

## **CAC minutes for the meeting of Jan. 20, 2021**

### **CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alyssa Quinn, Chair, Distributor representative  
Andrew Ross, Denver representative  
Alan Hassler, West Slope representative  
Emily Meek, Suburban customer representative  
Gary Wilkinson, West Slope representative  
Jim Berkley, Denver representative  
Lisa Mathai, Denver representative  
Nona Shipman, Public Interest Group representative  
Rich Newton, Environmental representative

### **CAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Fitzmorris, Homebuilders Representative

### **DENVER WATER STAFF**

Ashley Denault, CAC/staff liaison  
Sara Behunek, Government and Community Relations manager  
Chris Brummitt, Office of General Counsel

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

#### **Opening remarks**

**5 – 5:20 p.m.**

- Introductions.
- Approval of agenda (Nona S. moved, Andrew R. seconded, all in favor).
- Approval of October and November minutes (Gary W. moved, Alan H. seconded, all in favor).
- No public comment.
- Icebreaker.

#### **CAC business**

**5:20 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

- Reappointment of Andrew Ross (Rich N. moved, Jim B. seconded, all in favor).
- Nominations for appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary:
  - Andrew R. nominated Alyssa Q. as Chair, Nona S. seconded, all in favor.
  - Alyssa Q. nominated Andrew R. as Vice Chair, Gary seconded, all in favor.
  - Alyssa Q. nominated Nona S. as Secretary, Jim B. seconded, all in favor.
- Member updates:
  - Rich is involved in a Fraser River restoration project.
  - Nona has been promoted to director of the One World One Water Center. This year is also the Center's 10th anniversary.
  - The Metro Drought Coalition met this week and had a presentation from Jason Finehout. The group reviewed the Water Shortage Implementation Plan and is preparing for a drought year with a focus on common messaging along the Front Range. This year is also Water '22 with events across the state to celebrate and

- educate about water.
  - Alan noted a dam study on Wolford Reservoir.
  - Gary mentioned the Nordic trail at Dillon has been very popular; the community is excited about expanded recreation opportunities including an ice rink and hockey tournament.
- Bylaws update: Chris B. noted that, after further internal discussions, the Office of General Counsel recommends the CAC to hold on bylaw changes until there are further discussions about roles and responsibilities so a total package can be presented to the Board.

### **CAC work session**

**5:45 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

- Roles and responsibilities discussion:
  - The CAC discussed their roles and responsibilities in the context of changes that have happened since the Foothills Agreement was put in place, including how they reach out to constituents, how people receive information, structures Denver Water has in place and issues of importance to committee members.
  - Some members expressed a desire to provide input on Denver Water plans/projects prior to those going to the Board.
  - Members also noted interest in identifying ways to be a two-way conduit of information between Denver Water and constituents.
  - Other members noted they appreciated the opportunity to learn what was happening at Denver Water, as well as gaining a broader understanding of water issues across the state.
  - Public Affairs staff are working on developing a stakeholder engagement plan and the CAC could have a role in developing that work and identifying how the CAC fits holistically into Denver Water outreach and engagement.
- 2022 work planning discussion:
  - The committee decided to send their work priorities via email.
  - They also requested staff develop a list of projects or strategic priorities on which they may be able to provide input.
  - Committee members also requested staff consider in-person meetings when possible.

### **Adjourned**

**7 p.m.**

### **Next meeting**

- Staff will provide a presentation on Public Affairs and the stakeholder engagement plan process.

### **Action items:**

- Staff will:
  - Send minutes template to Nona.
  - Look into restrictions around in-person meetings (on and off site).
  - Develop a list of strategic priorities/initiatives/topics for potential CAC involvement.
- CAC members will:
  - Send interests/work priorities via email.

