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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

April 15th, 2015

Emigration Canyon Fire Station

7:00 PM

Officers Present: Rick Raile; Chair, Lincoln Nehring; Treasurer, Jessica Steed; Secretary.

Members Present: Gary Bowen, Kathy Christensen, Tyler Tippetts, Jen Hawkes, Joan Gallegos, Joe Smolka

Community Representatives Present: Rita Lund; SLCO, Michael Conn UFA, Officer Rusty Wright; UPD, Captain Del Craig; UPD, Sheriff Winder; UPD, Erik Hawkes (EID).

Welcome. Rick Raile.

Approval of the Minutes: Yes

Presentations:

Sheriff Winder

He introduced Rusty Wright. Officer Wright will have Parleys Canyon, Little Del, and Emigration Canyon. He spoke very highly of Officer Wright. Spoke of the high fire danger, possible evacuation protocol and the possibility of having evacuation drills. Officer Wright will monitor the bike traffic in the canyon. Try to educate through three-prong approach. Jen had a conversation with a resident who was upset about speeding tickets for 5 mph over, Officer Wright explained that he is usually generous and writes on the ticket that they were 5 mph over, when in reality it was 10 or 15 mph over the speed limit. He stated that they will do a day-long event with the bikers--a meet and greet, stop and educate, what the statutes are and expectations. Officer Wright spoke about a month to evaluate traffic patterns. He's already stopped 65 people (mostly residents). "I'm here to help you fix your problem." He's surprised there aren't more accidents with the crazy number of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. There will be unmarked units in the canyon, some videotaping of this behavior. He'll be at Firewise, Jen Hawkes will put in the newsletter a note that he'll be there and come meet him. Gary Bowen said he thinks we need to educate the motorists more than the bicylists. Joe Smolka wants the data to send to the engineer.

Erik Hawkes (EID)

Said the last report they got on the creek is that it's 43% below average. The new well has had a lot of technical difficulties, but they have resolved them and all winter it's been working great. The best quality water of all the wells. The need to educate people on the need to conserve water. EID will come to Firewise. The Board of Trustees gave the website domain to the Community Council.

David Ward (SLCBAC)

He is on SLCBAC, intends to attend our meetings each month so he can give feedback to SLCBAC. They have a good relationship with the mayors office. He loves riding up here and living up here. He stated that there isn't anywhere in the county that gets as many cyclists as he sees here in the canyon, and in such large numbers. He understands the conflict from all sides. He wants to dispel a misconception about a cycling community, that there isn't one. The pamphlet Bicycle Best Practices doesn't have anything specific to the canyons, Rick Raile asked if it could. David Ward said he'd bring it up and pursue it.

Jen and Joe, ECRIC Report

There were 114 people at the open house. Joe Smolka spoke very highly of the engineering company. 28 places in the canyon where the line of sight and the speed limit don't match. Jen Hawkes and Joe Smolka are putting together a list of things that have been done to help this issue. One of the biggest trouble spots is up near Pinecrest. The issues are speed, blind corners, and too many people on the road. The engineering firm will be closing comments on the website tomorrow. Next meeting is in August. At that August meeting they will have ideas, and then the question will be how to prioritize these projects.

Rita Lund

The county is phasing out chippers, instead they offer residents one free green waste containers for every year. Rick Raile asked about May 2nd cleanup. 9-12 cleanup. Rita Lund will check about vests, Joe Smolka will contact about vests and bags. Joe Smolka complained about the new process for new building permits. It's gone from really bad to really worse. It's all electronic now, which doesn't work for old guys. 4 weeks for a very simple permit. It's causing people to just do their projects instead of getting permits. SLC and Sandy City you can just walk in and get a permit instead of waiting 4 weeks.

Michael Conn, UFA Report

Discussion about evacuation, as this summer will be extremely dry. He talked about the importance of educating the resident to know when to go on their own. If you smell smoke, or see smoke, go. Fire front could travel 40 mph. State fire Marshall can ban fires but not on private property. Michael Conn said he can strongly encourage residents to put out their fires but he can't make them. Rita will ask what the law is at the state level to see if we can have a stricter county ordinance to ban fires. Hydrants are in disrepair, need to know there's water behind them. He needs a number for who to talk to about this. Discussion about speed limit. Officer Wright said Midvale changed speed limits all the time, he thinks our speed limit should be 30.

Officer Rusty Wright

He talked with a few commercial dog walkers. Mentioned a federal citation and quoted the law about not profiting off federal land--they couldn't leave fast enough.

Discussion on Community Preservation:

Rita passed out the Proposed Implementation Team Structure sheet and explained it. She passed out County Council Activities and Decisions, which outlines time frame for the community preservation. Rick Raile motioned at ACCT to remain neutral, and convey information to the community and let the community make the decision at the polling booths. We are required to be unbiased. Rick Raile said we have to have all this done by Oct 1. We'll have an open house here to show residents what this is. The next step is a budget adjustment. June 3rd is the initial public hearing, we should all be there. Right now, we don't do anything. Be aware of being unbiased. Planning on having education training for community council members. Rick Raile pointed out that diagrams are the easiest way to educate people. Communitypreservation@slco.org can address their questions. More to come.

Kathy Christensen, Firewise Update

Assignments:

Rick Raile--72 hour kits, CERT kits

Question about vendors. Joe Smolka said they didn't get enough business.

Question about how to get more people here. More road signs. Question about the website, Jen thinks within a few weeks she can have something.

Jessica Steed-- table to collect phone/emails/etc.

Joe Smolka--food and cook

Michael Conn-- CPR dummy, engine tour, lecture on evacuation "not to wait"

Lincoln Nehring, Treasurer Report

We have \$5000 to use in the budget.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: May 12, 2015

Minutes prepared by: Jessica Steed