

EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes FOR OCTOBER 9, 2018

Emigration Canyon Firehouse
5025 Emigration Canyon Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Members Present: Steve Borst, Chair; Paul Brown, Co-Chair; Lincoln Nehring, Treasurer; Tyler Tippetts; Bill Tobey; Lisa Schneider; Suzanne Plumb; Gary Bowen, Dan Anderson

Members Excused/Absent: Kate Miyagi, Stephanie Harpst

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD; Michael Conn, UFA; Michael Jimenez, Canyon Resident

7:00 pm Welcome and Approval of September Minutes

Steve opened the meeting and asked Lincoln to keep meeting minutes in Kate's absence.

Bill asked for clarification on the amendments to FCOZ giving Salt Lake City jurisdiction over water rights in the canyon. Gary Bowen clarified that FCOZ does not give water rights to Salt Lake City. Lisa made Motion to approve September's minutes with that correction. Second by Bill. Approved unanimously.

UFA Report – Michael Conn

Harriman fire—lost two structures. All started because someone set off smoke bomb in 30mph winds. Houses were 1/2 mile apart, one of the structures was at point of origin of the fire. Both houses burned to the ground within 15 minutes of the smoke bomb being ignited.

20 defensible space evaluations for homeowners in Canyon were completed. Michael appreciates the proactive nature of Canyon residents.

UFA is moving to have an online signup for defensible space property evaluations on UFA website. ECCC will let the community know when it is up and running.

Other UFA updates:

UFA leadership is planning next steps after audit report and is currently in the process of hiring 12 new firefighters from over 400 applicants. Michael Conn emphasized UFA constantly reviews procedures to improve efficiencies and that cost efficiencies will be reflected in UFA's next budget.

UPD Report – Jake Elsasser

51 calls for services, 21 reports were taken.

Burglary occurred at a house under construction—wet saw and chop saw were taken.

Animal calls were all related to injured/dead deer.

Reminder: October 20th is the Haunted Half Marathon—East bound (up-hill) lane will be closed.

Lisa asked what the process is to clean up road kill.

Jake—UPD contracts with a private company. People can call Division for Wildlife Resources 801-255-9556 or 801-491-5678. You can also call UPD dispatch for road kill clean up at 801-743-7000.

Treasurer's Report – Lincoln Nehring

ECCC still needs to submit a budget to the Metro Township for funding. Lincoln will submit the budget this week.

ECCC Subcommittee Breakout Discussions: Focus on 2019 goal areas and identification of resource needs to accomplish 2019 goals

Committee Reports

Communications

Lisa—With Kate and Stephanie being absent, Lisa will meet with Kate and Stephanie in their monthly communications sub-committee meeting to review and discuss communications planning for 2019.

Impromptu Water Committee

Lisa led a discussion with Pinecrest resident Mike Jimenez and council member Suzanne Plumb per their request to explore how canyon-wide water issues are being monitored and communicated to canyon residents.

The afternoon of the ECCC meeting, Suzanne distributed an email to provide information to council members about an EID permanent change application (number a44045) submitted to the Utah Division of Water Rights for the additional development of 5 well sites. Suzanne expressed concern that based on previous EID meeting minutes that the wells could allow development of up to 500 additional homes in the canyon. In the context of the dry creek this past summer and dry wells that serve canyon home owners, Suzanne proposed ECCC become more involved in water concerns and requested that ECCC help communicate to canyon residents the opportunity to protest the permanent change application.

Mike reported that Bag End (Upper Right Fork in Pinecrest) spring is running low to a trickle; Four homes' residents are hauling in water and don't expect to see normal flows again until spring 2019. Mike also reported that a home that he owns mid-Pinecrest has had no water for 2.5 months. He is hauling in water for his renters.

Suzanne reported that several canyon home owners have wells/springs that are completely dry, running at a trickle, and/or have severe water quality issues. The question was posed: What recent canyon-wide hydrology data do we have? Some neighbors have water records dating back to the mid 1990's. Lisa stated that a Pinecrest neighbor who is monitoring their well recently stated the Salt Lake County water table in general is down 30 feet. Recent articles in the Salt Lake Tribune (Sept 9) were cited for their reports on the Emigration Canyon water issues.

Steve led a discussion to address the questions: How does ECCC want to deal with these concerns? How do we want to communicate about water? What should our role be? Lisa asked, How do we meaningfully communicate about water given the many political sensitivities?

Suzanne Plumb reminded there is a Permanent Change application pending with the Utah Division of Water and the deadline for protest letters is October 17th.

Steve stated that ECCC can make people aware of this information and the deadline.

Steve also stated that he and Lisa have a meeting scheduled with Mayor Joe Smolka and EID trustees to discuss coordinating better communications to all canyon residents.

Lisa suggests that we create a subcommittee or add to a committee issues of water. Consensus of ECCC members suggest this is a good idea.

Steve and Lisa will extend invitation to EID to visit the ECCC with the goal of increasing understanding of water initiatives canyon-wide.

Development/Trails Update

Dan reported 50 people attended the October Trails meeting. The trails master plan was presented and discussed in the context of the role of EC Metro Township Council and desired outcomes based on current understanding of all concerns.

There will be several future meetings – to be announced well in advance. The next meeting will include a discussion about history of trail plan development.

Julie Peck-Dabling from Salt Lake County will help us understand what funding options exist to support trails.

Dan asked if Michael Conn could come to talk about any data that support positive/negative change in fire risk if there are new trails.

Michael Conn reported that typically call volumes increase for health/safety issues, dehydration, etc, but anecdotally he would not expect an increase in fire risk.

Bill suggested the City of Draper may have good information; they have built a robust trail system and could share their experience.

Michael—UFA until recently serviced Draper. He saw no increase in fire, but needed to purchase special equipment to help injured trail users and reminded that the issues we are going to have with more trails will be parking, bathrooms, additional equipment for injuries, etc...

Dan—Tentatively scheduled meeting for Nov 1. Julie and Lewis from SLC to talk about Foothill trails plan.

We will get this posted on the ECCC website.

Suggestion for Future additional meetings: try to visually show trail heads and trails locations so meeting attendees can see what is being proposed.

Steve— Regarding planning for trails and toilets, there seems to be a need for better clarity from EC Metro Township about what they want from the ECCC. The requests have been generally focused to engage community or ECCC members to gather community feedback to be reported back to the EC Metro council. Steve and Lisa will meet with Joe to talk about a process that all stakeholders can follow that is transparent and communicates clearly where we are in reviewing community higher impact initiatives/projects.

Elections – Final Slate of Candidates

Lisa, Suzanne and Dan will share ballot collection duties for the election. It appears we will have at least 6 candidates running for the ECCC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm