

Flood Commemoration and Levee Dedication Planning Committee
aka "'21 Flood in '21" Committee
February 21, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
HARP Office Conference Room

In attendance were:

Ron Serna, Pueblo activist and Pueblo Conservancy District Board member
Lucille Corsentino, Roselawn Foundation Board
Judy Gaughan, CSU-P faculty
Susan Adamich, Pueblo Heritage Museum board member
Gary M. Micheli, Pueblo Firefighters Historical Society
Mark Pickerel, Pueblo Firefighters Historical Society
Andrea DeLaGarza, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering
Jerry Pacheco, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Crystal Estrada, Pueblo Riverwalk REO Manager
Barb Bernard, Pueblo Conservancy District Vice President

Barb Bernard asked each person to introduce themselves and why they are interested in participating in the planning for the commemoration of the 1921 Flood and dedication of the reconstructed levee.

Gary Micheli showed two jars of silt and rock that he has recovered from the basement of Union Depot and Larry's Electric building on Union Ave. He also has a booklet, *Colorado's Most Endangered Places*. The booklet includes Pueblo's Hose Company No. 3 Fire Museum that is located on Colorado Ave. in the Mesa Junction area.

Barb passed out a list of subcommittees that may need to be formed to expedite the planning of the event(s). An active discussion went on that included:

- Developing a booklet of the activities that will be occurring in the community
- Designing plaques that can be placed around the flooded area with information including the depth of the flood waters and/or building that survived.
- Set up a "sponsor a Plaque" funding
- Making an inventory of the buildings that did survive the flood and if possible, determine the high water mark on them.
- Find information about the Riverside school building and any one would attended it
- Develop a film/video of the photos of the aftermath of the flood and are related to current
- Meet with Kevin Ortiz, manager of Memorial Hall and discuss tying its 100th anniversary to the pre-flood and after flood photos
- Contact the town of Florence to see if they are planning any 1921 flood activities
- Make a graphic of the high water mark along the new levee
- Put more information about the history of the Riverwalk along the channel
- Meet with Debbie Bromire, Pueblo GPS specialist for maps and time line
- Roselawn Cemetery is investigating what they feel is a mass grave of bodies recovered from the 1921 Flood and put a story board about the flood.
- Susan Adamich is asking for items from the 1921 era that she can use in her school presentations.
- Consider establishing a 501(c)3 entity to accept donations
- Meet with Don Banner to prepare a written and graphic history of the Pueblo Conservancy District
- CSU-P lecture series participation
- Contact the management at Pueblo Dam for information about the dam's history

The next meeting will be March 21, 1:30 p.m. at the HARP Conference Room.