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## Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

June 9th, 2015

Emigration Canyon Fire Station

7:00 PM

**Officers Present:** Rick Raile, Chair; Steve Borst, Vice-Chair; Lincoln Nehring, Treasurer. Borst took meeting minutes.

**Members Present:** 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.

**Guests Present:** Chevron (Tom Denison, Burt Smith, Patrick Green); Kris Hohenshelt; Patrick Leary, SLCO Township Executive; David Bell, Runtastic Events; Mircea Divricean, Camp Kostopulos.

**Welcome.** Rick Raile.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Yes

**Presentations:**

### **Chevron**

Kris Hohenshelt facilitated a discussion with representatives from Chevron Pipe Line Company representatives regarding the Chevron oil pipeline connecting the production facilities in Rangely, Colorado with their Salt Lake City refinery operations that runs through Emigration Canyon. Bert Smith (Team Leader, Salt Lake Field Team) made a presentation. Mr. Smith reviewed improvements in pipeline integrity with new test point technology that is being introduced into Emigration Canyon. He detailed preventative maintenance procedures including aerial inspection flights every 2 weeks and internal inspection technology with each running the length of the pipeline. Mr. Smith reminded the Council of the free Blue Stakes service available to all canyon residents to detect the location of oil, gas, electric and water pipelines before digging or placing anything into the ground. The Blue Stakes program should be considered free insurance to residents as they will not be liable for any damage to any utility pipeline if they have had their property marked via Blue Stakes prior to commencing work. The Pipe Line Company representatives emphasized their commitment to protecting both the pipeline and community against any breach that could lead to an oil leak. They encouraged residents to call with any questions about their pipeline maintenance efforts or condition and status of the pipeline (Burt Smith 801 244 9825 and Tom Denison 801 903 7502).

**Salt Lake County:** Patrick Leary was present to detail the County's efforts to road improvements in the Canyon as well as safety issues for residents and visitors.

Mr. Leary provided an update on road improvements in the context of the ECRIC (Emigration Canyon Road Improvement Committee), emphasizing the County's focus on immediate road improvement needs while the long term road improvement needs are being studied and planned for. Mr. Leary made it clear that the Emigration Canyon road would not be chip sealed until the engineering study is complete, recommendations are made and budget is approved. He indicated that some small paving projects were being considered including that portion of Killyon's Lane that runs over the new culvert, as well as portions of Red Hill, Trout and Skycrest Lanes. Mr. Leary then reviewed proposed changes to Killyon's Lane to provide a turn around for fire and emergency vehicles as well as limited parking and signage plans for visitors looking to access the trails. Ms. Hawkes offered to help with an improved design of the signage and Mr. Nehring offered to obtain

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entered to help with an improved design of the signage and Mr. Fleming entered to obtain feedback from the Killyons community with both to respond back to Mr. Leary with their respective recommendations.

There was considerable and active discussion surrounding the impact of the opening of Ruth's Creekside restaurant and the parking options for patrons of both Ruth's Diner and Ruth's Creekside. Concerns centered on safety for those parking along or crossing the road given the blind corners on the road both below and above those restaurants. In addition, the impact on overflow parking on Camp Kostopulous was also noted with mention made of waiting Ruth's patrons wandering through the Camp property. Discussion about ways to limit the number of patrons waiting for tables as well as restaurant seating volume to reduce parking pressure were discussed.

Mr. Leary discussed current consideration being given by the County to changes in ordinances covering special event permit issuances. Efforts are being made to bring them into closer alignment with Salt Lake City ordinances governing special event permits (running events, biking events, etc), such that event organizers provide adequate security and waste cleanup at the events to protect both the canyon and participants. Mention was also made of consideration of a permanent toilet facility on Emigration Canyon road at the Pinecrest turnoff and the possible renovation of the old toilet facility that has fallen into disrepair. Mr. Leary committed to communicating back to the Council as progress on each of these issues is made.

**Haunted Half Marathon:** David Bell presented an update to logistical plans for the Haunted Half Marathon scheduled for October 24, 2015. Mr. Bell discussed planned changes for the start of the race at the Little Mountain Summit to provide for better pre-race facilities and logistics and minimizing the impact on residents along the Canyon road the day of the race. Runner safety and minimization of disturbance to canyon residents were discussed. Mr. Bell committed to continuing to provide updates on these issues to the Council to ensure a successful event.

**Salt Lake County Council:** Rita Lund provided the Council with an update on progress with the Salt Lake County Township legislation. She reviewed the Township options available as well as the communication resources the county is putting in place for township residents on the Salt Lake County website ([www.slco.org](http://www.slco.org)). She encouraged both the Council and Residents to check the website for new updates as well as times for public meetings regarding the Township governance options.

**Public Safety:** UPD Community Officer Rusty Wright reported on UPD activity in the Canyon for April and May which saw 44 and 42 calls respectively from residents to UPD. These calls resulted in 13 written reports in April and 16 in May filed with UPD. There were no break-ins reported in the Canyon in either month.

Officer Wright also reported on traffic issues in the Canyon. Given his speed monitoring activity in the Canyon, the number and frequency of traffic citations for speeding have dropped considerably, particularly among residents of the Canyon. However, concerns about traffic around Ruths and Camp K continue. Parking enforcement, establishing and posting no parking zones were all discussed in the context of public safety. There was substantive discussion about speed limits in the Canyon and whether they should be reduced given the increasing parking and pedestrian issues in the Ruth's area.

Finally Officer Wright has begun walking various trails in Emigration Canyon as part of his regular patrol activity. Mr. Raile thanked Officer Wright for this service.

**Fire Safety:** Michael Conn discussed the Evacuation Plan Standard Operating Procedures that are being put in place for firefighters and other responders to incidents and emergencies in the Canyon. He also discussed the follow-up activities to the Canyon Fire Day and the Home Fire Threat Assessments that the firefighters were conducting for those residents that requested one. The fire fighters have received positive feedback on these activities and Officer Conn noted that they will continue to conduct assessments for those residents who are interested in them.

Officer Conn also reported on the house fire near the intersection of Red Hill Lane and Emigration Canyon Road resulting from an unattended stove. Finally he reminded the

Council of outdoor fire restrictions in place in the Canyon.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lincoln Nehring provided the Treasurer's report. The use of the \$5,000 budget allocation toward chipping of yard waste was discussed as well as the potential for obtaining matching funds from the Utah State Forest Service. The need to reduce fire fuel in the Canyon was discussed. Ms. Gallegos and Mr. Raile both encouraged coordination of effort with Wasatch Recycling's free green waste dumpster delivery and chipping to maximize fuel reduction.

**ECRIC Report:** Joe Smolka and Jen Hawkes discussed progress of the ECRIC on road improvement issues. They discussed plans for a June 30 meeting for Community Council members to provide input to ECRIC on prioritization of project ideas being produced by ECRIC and encouraged Council Members to attend.

**New Business:** Joan Gallegos and Mircea Divricean discussed Camp Kostopoluos' interest in hosting special events, particularly for Canyon residents. Possible Concerts were discussed as well as other events potentially in the 2016 time frame. The issue of parking was discussed. There were no objections raised to exploring this issue further with the Council finding this possibility being attractive to Canyon residents. Ms Gallegos agreed to pursue it further and provide update to the Council on possible events

Adjourn: 9:45

Next meeting: June 7, 2015

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