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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

June 14, 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: Gary Bowen, Joe Smolka, Kathy Christensen, Tyler Tippetts, Pat Struhs

Community Representatives Present: Candice Pierucci, (representing Congressman Chris Stewart), Charlene Albarran (for Congress), Officer Rusty Wright; UPD.

Welcome. Rick Raile.

Approval of the Minutes: Yes

Presentations:

Candice Pierucci (representing Rep. Chris Stewart)

Charlene Albarran (candidate for Congress)

Wants to promote freedom for the LGTB community. She also wants to change the gun laws for assault weapons: assault weapons should be banned, and the no-sale gun list. She also would want to stand up for the rights of Muslims, that they shouldn't be targeted or blamed. We have to start somewhere with banning the automatic assault weapons.

Conservation Corps deadfall clearing

Because of the weather, they couldn't do much yesterday. Plan is to go closer to the road, get the big pieces, get the firewood to the road.

Vote on non-attending ECCC members

Rick Raile feels that if members aren't attending a certain number of meetings in a row, that we put them on notice, see where they're at, and if they can't make it then we revisit the names of those who were written in at the election. Matt Boley should be replaced, but Joan Gallegos is still doing things on the side, and Jen Hawkes will be back next month (after a difficult pregnancy). It's unknown what will happen with the ECCC next year with the change in the governing body. We will contact Joan Gallegos and Matt Boley as well. Pat Struhs pointed out that it's ok if we go 6 months with a skeleton crew but if we're still short we can go to the community, we don't have to go to the list. Gary Bowen suggested we put it in the newsletter that we have some openings and need some help and that we go to the HOA in Emigration Oaks.

Officer Rusty Wright

19 details. No traffic accidents. Killyons is an issue every weekend. One of the homeowners blocked out his area due to the increased cars in the area. Suggested we write a letter the editor at the Tribune about the lack of parking (as they are a huge cause in the increase in hikers because of their articles about the trails). There is no parking up there, the county keeps coming back to who-owns-what and it becomes an issue of getting permission to use that trail, but in the meantime the users keep on coming. The majority of users have dogs, and at Little Mtn it's a watershed and they can't have dogs from Little Mtn. Safety is the main issue. There are only 5 spots and those spots are .5 mile from the trail head. Because of the parking, it is a safety issue. That problem can't be solved without a lot of money, which most likely won't be coming from the county. What could happen is points along the main canyon road to take the pressure off, and

trails that eventually link into Killyons. Letter to the editor with map or ideas for where to park along the main road that lead to the Killyons trail. Steve Borst said that he doesn't think that there is anyone at the county that can change given where we are. Now they want to do another survey—the surveys conflict and they can't figure out who owns the land.

Gary Bowen, MSD report

MSD wants a letter by the end of the month with our top three community priorities. These three will be taken to the county council. Beginning in January they will step down and the board will be comprised of representatives from each of the townships. Municipal Services District. We may have an advisory board, and also the chairs of each township. A major component of county budgets is parks and rec, yet Emigration Canyon gets almost none of that. Our canyon is rare because we will be part of the MSD (as opposed to the other canyons being part of the Mountain Accord). One of our main three--The Emigration Trails Master Plan (suggested by Lincoln Nehring). We have a plan, but no money has ever been spent on it. Also, to address the sanitation in the canyon. Rusty pointed out that the residents of the valley are a huge voice to push for funds to be spent here because residents use it a lot. ECRIC and telecom being the second two. Killyon's turnaround, restrooms, slope stabilization would be Joe Smolka's top three. The conduit would be Rick Raile's emphasis. For the county to give the permits to private companies to have them do it as opposed to the county doing it themselves. Comment from Jack Christensen: Money talks, to do a survey from canyon residents in regards to if they would switch to using this service, and how much would they pay for it. There needs to be a good business case to get the attention of these companies. The recommendation from Rick is for the county to put out a RFP (request for proposal). Gary made a motion that those be our top 3—Killyon's turnaround, the restrooms, and a RFP. Tyler seconded, vote was unanimous.

Joe Smolka

Lowell Bodily made recommendations to have the purple house torn down but the county won't. We need to put some pressure on the county. The lots are condemned and not buildable. We need to find out who we need to complain to to get these torn down. Gary Bowen opposes this in every way he can because of FCOZ. That works with everything except for the health dept. They are too close to the stream. What you're doing is a "taking" you have to compensate them for it. They've already done the "taking." The market value on an unbuildable lot isn't a lot. 10k maybe. There's also a chance that that house is partially on the right of way for Chevron and Chevron could take it, no questions asked. Rick Raile agreed to go down to the county to put some pressure on it.

Steve Borst

Possibility of a little library going in by the fire station.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: July 2016

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