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Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Emigration Canyon Community Council Minutes

November 9, 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, Jennifer Hawkes, Kate Miyagi, Stephanie Harpst.

Community Representatives Present: Officer Rusty Wright; UPD, Rita Lund; SLCo, Rick Graham; SLCo Township Executive, Michelle Blue; Associate Director of SLCo Animal Services, Leon Barrett; Associate Director for SLCo Public Works Operations, Rolen Yoshinaga; SLCo Planning and Development Services, John Miller; SLCo Engineer.

Welcome. Rick Raile.

Approval of the Minutes: Yes

Presentations:

Rick Graham, SLCo Township Executive

Presentation on the metro county township and the services they are responsible to provide to us as a metro township. The metro township council will now set our own policy, control land use, our own budget, our own planning commission. Gives Emigration Canyon the ability to act much more independently, but the county will continue to provide our services through the Municipal Services District (MSD).

The new metro township council will elect a chair person who will have a seat as a board of trustees on the MSD. The 5 person board will manage the fund for the services. This presentation is a reminder of the services we get from the county.

Michelle Blue, Associate Director of SLCo Animal Services.

24/7 Public Safety. Veterinary Care and Free Services—all animals are treated by veterinarians. Full service clinic. Private, exclusive non-profit partner raises money for vaccinations, microchips, and sterilizations. A humane education educator talks to school children about responsible pet ownership, etc. Nationally recognized for being the largest “no kill” shelter in the state.

Leon Barrett, Associate Director for SLCo Public Works Operations

They do snow removal and street paving and striping. They maintain the traffic signals in the valley. They are considered first responders for emergencies. Their dispatch is 385-468-6101. Jennifer Hawkes mentioned some concerns with the new jersey barriers. We need a plan of action to be sure they are temporary and that funds are available in the future to put in barriers that are permanent.

Rolen Yoshinaga, SLCo Planning and Development Services

24/7 Building inspections services. Manage storm water infrastructure inspections and enforcement; they do building permitting and zoning compliance. They are in the field a lot with code enforcement. The planning commission will be formed by the township council. They will become a service entity for decisions made in the township council. This council will develop their own general plan, which will be one of the most important duties of this council. Steve Borst asked how long he estimated that plan would take to put together, to which Rolen Yoshinaga estimated about 6 months because there is an existing plan from which to spring board off. The metro township council will appoint

these planning commissioners. Right now there are 7, but it could be changed to 5 or whatever the township council desires. Joe Hawkes asked about storm drain inspections—they have expanded to include businesses, industrial. A routine storm drain inspection should be conducted to check for issues.

John Miller, SLCo Engineer

His staff, on average, have 20+ years of experience. 24/7 emergency availability. They have 98% resolution within 2 days. They coordinate with other agencies—internal and external: UDOT, Forest Service, etc. They have a plan for making the jersey barriers temporary, they are just waiting for the funding to complete it. Striping is the last thing they will do up here, most likely it will be in the spring.

Rita Lund, SLCo Communications and Community Empowerment

Stacey Adams is the Communications Director, connecting townships to each other and the county. Helping Emigration Canyon get the word out and tell its story. They will be using social media more up here and she encouraged us all to be part of the Facebook page.

Rick Graham

Emigration Canyon has very little potential for commercial development, so they will help with the services that are offered up here.

Q & A from council members

When there is a deer hit, call the Department of Wildlife. Livestock running loose in the middle of the night are some of the things they respond to in the middle of the night.

Joe Smolka asked if there was still the money in the budget to fix two of the walls. John Miller said the money is still there but it's not enough to do it. He's trying to get a grant for it. There are state and federal grants.

Rick Graham has put away 25k for restrooms in the canyon. Discussion regarding various options the county is looking at for restrooms.

Killyons remains a big issue. Their strategy is to provide the turnaround for public safety, which requires acquisition of land—either selling or leasing.

Discussion on the MSD funds. The MSD board will deal with the reality of sharing the money equally even though we don't provide the same amount in sales tax. There is a small amount that comes from telecommunications, class C and B road money, and where permit fees are collected the money is also put into that pot.

Rick Raile asked about the condemned buildings in the canyon, and wanting to move toward removing the buildings. They are unsafe. The process is a series of notices that have to be filed. "Abatement of dangerous buildings" is the process. His building official will reach out to him to start the legal process. It takes some time to work through the process.

Discussion of the maintenance plan for the main canyon road for this year and next. Leon Barrett will send it to him. Rick Raile is interested in getting the empty conduit, lots of companies willing to put it in and pay for the maintenance. Jennifer Hawkes said that the ECRIC study found that the chip seal they use isn't good enough for bicycles. Leon Barrett disagreed; they are working with the bike community to try to improve the seals. Part of the ECRIC study was to do snow removal of the bike lane as well. They clean the travel lane first, and then come back after the storm dies down and clean it up and plow the bike lane. They are open for suggestions.

Discussion about the ramifications of Millcreek possibly opting out of the MSD. They could self-provide all their services or they could contract with another entity to do that. That means that Millcreek sales tax would go with them. The MSD is then left with the rest to divide out with the rest of these 5 townships. It is not clear yet what the financial ramifications would be. Millcreek has 6 months to opt out. They will be doing a feasibility study which will take a few months.

Adjourn: 9:00

Next meeting: December 2016

Minutes prepared by: Jessica Steed