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Minutes of Regular Meeting of Emigration Canyon Community Council
July 10, 2018
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; Lisa Schneider; Tyler Tippetts; Bill Tobey; Marcia Walker; Stephanie Harpst

Members Excused/Absent: Dan Anderson, Suzanne Plumb

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve Borst. The secretary noted that a quorum was present. June's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and were approved unanimously.

UPD Report - Officer Jake Elsasser

There were 54 calls for service and 11 reports were written. There was a mail fraud case involving a suspect from out of state. The USPS is assisting in the investigation. An abandoned vehicle was removed.

UFA Report

Steve read the written report filed by Michael Conn: "Fire activity is increasing and all should be careful. Our Fire Marshall is working with all municipalities to evaluate fireworks use. Summer also increases auto accidents. Drive safe, be aware, share the road. We are continuing with home evaluations. Our wild land team is coordinating the program. Chief Pilgrim is the contact."

Treasurer's Report - Lincoln Nehring

Lincoln gave the Treasurer's report. Reimbursements were made for Firewise and other expenditures. We will be submitting a budget request to the EC Metro Township Council.

Citizen Input

David on Quarter Mile Rd requested speed control.

ECMETRO Update - Gary Bowen

Gary reported on the June 28th EC Metro Township Council meeting. He reported that Debbie Riddle from SLCo came with suggestions for changing the domestic fowl ordinance for residential lots but no decision was made. Gary has a concern about some lots being zoned agricultural within the canyon. Gary reported there was a discussion of Camp K's parking lot encroaching on county right of way. He reported that the FCOZ ordinance was adopted with changes recommended by the planning commission. The change include some limits on fences along road. He said the Metro Township Council is largely adopting county ordinances as is. He also reported that the council approved an expenditure for Code Red for emergency communications.

Trails - Steve Borst

Steve read from a recap of the first ECCC Trail Subcommittee meeting provided by Dan Anderson (attached as addendum).

Toilet Facilities - Steve Borst

Steve reported that Salt Lake City placed a new, ADA-compliant double vault restroom at the Little Mountain parking lot this morning. The Metro Township Council is working with Salt Lake Planning on plans for a new public restroom at the Pinecrest turn-off. At the last EC Metro Township Council meeting, Mayor Joe Smolka asked ECCC representatives present to appoint local residents to represent their respective neighborhoods and submit community feedback on the plans. Margaret Armstrong, Pinecrest resident, and

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Janet Haskell, Killyon's resident, were asked and agreed to participate. Jeff Bierman, Killyon's resident, will also be participating.

Safety Team Report - Bill Tobey

Bill reported that DNR has a chipper with crews available for no cost, as does UFA. He suggested we plan on doing a chipper day in October, after the fire season as they are already booked through the fire season. Bill also reported that our CWPP is very close to completion.

Paul Brown on organizing a CERT group in the canyon. He recently completed training for CERT managers at the County Emergency Operations. Contact Paul if interested in attending a CERT class. Lisa proposed making a commitment to get 20 residents to sign up for CERT class.

Noxious Weeds - Paul Brown

Paul said he has identified at least 11 noxious weed species in the Oaks. The Oaks has chosen three to focus on: white top, myrtle spurge, yellow star thistle. They are in the 3rd year of a 5 year plan to eradicate these three weeds.

Dan Craig (Pinecrest) gave input on chicory which he has noticed is spreading in Pinecrest and also his work on mitigation of the pine bark beetle.

ECCC Elections - Paul Brown

Paul reported the following seats are up for re-election: Stephanie Harpst, Paul Brown, Lincoln Nehring, Tyler Tippetts, Steve Borst. In addition, one more seat which was filled in January by either Marcia Walker or Bill Tobey (to be reviewed at next meeting).

House Number Signs - Stephanie Harpst

Stephanie picked up 25 new house number signs from the county today which members will deliver.

New Business

None

Movement to Adjourn – 9:34 pm

The next ECCC meeting will be held on 8/14/2018 at 7PM at Station 119.

ADDENDUM: ECCC Trails Subcommittee July 5th - recap

Goal of Subcommittee:

Provide a recommendation to the Metro Township Council as to what our community would like to see happen with respect to trails in Emigration Canyon. The MTC has expressed that they would like our recommendation be based off of the Emigration Canyon Master Trails Plan that was created in 2007. A large amount of research, time, and hard work was put into that plan and they would like to see it utilized rather than creating a brand new trails plan. The 2007 Master Trails plan is located here <https://slco.org/parks-recreation/planning/master-plans/> under Trail Master Plans.

Items discussed:

- The population of Salt Lake is expanding and will continue to grow and that population will definitely be coming into Emigration Canyon for recreation activities. It was mutually agreed upon that we need to plan for this eventuality or we will continue to see an increase in people parking along the streets in the canyon and creating their own trails.

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- New trails within the canyon will assuredly bring more people and traffic into the canyon. We need to find a win-win situation where we have trails to support the growing SLC population, but at the same time preserve the quiet and local parts of our canyon and protect wildlife and personal property from being overrun.
- Regional trailheads versus Local trailheads – the 2007 master plan had the Miners Trailhead and Killyons Trailhead designated as “Local Trailheads” meaning they would not be improved from their current state (no additional parking, no restroom facilities, etc). The 2007 master plan has 3 Regional trailheads identified – the mouth of the canyon, Perkins Flat, and Little Mountain Summit. Regional trailheads would have parking lots, restroom facilities, and water.
- Killyons Canyon trailhead was discussed at length, with quite a few Killyons residents in attendance. Based on the Killyons designation as a “Local Trailhead” in the 2007 Trails Master plan and the need to create a new trail to access any new trailhead for Killyons, it was decided to not focus on the Killyons trailhead at this time.
- Professional dog-walkers in the canyon was discussed, the main point being there needs to be some sort of limit on how many dogs one person can walk in the canyon due to dog control issues and waste pick up (or lack thereof). Several suggestions of checking professional licenses, permits, etc were discussed with an action to investigate Salt Lake City ordinances on this topic.
- Salt Lake City Recreation has been working on a Foothills Master Trail Plan and one of proposed trailheads is at the mouth of Emigration Canyon with trails up to Mount Wire. It was discussed that partnering with them might be a great opportunity to work collaboratively to acquire funding. The Foothills Master Trail Plan is located here <https://www.sl.gov/parks/trailsplan/> under April 2018 Draft Trail Alignment.

Key Take-Away:

Focusing the Subcommittee’s efforts on the proposed Regional Trailheads, at the mouth of the canyon, Perkins Flat, and Little Mountain Summit seems to be the path to the win-win solution of providing additional trails to canyon residents and the population of Salt Lake City without creating an additional influx of people/traffic in and around canyon residential areas. The homework for all participants is to review the 2007 Master Plan maps and be ready to discuss your thoughts at the next meeting as to which regional trailheads and trails we should focus our plan on.

Actions Items:

- Investigate Dog-walker ordinances Leslie Reberg
- Trails approval flow process, what are the steps that happen after we present our recommendation to the MTC?: Sarah Bennett/Leslie Reberg
- Review 2007 Master Trails Plan: All participants
- Discuss Little Mountain ridge trail re-alignment with Watershed Quality Department: Dan Anderson

Thanks again for your participation! I will get the next meeting scheduled on the Fire Station calendar ASAP and send out the date and time.

Dan Anderson
ECCC Trails Subcommittee Chair