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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

December 8, 2015

Emigration Canyon Fire Station

7:00 PM

Officers Present: Rick Raile; Chair, Steve Borst; Co-Chair, Lincoln Nehring; Treasurer, Jessica Steed; Secretary.

Members Present: Joe Smolka, Tyler Tippetts, Kathy Christensen, Pat Struhs, Gary Bowen.

Community Representatives Present: Rita Lund; SLCO, Officer Rusty Wright; UPD, Michael Conn; UFD, Jeff Miller; SLCo Township Planning

Welcome. Rick Raile.

Approval of the Minutes: Yes

Presentations:

Jeff Miller, SLCo Township Planning on the proposed PUD Ordinance Amendment.

Told the Council that they are seeking a recommendation tonight on the proposed PUD. He summarized some changes to the original draft that we heard last meeting. Some of our issues from last month will be addressed before there is a final adoption of the PUD Ordinance. The next steps: public comment period is still open on the draft. There are public hearings set for all planning commissions. Max mrjohnson@slco.org is his email to contact him with any other concerns. Kathy Christensen asked for an update regarding our issues with the fence height limit. Jeff Miller said that he would reiterate that to Max Johnson and have him get back to us. Joe Smolka pointed out that this is PUD, not FCOZ, which is what Kathy Christensen is talking about. There were some questions about the lighting regulations to which Jeff Miller said that Max Johnson will get into contact. Rick Raile asked Joe Smolka his opinion on the height requirements to which Joe Smolka pointed out that it hardly affects us. The Council is fine to approve with the stipulation that we have the chance to read the updates and have some questions resolved. Unanimous approval from the Council members.

Discussion on the new Emigration Canyon districting options and to select an ECCC representative to the Municipal Services District.

Rick Raile said he and Patrick O Leary have communicated about the possibility of having 5 at-large districts, as opposed to 5 distinct drawn out districts. His opinion is that our community is so small, that to have the at-large districts would focus on the benefit of the entire canyon, as opposed to the interests of each little pocket neighborhood. Pat Struhs asked if the 5 representatives would have specific responsibilities. Kathy Christensen said that when there were specific responsibilities in the Community Council then things started to get done, so she thinks that these 5 representatives should have responsibilities. Joe Smolka asked the future of Community Councils, to which Rita Lund said the decisions will be up to the people of the municipal boards. It's up to us to lobby for what we want. For the legislation, Kara Trevino is trying to solve that problem for the small communities, (of which we are) and is putting forth a bill that will be simple and fast-tracked in the legislative period. Joe Smolka thinks that most of the 5 candidates will come from this board, and that we will have a hard time filling the vacancies in the community council. Joe Smolka and Jessica Steed spoke up in favor of the at-large districts. Rick Raile showed a letter from ACCT which is in support of the at-large districts. Gary Bowen said that state law mandates that the boundaries be so intricate and specific that to keep accurate numbers in each district would be impossible. Joe Smolka moved that we support the at-large districts (Gary Bowen added an amendment that we also accept the district map as it is). Unanimous in favor. Moving on to select an

that we also accept the district map as it is). Unanimous in favor. Moving on to select an ECCC representative to the Municipal Services District, Rita Lund said that it will be for a year, and that for a few months there won't be much to discuss. The board will have a representative from each metro township. It will be mostly decisions about funding, our own metro township board will make most of our local decisions. She pointed out that the monthly meetings are very brief, it will not be much to do for the next year or year and a half. Gary Bowen volunteered for this representation.

Select ECCC officers, Chair, Co

Joe Smolka nominated that they continue as is. Gary Bowen seconded it. All in favor unanimously.

