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## Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

March 10th, 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:** Gary Bowen, Kathy Christensen, Tyler Tippetts, Jen Hawkes, Joan Gallegos,

**Community Representatives Present:** Rita Lund; SLCO, Michael Conn UFA, Officer Jared Peatross; UPD, Chris Klekas, Field Supervisor for SLCo Animal Services, Captain Del Craig, UPD.

**Welcome.** Rick Raile.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Yes

**Presentations:**

### **Cynthia Furse and Chris Keslas--Dog Walkers and Dogs Off Leash Issues**

Cynthia Furse spoke regarding commercial dog walkers, who are walking packs of dogs in large numbers. It's becoming a problem because of the large number of large dogs that are off-leash. She asked Community Council to work with the County to put up signs to commercial dog walkers. Chris Keslas (from the County) addressed this. This area is technically on-leash, unless it's specifically marked off leash (which this isn't). Possible solutions: animal control at trailheads, forest service on trails, and UPD where possible. He will find out who is responsible for putting up signs. Cynthia wants to sign it immediately (stating that dogs must be on-leash) at Pinecrest, Killyons, Freeze Creek. Rita Lund stated that it's a question of using public land for private enterprise. Officer Peatross will contact Officer Robinson and will walk trails with him. You cannot profit off forest service land. Question in the audience to cut off all off-leash walking. (Name is Marcia Walker). UPD won't ticket a dog off leash if it's just one or two mellow dogs.

### **Allison Jones, Wildlife Biologist and Allen Morris (Professional Coyote Hunter) and John Bair**

Discussion on if there is a coyote problem in the canyon. John Bair spoke about the bounty hunting geared toward. . . not an easy place to coyote hunting. Discussion about if there is a way to "haze" the coyotes enough to scare them but not use high power rifle. Suggested to post your property. Matt Hobsin, resident of the Oaks, suggested we keep track of data on coyote incidents (which Jessica Steed, secretary, said she would do if people will inform her of incidents). Mel Halbach (in the audience) said it doesn't sound like we have a coyote issue. Allen Morris said we just don't want to handcuff ourselves to not being able to use lethal force if there were a problem coyote (or coyotes). We will educate residents about posting their property (as this will discourage bounty hunters), and this along with more coyote information will go in the newsletter. Alison Jones will help Jen Hawkes put this article together. Gary Bowen said that the issue is one of public safety, which Joan adamantly reaffirmed. She stated that this is an issue of public safety. Because this is a state-wide bounty, she asked if it is possible to make the bounty hunting only done by licensed, professional bounty hunters. John Bari agreed to make phone calls regarding this.

### **Rita Lund, Legislative and SLCo Council Report**

Rita talked about the report from Lance Brown, who gave a very positive financial report. All sales tax incomes are up 6.25%, good news. Rita Lund gave updates on SB199 and SB351 (Canyons Planning Bill).

### **Officer J. Peatross, UPD Report**

In regards to the upcoming marathon, it should be very well-run. Brief conversation about how to get county to implement the same system for races that the city uses. In regards to the full-time officer assigned to the canyon, one of the candidates was in the audience and introduced himself, Rusty Wright.

### **Michael Conn, UFA Report**

Michael Conn said that Fireschool 101 will be May 15. This is a chance to show decision-makers what firefighters do, they will get to experience life as a firefighter for a day. Also, May 9th in Herriman they are having a 5k as charity outreach to help Angel's Hands.

### **Jen Hawkes, ECRIC and Newsletter**

Jen Hawkes asked for notes from the meeting with ECRIC, but didn't get them. March 25th they are going to do the next public meeting. Michael Conn said we can have that meeting in the bay, where it will seat more people. Newsletter will go out in 2 weeks, or so. She will be able to host and update our own website. Gary Bowen, Political Issues: He passed out info regarding the transportation master plan update for the U of U. He'll help in the campaign this fall for a new city mayor.

### **Joan Gallegos, ACCT, Concerts in the Canyon and Cross Bow**

Joan Gallegos passed out fee waivers for the dump. Jessica Steed took them to hand out at the ECRIC mtg. In regards to the concert in the canyon, she is not sure she can get ZAP funding for this summer, but she and Rick Raile will still meet with Camp K to see if they can organize something. In regards to archery, she met with Senator Jenkins, who pulled his archery legislation, but had a deal with DNR, so anyone can use crossbow in the canyon for hunting.

### **Kathy Christensen, Firewise Update**

Decision to have Firewise May 16th. Rick will make door hangers, boy scouts will hand them out.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: April 14, 2015

Minutes prepared by: Jessica Steed