

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Emigration Canyon Community Council  
June 12, 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; Dan Anderson; Gary Bowen; Stephanie Harpst; Suzanne Plumb; Lisa Schneider; Tyler Tippetts; Bill Tobey; Marcia Walker

**Members Excused/Absent:** none

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD; Captain Jensen, UFA; Chief Anderson, UFA; Mark Vlastic, Landmark Design; Andy McNeil.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Steve Borst. The secretary noted that a quorum was present. May's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and were approved unanimously.

**UPD Report - Officer Jake Elsasser**

There were 39 calls for service in May and 20 reports were written. Several suspicious activity reports and traffic stops. One DUI traffic accident. Reports of shots fired on Pioneer Fork.

**Emigration Canyon Trails Master Plan - Mark Vlastic, Landmark Design**

Mark Vlastic from Landmark Design joined us to provide some history on the Emigration Canyon Trails Master Plan, which was adopted in 2007. Landmark Design was hired by SLCo to develop a recreational trails plan "from top to bottom." The intent was to do a master plan that focused on recreation, provided opportunities for a variety of trail users, addressed biking along the highway, and provided a trail alignment on both sides (north and south) of the canyon. Most trails in the 2007 master plan were based on existing alignments. There was a steering committee of 30+ people, with input from county, state and federal organizations including state wildlife. The bulk of trails in the Trails Master Plan are on federal lands. Mark discussed the NEPA process for developing alignments on federal lands. A separate loop system for mountain biking was discussed but was not included as part of the final plan. The plan provided guidelines on how to develop trails after adoption.

Steve Borst relayed that we have received a request from the EC Metro Township Council to study the EC Trails Master Plan to take into account land ownership and other changes and to form a committee of people from the community. Paul Brown moved to create an ECCC Trails Subcommittee, with Dan Anderson to head the subcommittee with participation from Sarah Bennett, Andy McNeil and others from community. The motion was amended to include participation from UPD and UFA. There was a discussion of the need for open community participation. Tyler seconded the amended motion, and all voted in favor.

**UFA Report - Captain Jensen**

Captain Jensen, the A Shift captain for EC, gave the UFA report. UFA's budget for the year is being finalized; there is a public meeting on June 19th. They are scheduling home defensible space inspections for residents who signed up at Firewise. He discussed the improvement in response times with 4 man teams compared to 3 man teams for house fires as well as medical calls. We have 3 man teams in EC at the moment. The increased cost to go to a 4 man team would be substantial. Safety messages for June: don't lock children or pets in cars; interior of car can rise to 200 degrees. Fireworks are prohibited everywhere in the canyon. Smoke detectors - check expiration dates and replace every 10 years.

**Treasurer's Report - Lincoln Nehring**

Lincoln gave the Treasurer's report.

### **Firewise Recap - Bill Tobey**

Bill reported on the successful Firewise event in May. Over 170 people attended (count based on sign-ins), mostly canyon residents. Several media outlets came. There was a presentation by the wildland fire team. A number of residents signed up for defensible space evaluations by our firefighters. The council looked at dates for Firewise for next year and tentatively is looking at May 4th, 2019.

### **CWPP - Bill Tobey**

Bill reported on progress on writing our Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan. He asked for contact info from HOAs for the CWPP. There was a discussion of whether to set up a chipper day for the canyon using a chipper that DNR may be able to provide.

### **Newsletter and Emergency Contacts - Communications Group**

There was a discussion of setting up an emergency text messaging system. Reverse 911 through VECC is active but we currently have no emergency messaging system exclusively for canyon residents, although the EC Metro Township Council is considering adopting one. Lisa moved to approve a budget for establishing a stopgap emergency communications procedure of up to \$300 per year. Suzanne seconded and all voted in favor.

### **Salt Lake City Trails Plan - Lewis Kogan, SLC Trails & Natural Lands Program Manager**

Lewis Kogan from Salt Lake City Trails & Natural Lands Division came to report on the proposed Salt Lake City Foothills trails plan. He says the project began in 2016 with collecting input of Bonneville Shoreline Trail users and users of other trails in the foothills. The project vision is to "provide a variety of recreational trail experiences for all ages and abilities while managing the Foothill's environmental resources for future generations." The plan proposes an improved trailhead at canyon mouth near This is the Place, improved trail alignments along canyon mouth, multi-use trails up "Wagner Point" & Mt. Wire, bicycle-only trails near "Roller Coaster" pipeline trail, hike-only and bike-restricted trails around TITP, the Living Room, and Mt. Wire west face, and recommends a bike/pedestrian undercrossing to Rotary Glen Park. The expected completion would be about 10 years. The initial phases would likely be on trails on Salt Lake City property. The proposed trails within the Emigration Metro Township are all on USFS land and likely would not likely be in the initial implementation phase. The trailhead and realignment of trails east of TITP could potentially happen within the next couple of years. Lewis took questions from ECCC members.

### **Noxious Weeds - Paul Brown**

Discussion postponed until next month.

### **House Number Signs - Stephanie Harpst**

Stephanie reports she recently picked up and delivered 10 signs to 9 households and just placed another order for 26 signs for 23 households which should be ready in about 3 weeks. We have now done 88 signs total to canyon residents.

### **EC Metro Township Council Update - Gary Bowen**

Voted to increase sales taxes. \*I need to get details from Gary about this.\*

### **New Business**

None

Movement to Adjourn – 9:34 pm

The next ECCC meeting will be held on 7/10/2018 at 7PM at Station 119.