a member of CCFCC.</p> <p>Communications Committee – Smith          Smith stated the website has been updated with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three new watershed maps;</li> <li>• 18 new pictures;</li> <li>• Meeting notes for the months of June, July, and August 2022 (Sakolosky to provide copies to Smith/Gloria).</li> </ul> <p>Smith is following the format from the 2006 Annual Report to prepare current information for communication with utility districts and other entities.</p>
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