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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

July 14th, 2015

Emigration Canyon Fire Station

7:00 PM

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

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

Community Representatives Present: Rita Lund; SLCO, Michael Conn UFA, Officer Rusty Wright; UPD,

Welcome. Rick Raile.

Approval of the Minutes: Yes

Presentations:

Brian Greene--UT Water Watch

UT Water Watch creates a network of trained volunteers to collect water data. We are the 2nd driest state, so they work to help use this valuable resource. They give training to these volunteers and work together to select a site. Once a month, for 7 months a year the volunteers collect data from the creek. Results in having a lot of data to work with. Emigration Creek has good temperature, good levels of dissolved oxygen. E. Coli looks good as well. It's collected at the mouth of the canyon. There is an opportunity for anyone to help in this effort; they should contact him at 435-797-2580.

Spencer Hymas, SLCo planner

Was seeking the community council's approval on the Steven Christensen property plans. It is all within the ordinances, they just moved the buildable portion of the lot to move it down further, so as to avoid the Ridgeline Protection act. Steve Borst made a motion to pass the amendment, Pat Struhs seconded it. Unanimous in the affirmative.

Mike Hughes, EID

He gave a report on EID and the UT water quality grant approval. He stated that the health department wants us to clean up the creek (that the TMDL--Total Maximum Daily Load--is too high). EID has put together a grant to investigate solutions. They will use this grant money to research where the problems are coming from, and which septic systems are problematic, and look at ways to solve some of these problematic septic systems along the creek. Joan Gallegos suggested that we contact Big Cottonwood Canyon and learn from them. The EID hopes to have the final report done in a year.

Rita Lund

Rita Lund gave an update on the Community Preservation Bill. There are concerns about the ballot language. We are now Emigration Canyon Planning Township. It's part of the language of the bill from the legislature. It's very confusing. They are looking for money to put together a voter information pamphlet. County council will decide. Final boundaries voted on (ours didn't change). The website that has all this information is being constantly updated, we need to use their exact wording in anything we put out. Discussion of what we should send out--Rick Raile suggested Jen Hawkes do a postcard and use the next newsletter to highlight this issue. Rita Lund talked about the two biggest issues are where the word planning comes from, and what municipal services means.

Officer Rusty Wright

He reported that there were 47 calls in June, 15 reports written, all were minor. In regards to posting signs about dog walking, he said we're still waiting on the county and that nothing has been posted yet. He reported that he will be using a decibel meter and enforcing the noise ordinance. Rick Raile asked Officer Wright to write something up for the newsletter regarding the dogs off leash.

Michael Conn, UFA Report

He reported that all the home assessments are completed. Call volume has been up, due to cyclist dehydration or bike accidents. No changes in the fire ban yet. He encouraged us to call if someone has concerns.

Joe Smolka and Jen Hawkes

They stated that they will meet again with ECRIC in August about specific projects. Jen Hawkes showed us several designs of the signs that the county will be putting in at trailheads. She encouraged the signs to all match and to use materials that are natural to the canyon. Joan Gallegos motioned to agree on the proposed sign, Tyler Tippetts seconded. It passed unanimously.

Other Business

On July 21 the Sons of UT are rededicating to monument at the top of Little Mountain.

Steve Borst asked about getting a different container for recycling at the top. He said someone is using it (and the trash can) as a dumping ground. There have been materials put in from construction projects that shouldn't have. Rick Raile said they are working on getting more surveillance there, and a different container.

Joan Gallegos talked about having different activities up the canyon instead of a farmers market.

Jen Hawkes said the website needs more photos--so she asked us to send her any that we take or that we already have of the canyon.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: August 11, 2015

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