

## Community Turnout Impressive for First Camp Creek Project Meeting

More than 150 people responded to the City of Colorado Springs' call for participation in the public involvement process to develop solutions to that will improve the Camp Creek drainage corridor.

The project is intended to improve public safety by protecting the Camp Creek corridor from flooding and erosion. Solutions developed through the process will be technically sound and responsive to community needs and values.



The meeting was intended to accomplish the following:

- \* to provide basic information about the purpose of the project and the project "givens";
- \* to describe the steps and timeline for the public involvement process;
- \* to provide initial information about conditions in the corridor;
- \* to present a preliminary list of project issues gathered through initial interviews and find out what issues were not priorities, were missing and were important to meeting participants; and
- \* to have meeting participants discuss and identify the criteria they believe are important to use in evaluating the alternative solutions.

After hearing a 30-minute presentation by the City project team, people spent the rest of the meeting in small group discussions. Participants identified issues they thought should be removed from or added to the issues list. Small groups also were asked to discuss and list criteria they believe should be used to evaluate alternative solutions to the drainage challenges in the Camp Creek corridor. All groups completed a small group response form. Participants also filled out an individual response form.

All small group and individual responses were compiled and analyzed. A summary of the responses can be found on the following page. Word-for-word comments from all the forms have been posted on the City of Colorado Springs website: [www.springsgov.com/campcreek](http://www.springsgov.com/campcreek).

**Mark Your Calendars Today: Next Community Meeting Is on December 12th**

**Please make plans now to attend the second community meeting about the Camp Creek drainage corridor improvements:**

◆ **at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 12**

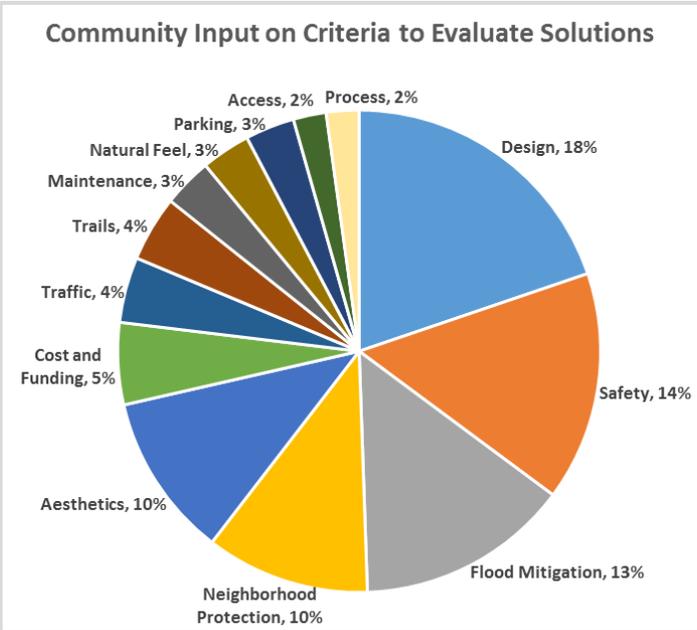
◆ **in the cafeteria at Coronado High School, 1590 W. Fillmore Street.\***

**The meeting will begin with presentations by project engineers about conditions in the corridor and possible alternative approaches to solving the drainage issues. The rest of the meeting will be spent with small group discussions to review and assess each of those alternatives.**

\*These activities will take place on property that Wilson and Co. has licensed from Colorado Springs School District Eleven pursuant to Board of Education Policy KF. Our group has paid a full fee for the facility and, therefore, our rental of the facility is not supported by tax dollars identified for school use. Our use of a District facility represents neither agreement nor disagreement with our group's goal, purpose, or statements by the Board, Administration, or the District.

# Groups Discuss and Suggest Criteria for Evaluating Alternatives

One of the topics discussed by meeting participants working in 27 small groups was the criteria that should be used to evaluate possible solutions to the Camp Creek corridor drainage problems. The criteria mentioned most often by the groups were project design, safety, flood mitigation, neighborhood protection and aesthetics.



Criteria mentioned less frequently by groups included cost and funding, traffic, trails, maintenance, natural feel, parking, access, and public process.

The City project team will develop criteria for evaluating alternative approaches that are based on community input, as well as technical and financial considerations. The initial alternatives will be presented at the December 12th community meeting.

Groups were also asked to review a preliminary list of issues related to the Camp Creek project and to suggest issues that they believe should be deleted or added. *(Note: the Preliminary Issues and final Project Issues Lists may also be found on the City's website).*

There were few suggested deletions. Nine groups suggested deleting specific design ideas for the 31st Street drainage channel, particularly covering or elevating the channel, or adding guard rails. Two groups questioned having on the list the use of retention ponds or existing reservoirs in Garden of the Gods. Two groups recommended deleting widening 31st Street from the list.

Additional issues suggested by groups include access into and out of the Pleasant Valley neighborhood and Garden of the Gods during flood events, maintenance of the existing 31st Street channel as well as any future drainage structures, and the need for a project timeline.

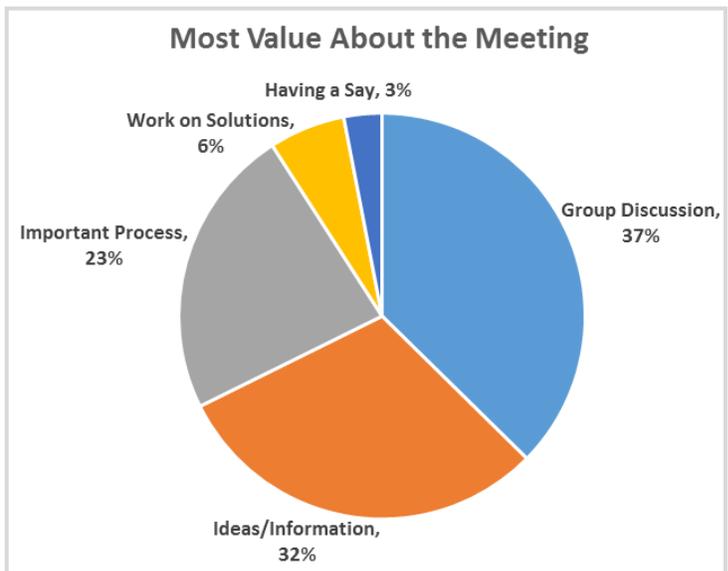
## Comments Provided on Meeting, Project

Each person attending the October 22 meeting was asked to fill out an individual response form to provide the City project team with information about the meeting and the individual perspectives on the project.

Participants were asked how they heard about the meeting, what prompted them to attend, what was of greatest value about the meeting, and suggestions for meeting improvement.

The final question on the form asked participants for any other comments they had about the project. An analysis of those comments shows a focus on the following topics:

- \* design of drainage solutions — 29% *(of total comments)*
- \* access, traffic, streets and bridges — 19%
- \* community process — 9%
- \* flooding and drainage — 8%
- \* aesthetics — 6%
- \* project timeline — 6%
- \* natural feel/environment — 4%
- \* cultural resources — 3%
- \* funding — 3%
- \* construction — 2%
- \* maintenance — 2%
- \* trails and recreation — 1%
- \* safety — 1%



**For more information about the project, contact Project Manager Mike Chaves, (719) 385-5408, or [mchaves@springsgov.com](mailto:mchaves@springsgov.com).**

**To review all meeting materials and complete results of Camp Creek community meetings, go to [www.springsgov.com/campcreek](http://www.springsgov.com/campcreek). Also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/springsgov](http://www.facebook.com/springsgov).**