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Minutes of Regular Meeting of Emigration Canyon Community Council

April 11, 2017

Unified Fire Authority Station 119, Emigration Canyon

7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Borst, Chair; Paul Brown, Co-chair; Lincoln Nehring, Treasurer; Kate Miyagi, Secretary; Gary Bowen; Stephanie Harpst; Jessica Steed; Tyler Tippetts

Members Excused/Absent: Pat Struhs

Community Representatives Present: Brianna Binnebose and Dave Vickers, Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands; Kathy Christensen, Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council; Rusty Wright, UPD

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Steve Borst. The Secretary noted that a quorum was present. The minutes from the regular meeting on March 14, 2017 had been distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Presentations:

UFA Report

Steve Borst read a report from Michael Conn. There was a discussion of replacing the fire danger sign at the top of Emigration Canyon. Potential sources of funding for a new sign were discussed. Gary will approach Salt Lake City and Tyler will look into insurance coverage. The members were generally in favor of purchasing a new sign with ECCC funds if no other sources of funding were available. He said that UFA is actively monitoring activities in lower Pinecrest where there were concerns about people camping and starting fires. He sent the ordinance (attached).

UPD Report, Officer Rusty Wright

Officer Wright reported that there were 40 calls for service and 16 reports written in March. There was a white SUV that had gone off the road at the top of Little Mountain during a snow storm, which has been removed.

Community Council Composition – Steve Borst

Steve introduced Dan Anderson who is interested in joining the Community Council. He is interested in organizing trail cleanups in the canyon. Lincoln moved to appoint Dan to join the council in an open seat expiring in 2017. Gary seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Canyon Weed Control – Paul Brown

Paul reported on efforts to control 3 invasive species in the canyon, whitetop, myrtle spurge, and yellow star thistle. There was a "weeding party" last weekend to pull spurge in Emigration Oaks. Brianna Binnebose has recommendations about reseeded. Emigration Oaks has hired Utah Conservation Corps for two weeks to

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map and potentially remove weeds in the Oaks. Paul will lead next steps for the community council regarding weed control.

Community Wilderness Preparedness Plan – Brianna Binnebose and Dave Vickers

Brianna asked us to update our Community Wilderness Preparedness Plan, which is now about 15 years old. She says a CWPP is now required by SB-122, Wildland Fire Policy Updates. Dave explained that in SB-122, the State agrees to pay the bill for fire suppression, but only if communities invest in a certain amount of mitigation work. DNR does an assessment of fire damage, if you invest at least half of that in mitigation work (including labor) as homeowners or on community property, the state will pick up the cost of fire suppression. Gary identified a conflict between FCOZ and homeowner fire mitigation efforts and pointed out that the Metro Township Council could address this conflict. According to the statute, we need to have a CWPP by January 1, 2019. Tyler agreed to spearhead developing the CWPP for the canyon.

Treasurer's Report, Lincoln Nehring

Lincoln gave the Treasurer's report.

Newsletter – Stephanie Harpst and Kate Miyagi

The newsletter went out last week. The date for the next newsletter was discussed. Stephanie will develop content.

Website Development – Kate Miyagi

Kate reported on the new website and electronic mailing list. The new website launched in March, and the new email list has passed 100 subscribers.

Firewise report, Tyler Tippetts

Tyler reported on efforts to notify residents about the Firewise event. Scouts will be hanging door hangers. He asked for volunteers for the day of the event.

Miscellaneous - Steve Borst

The county can make reflective house numbers for canyon residents. Stephanie will spearhead organizing this. Dan would like to lead efforts to increase internet access, and trails. Paul will compile information about septic system "care and feeding" for distribution to residents. Officer Wright will work on a police activity report "blotter" for EC.

Kathy Christensen, Metro Township Council

Kathy provided an update on the Metro Township Council.

Roadway Maintenance – Gary Bowen

Gary reported that he has discussed street sweeping with Rick Graham and has received a positive response.

New Business

None

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will take place at the fire station on May 9, 2017 at 7PM.

Minutes prepared by: Kate Miyagi

ADDENDUM

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Chapter 9.90 - FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN WILDLAND-SUBURBAN INTERFACE AREAS

Sections:

- **9.90.010 - Findings.**

The council finds that certain wildland-suburban interface areas exist in the unincorporated county and that preservation of public health, safety and welfare requires the restriction of fireworks, smoking and other fires in such areas and certain surrounding areas as specified below, to reduce the risk of potentially devastating wildfires in the county.

(Ord. No. 1768, § I, 6-3-2014)

- **9.90.020 - Definitions.**

A.

As used in this chapter, the term "wildland-suburban interface areas" shall mean ravines, gullies, hillsides, vacant land, or mountainous areas where natural vegetation exists (including oak brush, conifers, sage brush, and other indigenous trees and plants), such that a distinct fire hazard is clearly evident to a reasonable person, and where that area is within a township created in the unincorporated area of the county, pursuant to state statute.

B.

Without limiting the foregoing, "wildland-suburban interface areas" shall also include those areas designated within a township as a fire hazard on an annual basis by the Unified Fire Authority on maps conveyed to and approved by the council in an open meeting and posted and made available on the county's website and in the offices of the county clerk.

(Ord. No. 1768, § I, 6-3-2014)

- **9.90.030 - Fire restrictions.**

A.

The following restrictions on open flames and smoking are imposed on, over and within 300 feet of all wildland-suburban interface areas:

1.

Setting, building, maintaining, attending or using open flames of any kind is prohibited, except campfires built within the facilities provided for them in improved campgrounds, picnic areas or permanently improved places of habitation; and

2.

Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in the center of an area of at least ten feet in diameter that is barren or cleared to mineral soil or is covered by concrete or asphalt.

B.

The following restrictions on fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices are imposed:

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1. Discharging or using any kind of aerial device firework, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices on, over or within three hundred feet of any wildland-suburban interface area is prohibited; and
2. Discharging or using any kind of class C common state-approved explosives on, over or within fifty feet of any wildland-suburban interface area is prohibited.

C.

The following definitions are applicable to this section:

1. "Class C common state-approved explosives" is as defined in section 53-7-202(5), Utah Code Annotated, as amended.
2. "Aerial device firework" is as defined in sections R710-2-2(2.2) and R710-2-6(6.3.1), Utah Administrative Rules, as amended.

(Ord. No. 1768, § I, 6-3-2014)

- **9.90.040 - Exemptions.**

The following persons are exempt from the prohibitions in [section 9.90.030](#):

A.

Persons with a permit from the county, from the state of Utah or the United States of America, specifically authorizing the prohibited act at the specific location; and

B.

Any county, state or federal firefighting officer or firefighting forces, including the Unified Fire Authority, or any peace officer, in the performance of an official duty.