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Clear Creek Greenway Trail Design Project – Steering Committee Work Underway

The new Clear Creek Greenway Authority (CCGA) Steering Committee for the Clear Creek Greenway Trail Design project will hold its second meeting on Thursday, August 20, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Clear Creek County Commissioners Board Room, 405 Argentine Street, Georgetown. It is open to the public. Steering Committee members are:

Jim Pals – Property Owner

Tim Mauck – County Commissioner

Larry Romine – Property Owner / Business Owner / CCGA

Dale Drake – Clear Creek Rafting Company

John Cantamessa – Colorado Adventure Center

Wendy Koch – Empire Mayor

Mike Hillman – Idaho Springs Mayor

Dan Ebert – Business Owner / CCGA

Jacque Zegan – St. Mary's / CCGA

Cassandra Patton – Tourism Board

Martha Tableman – Open Space Commission

Fred Rollenhagen – Planning and Zoning Commission

Jake Houston – Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

Dane Matthews – Metro Rec District / CCGA

Peggy Stokstad – Economic Development Corp.

Neil Ogden – CDOT

David Singer - CDOT

In their first meeting held on July 30, 2015, the Steering Committee looked over the map showing the limits of the study now underway (as defined by the County and Colorado Department of Transportation) and identified four large-scale sections of the trail that could be worked on now. Starting with the Clear Creek Greenway Master Plan approved in 2005, the steering committee was able to move forward immediately.

Clear Creek County Commissioner Tim Mauck applauded the volunteers. “They are already digging into the roles and responsibilities, and I am really encouraged by the committee’s progress so far,” he said.

At the July 30 meeting, the committee members offered suggestions based on their knowledge of the corridor and specific sections of it. They suggested that additional resources might be needed from the community, including appointing task forces to help with the effort.

Mary Jo Vobejda of CH2M, Steering Committee lead facilitator, uses the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process for the project. CSS is used by CDOT on all projects on the I-70 Mountain Corridor and will be used on this study because they are majority funders of the project.

The Steering Committee will work collaboratively to develop for the Clear Creek Greenway Authority recommendations for implementing the Greenway in logical segments. The segments will be prioritized to optimize opportunities around partnerships, available funding or concurrent construction projects.

The Steering Committee members are ambassadors for the Greenway and will work toward an implementation plan that will realize the Greenway and all of its benefits. The Steering Committee will work with the general public, potential partners and the CCGA. They will make every effort to complete the initial phase of the work in four months, meeting no more than eight times.

The project team is led by The Greenway Foundation and its executive director Jeff Shoemaker.

For more information, please email: info@ccgreenway.com.

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