Rita Lund, SLCo Council Report

Budgets are due, she'll get the forms to Lincoln Nehring. ACCT funding (\$30,000) will be moved to community councils so we'll get an extra (almost) \$5,000. They will schedule a meeting (Rick Raile and Rita Lund). Rick Raile made it clear that this upcoming year we will **not** be doing chipping. There are grants that we can get to help pay for deadfall in the canyon. Wasatch Waste said that they will put the dumpster on the streets on a case-by-case basis. Each canyon address can get a free dumpster. There is also a green waste container we can get. This is something we can continue to try to communicate to residents to take advantage of. The proposal from Mayor McAdams suggested we continue to use the jail bond, to help the criminal justice. Budgets aren't finalized at the county yet.

Officer Rusty Wright, UPD Report

There were 47 calls, 12 reports written, 1 traffic accident, and a few parking problems in Killyons (in regards to the trail there). There have been no tickets issued, just warnings. Right now it's in the education phase. This is not a solution to the problem, it is only pushing the problem down the canyon. Rita Lund said for now there is going to be a turn-around, not a hammerhead, and there will be no parking on the turn-around. This will become a much bigger issue come summer. The trail users aren't happy about it. Rick Raile suggested we put this in the newsletter, he asked Rita Lund about a timeline. She said there will be a lot of discussion. The trail in Killyons is a "trail access" and the trail at Little Mountain is actually the "trailhead." Pat Struhs asked about putting a sign at the Killyons trail access stating that there is more parking and access from Little Mountain. Jeff Bierman (audience) said there's a turn-out that's for sale half a mile away, that the county could buy, and the other issue is that it's a protected watershed but that it's becoming a dog park. As a neighborhood, they're getting overrun but they're trying to be reasonable. James Kane (audience) asked about when a permanent solution might be. He asked if the area in front of Bierman's was available for some parking spaces, but there are county vehicles that turn around there (snowplows, garbage areas, school buses) so it's not an option. He asked about putting parking farther into the land, but it's forest service land which is not available. The county is looking for land to use for parking spaces. Sarah Bennett (from Trail Utah) said that because we have a trailhead we have a perfect way to communicate to people what the county regulations are for dogs on/off leash, trail use when it's muddy, etc, so she asked that we put up signage there and she put in a plea to preserve access to that trail for the canyon residents. Rick Raile pointed out that the issue is incredibly complicated. She said that the Forest Service in the past has been open to giving some of their land for use for parking for trails. She pointed out that there needs to be some kind of enforcement period--that once the parking spaces are full, these people have to move along to the next access point. Steve Borst wanted to make it clear that it's not an issue that's being driven by the residents, it's something that's being driven by the fire marshal. It's incorrect to characterize it as being something that's instigated by residents, it is instigated by the fire marshal. The fire marshal is working with the county to work out a solution, but his main responsibility is to protect the community and the wildlands.

Michael Conn, UFA Report

Michael Conn reiterated what Steve Borst said. Sarah Bennett said that this should be communicated where there are these no-parking signs. Steve Borst said that as he's talked to the fire marshal about this, they've talked to the county about putting up an education sign that communicates this. Officer Wright said he's had many conversations

with people coming off the trail that really don't care. James (audience) said his issue is that the sign needs to be where people park.

The push-to-survive event didn't have the turnout they were hoping for. He said they'll do another one near Valentine's Day, giving the new advertising staff time to get the word out.

The Community Wildland Protection Plan should be done by the Firewise date to show the community the actual document the plan for their safety. He's looking for volunteers to form a committee (or subcommittee) of residents of Community Council members. Pat Struhs volunteered to help.

Kathy Christensen, Reporting on Backyard and Beyond Conference

Kathy Christensen said we renewed our firewise community status so each resident can get a discount on insurance. Talk to insurance agent and tell them we're part of a firewise community and we should get 50% off of the fire portion. You need to ask for it, and be persistent. An email from Brianna is that our grant from FEMA was denied. She thinks that we might be able to resubmit and try again. She bought a fire retardant material. They recommend the Brandguard vents for vents (good information for the newsletter).

New Business

Steve Borst and Kathy Christensen will work together to do the next newsletter, as Jen Hawkes is not able to for quite some time in the future. The goal for the newsletter is the first of the year. Rick Raile said that the empty conduit looks like it's a go.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: January 2016

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