



CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COALITION
MEETING NOTES
April 19, 2023

CCFCC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Coles Crossing Community Center, 13050 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77429

	Directors in Attendance	Joe Myers, Dick Smith Pete Smullen, Jim Robertson, John Porea, Mark Adam, Jack Sakolosky
	Committee Members in Attendance	Lisa Foley
	Guests in Attendance	Brandie Zenon, HCFCD; Danica Lloyd, Community Impact; Kent Clingerman, HC Pct. #3; Jason Blackman, Asst. Chief Cypress Creek Fire Department; Brandy Lang, Coles Crossing; Bill Clifford, Coles Crossing; Michael Muir, Murr Incorporated; HCMUD 18; Vanessa Weidman, Coles Crossing; Gary Coleman, Park @ Arbordale; Jonathan St Romain, HCFCD
	Guest Speaker	Jonathan St Romain, HCFCD
1	Introductions	Meeting called to order - 6:30pm. The 2023 Annual Meeting was called to order by President Myers. He introduced himself and CCFCC's directors, and welcomed members and guests attending the meeting. Myers introduced our guest speaker, Jonathan St Romain, Harris County Flood Control District, and expressed CCFCC's thanks and appreciation for him to serve as guest speaker for the 2023 Annual Meeting.
2	Guest Speaker	Jonathan St Romain, Harris County Flood Control District: St Romain prepared a slide presentation to describe the primary elements of the Cypress Creek Implementation Plan as prepared by the Harris County Flood Control District. He provided the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cypress Creek Implementation Plan is completed.• The 2018 Bond Program provided funding for the Cypress Creek watershed for land acquisition, channel maintenance,

		<p>and various studies and reports. It included zero funding for construction of mitigation projects/detention basins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies by Michael Baker and Jones & Carter/Quiddity identified locations for 22 storm water detention basins within the watershed. The basins provide a volume of approximately 14,000 ac-ft, versus the needed volume of 25,000 ac-ft identified by the feasibility level studies. • He stated HCFCD is continuing to seek funding for basin construction. In addition, the district is entering into “excavation and removal” contracts with contractors to the extent feasible. • He briefly described seven (7) primary basins in the implementation plan – TC Jester East (funding includes \$10 million earmark by federal representative Crenshaw plus \$12 million from the Texas legislature through the work by state representative Sam Harless); TC Jester West (\$17.2 million funding available from House Bill #1 in 2023 for Basin A); Westador Basin (\$8.25 million funding available from earmark by Rep. Crenshaw); Mercer Basin (\$15.47 million funding available from CDBG); Telge Basin, Cypresswood and Jones Rd Basin; Cypress Hill Basin, and Senger Basin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG funding requires the project comply with CDBG’s LMI (low to moderate income levels) percentages. <p>A copy of the slide presentation is provided as Attachment #1.</p>
3	Annual Meeting Presentation	<p>Myers prepared a slide presentation to summarize CCFCC’s Founding/Purpose/Mission Statement, 2023 financial status, recent accomplishments, strategic direction, and the Cypress Creek Greenway Project. He provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cypress Creek watershed includes approximately 500,000 residents and comprises about 20% of the Harris County land area. • CCFCC’s mission statement includes advocacy for the construction of flood mitigation projects in the Cypress Creek watershed, preservation of existing habitat and forest land, and communication/education of flood mitigation needs to the public. • CCFCC currently has approximately \$120,000 available to fund efforts approved by the board of directors. A work authorization has been issued to consultants (Dunbar-Bedient) to prepare a holistic flood mitigation plan for the watershed based on the multitude of studies and reports that have been prepared.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent accomplishments included CCFCC’s participation in strategic review and formulation of the Cypress Creek Drainage District, coordination with HCFCD to include Cypress Creek in the Phase 3 storm water tunnel study, information/education meetings with state representatives, communication with attorneys representing 128 MUD districts regarding advocacy for the storm water tunnel for the Cypress Creek watershed, and Robertson’s work on the Cypress Creek Greenway. <p>Myers stated CCFCC is preparing a strategic plan that will define the short term, mid-term, and long-term goals of the organization. He introduced Jim Robertson, Chairman of the Greenway Committee, to provide an update on the Cypress Creek Greenway. Robertson provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCFCC was chartered in 1999 with the mission to advocate for flood mitigation and habitat preservation in the Cypress Creek watershed. The Greenway Project was initiated in 2004 with the vision for a continuous trail along Cypress Creek from the upper watershed in west Harris County to the confluence of Cypress Creek with Spring Creek in the vicinity of IH-45.• Robertson works closely with Harris County Precincts #3 and #4 to identify available tracts of land for the County to purchase, and coordinates with the Precinct’ Parks Departments for development of parks along the Greenway.• He has worked closely with 60 MUD’s to coordinate their proposed trail programs with the Greenway’s objectives.• Results include 28 new parks located along the Greenway, the construction of 14 miles of new trails, and the acquisition of 3,500 - 4,000 acres of land by the County for flood mitigation, habitat preservation, and trail construction.• Robertson worked with the Cypress Creek Trails Master Plan Coordinating Board (comprised of five municipal utility districts, Houston Parks Board, Sueba USA, Lone Star College, and Noble Energy) for preparation of Cypress Creek/SH 249 Area Trails Master Plan for a 13.5 square mile area adjacent to SH 249 extending from Grant Road to Spring Cypress Road. The master plan provided recommendations for trail connections from the adjacent neighborhoods to the Cypress Creek Greenway trail.
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4	Questions and Answers	<p>Jonathan St Romain, HCFCD</p> <p>Refer to following questions and responses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the status of the Flood Control District’s desire to purchase the Raveneaux property for flood mitigation? <i>Answer: The district is still in discussion with the municipal utility district which owns approximately 200 acres of the property.</i> What is the status of reconstruction of the IH-45 bridge over Cypress Creek? <i>Answer: The bridge reconstruction is a TxDOT project. HCFCD is not aware of the status or schedule of this project.</i> What is the status of the proposed large diameter storm water tunnels study? <i>Answer: The tunnel study is moving into Phase 3. The study is funded and performed by HCFCD.</i> What is the status of proposed construction of additional detention volume for Cypress Park (located along west side of Eldridge between Grant Road and Cypress North Houston Road). <i>Answer: The property to expand the park for additional detention basins has been purchased by HCFCD. Funding for the construction of additional detention basins is not currently available.</i> What is the status of the proposed purchase of the Longwood golf course for construction of detention basins? <i>Answer: An agreement has been reached between the HOA, the owner of the golf course, and HCFCD for the purchase of approximately 80 acres by HCFCD for flood mitigation purposes.</i>
5	Quorum and Election Results	<p>Sakolosky reported all ballots had been counted. All votes have been cast for Jim Robertson. He asked the attendees who favored and who opposed the election of Robertson. With no opposition to the candidate, he declared Robertson to be elected by acclamation.</p>
6	Closing Remarks	<p>Myers closed the meeting with a special thanks to Jonathan St Romain, HCFCD, for his presentation on the Cypress Creek Implementation Plan. He also expressed his thanks and appreciation</p>

		to all members and guests that attended CCFCC's 2023 Annual Meeting.
	Adjourn	8:00 pm

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