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## Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

July 12, 2016

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, Gary Bowen, Jen Hawkes.

**Community Representatives Present:** Officer Rusty Wright; UPD, Michael Conn; UFD, Rita Lund; SLCo, John Miller; SLCo, Sage Fitch; SLCo weed supervisor.

**Welcome.** Rick Raile.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Yes

**Presentations:**

### **John Miller, SLCo**

Gave a presentation on the Killyon's fire truck turn around plans. They will go with a 75 foot diameter instead of usual 96 (will still give them a 5 ft right of way). Robin from the audience said that this is her lot that we are talking about. John Miller said they would get together and talk, because it does impact her greatly. Jeff Bierman asked if the big truck would be able to get in and turn around. Paving over the creek is a concern of his, to which he said there is a way but it's too expensive. There is 92 feet of "no mans" land where the barriers are, but it's unclear who owns it and then the judge won't rule on it for three years and then it might not be in our favor. Jen Hawkes asked if we could see it in 3D to help landowners know what it will look like. Jeff Bierman asked if we could use that 92 feet for a parking lot, Claire (audience) offered feedback on what's working and what's not. A lot of signs along the road have helped immensely. The ticketing should be, and she expressed appreciation to the fire marshal for making their safety a priority. John Miller asked if people walking the half mile through the neighborhood is an issue, to which the residents said it's not an issue. Kathy Christensen asked about in the case of a fire, if the cars would be in the way if they would have a tow truck to move the cars. Fire chief said that the timing is an issue, they have the authority. Michael Conn said that's the reason why it's deemed a fire lane and there shouldn't be cars along it. Rick Raile asked if there is a plan to cut back the vegetation to make it the 20 feet needed. John Miller said there's a balance to maintaining the vegetation and keeping the space. Audience comment that there should be some press from the county so that the public knows it's the fire marshal that has deemed the area a no parking area. Audience comment that most people are very agreeable and willing to park wherever but they just don't know where. Robin asked if he explored other options to which he answered that they have explored every option up there. Rick Graham (SLCo township manager) answered that the metro township board would have a representation from the canyon, the funding will most likely be the same next year as this. Get the project right and then work on the funding. They have funding to acquire the property if need be, the cost of the actual construction they should also be able to find. Rick Raile emphasized that it is completely a public safety issue for the residents of Killyons. Rick Raile asked for an update on the outcrops that need barriers. There is a signed work order so things are in the works. The cost for just the two walls is 1 million. All the engineering has been done. Right now they will asphalt just the turnaround circle, get the circle in, maintain it as a dirt road, and no parking. The road has been much better this year because the hiking has been cut back, but John Miller said that it's more because we haven't had any rain. There will be some striping happening to try to help the biking issues. The drainage issue is also in the works. Rick Raile asked if there would be any more maintenance on the road as far as

pavement treatments. The road is swept on Thurs or Friday to get it done before the weekend. The secret to a good road is drainage, drainage, drainage.

**Rick Graham** introduced himself and offered his help.

### **Sage Fitch, SLCo Noxious Weed Supervisor on Yellow Star Thistle abatement**

Emigration Canyon (especially the Oaks) has a lot of this thistle, which is a noxious weed. It's an annual, which means you have a single season to fight it. She said that her purpose is to let us know she's here, and here to help. She'd like to work with the community to come up with a management plan, the primary thing is to map the infestations. The law requires the land owner to manage their own infestation. If there are any private property owners that have issues with spraying near their property. There is white top growing near the stream, use an aquatic approved herbicide or do nothing. She has no plan to spray the sunflowers, because they are not noxious weed. The only reason would be if they become a visibility issue for bikers and drivers. Dan Summers will be the one sending out crews to manage it. Instead of mowing, Rick Raile asked that the grasses right near the road to be weed eating (a mower doesn't work) because a spark could happen if a car pulls over. She asked that we give a map to her of our specific areas, because the operations crew has so many code things they are working on. Emigration Oaks released 8 containers of 400 insects to fight weeds. She wants to work with land managers to help them control their weeds. The responsibility rests with the land owner. There is a weed website for the county, that people can look at pictures of weeds and identify them. Jack Christensen said that they are finding that pictures don't really help them, but that one-on-one does help. She will put something together for the newsletter.

### **Rita Lund, SLCo**

Very good return on vote-by-mail. 28% voted. Red letter day: they approved the resolution for 911. The platform now will be uniform. Also, they feel like they can move the implementation from 18 months to 12 months. Great news, 911 will function much better. The surveyor's office now has a drone, the pilot had to go through extensive training.

### **Officer Rusty Wright, UPD**

14 calls last month. He made a traffic report for the past 14 years, there has been an average of 20 accidents a year, but this year only 8. Gave an update on the firework violation up Emigration Oaks.

### **Michael Conn, UFA**

The hydrants up Pinecrest are working fine, they are not dry as some residents fear. There is one hydrant that is turned off because it is leaking, but it is going to be fixed. There is one on private property, the hydrant was installed voluntarily by the previous owner but now is broken, so they can't force the current owner to fix it (but it only affects that owner anyway). The cisterns can not be used, the fire department went to double check them out but verified that they indeed can not be used. The plan would be to bring their own water with them to fight a fire. He put in writing to the Pipeline Association in regards to what they need to do to fix the hydrant. He toured Emigration Oaks and took pictures to add to the community protection wildland plan, and Bri Binnabose for inclusion in writing future grants. Emigration Oaks will pay \$1000 for the fire danger sign; Salt Lake County agreed to put them up. Kathy Christensen made a motion that community council funds will pay anything extra if need be to get these installed. We just need to get on the list, we don't want it installed in September, we want it installed now. UFA commits to move the dial as it changes. Acknowledged Captain Rice, who is retiring after 28 years.

### **Gary Bowen, MSD Report**

Question to Rick Graham regarding if our three priorities will make the budget. Salt Lake City is planning on building a trail that will come up to Emigration Canyon. Rick Raile emphasized that Rick Graham get us bathrooms for the bicyclists, even before a permanent solution. We need to be included in the ZAPs moving forward.

**Joan Gallegos, update on community event at Camp K.**

In September: a band, food, metro township candidates to do a town hall, and evaluating costs. She will not be serving on the community council.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: August 2016

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