

EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for February 12, 2019

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

Members Present: Steve Borst, Chair; Lisa Schneider, Co-Chair; Kate Miyagi, Secretary; Claire Clark; Stephanie Harpst; Rin Harris; Mike Jimenez; Bill Tobey

Members Excused/Absent: Paul Brown, Treasurer; Dan Anderson; Gary Bowen

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD; community members

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Steve Borst. The secretary noted that a quorum was present. January's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and were approved as distributed with one minor change.

Treasurer's Report

Deferred until March meeting.

UFA Report – Michael Conn

Captain Conn reported on UFA's safety messages for February: using a cell phone in an emergency when & how to call 911, and kitchen fires & how to manage them. If someone has a grease fire; don't pick it up and move it; instead use a lid. UFA updates:

- UFA has had difficulty finding new recruits, but recently were able to hire 27 new recruits, who started this week.
- UFA needs residents to shovel out hydrants. It is responsibility of the resident where hydrant sits to keep it clear 3' in all directions and a path to hydrant clear. Often UFA can't see a hydrant and fire attack is delayed. All EID hydrants are flagged.
- There is a bill on Senate floor SB-129 to modify the Tier 2 retirement system; if approved, this would improve UFA's ability to retain firefighters.

UPD Report – Jake Elsasser

There were 51 calls for service, and 22 initial reports taken in January. These included graffiti on bathroom at Little Mountain parking lot, speed enforcement, several instances of parking in the road at Miner' trailhead, dogs (watershed violation) on Little Mountain, a car off the road, and another car who had a tire come off while driving up EC Rd. Please call dispatch for any non-emergency reports, 801-743-7000. All 911 is under the same dispatch now.

Community Comment Period

- Michelle Anderson voiced her support for Willy Stokman filling the open seat on the council.

- Steve Anderson asked what the protocol is for filling the open seat. Steve Borst stated that according to the current bylaws, which are currently being updated, if there is an open seat that comes up between elections, it is up to the council to nominate and vote on a replacement to fill that open seat. Steve Borst stated that at the ECCC's last meeting, the community council discussed the open seat; as a community council we attempt to find representation from each area of the canyon. He stated it is up to the council to make a recommendation and vote on that.

Breakout Groups & Reports

Safety - Bill reported the Safety subcommittee is starting preparations for Firewise Day on May 4th, 2019. He is focused on building focus this year on emergency communications and evacuation planning. The mayor will be cooking pancakes. Rin says she would like to see Firewise Moose T-shirts again. Stephanie reported that the Salt Lake County sign shop has raised the price of our Emigration Canyon house number signs from \$20 to \$27.50 per sign. Mike - snow loading on roofs & down power lines.

Development - Rin reported out on the trails working group progress; the leadership is meeting to incorporate public feedback, changing conditions since 2007, private/public property status, SLC foothills trails development, etc. The trails working group leadership has been told that their recommendations will go to EC Metro Township Council unless there are significant changes to the trails master plan, in which case they will first be reviewed by the EC Planning Commission.

Communications - Lisa reported that Communications group is going to start working on a "new neighbor welcome packet" to help new neighbors understand context. Rin Harris to follow up with Joan Gallegos for this. Reminder about where to find updates about ECCC: www.emigrationcanyon.org, Facebook page, electronic newsletters/announcements, quarterly newsletter (either mailed or electronic). Go to website to sign up for electronic newsletter. Mary Tull, community member, asked how to find information about relationships between the different governing bodies. Discussed information to put on website. Steve said the role of the community council is to be a source of information and education for canyon residents.

Water - Steve Borst

Steve reported that on Feb 5th, the US District Court for Utah issued a finding in the case of Mark Tracy vs. EID.

Steve stated it would be useful for the community council to continue to find ways to educate about water issues. What we are hoping to do is bring in folks who are outside experts on hydrology, geology, snowfall, water, so that we as a community council can be more educated about those things. Claire stated that a summary of outcome would be useful. Bill discussed the concern about water levels in the creek possibly being associated with EID's wells; he says EID says they plan to distribute more information about the geological structure in the canyon and well logs. Steve Borst to put out a draft statement before the next meeting to describe the function of the water working group.

Steve Anderson, community member, stated that public safety is the foremost thing we need be concerned about; with drawdown of groundwater comes hydrological drought; a wildfire is worse in a hydrological drought situation. Mr. Anderson stated there should be a moratorium on drilling new wells.

EC Metro Township Council Update - Mayor Smolka

Mayor Smolka spoke regarding recent power outages; the upper section of the canyon has been having multiple power outages. He says he met with RMP yesterday. They will have a representative at the MSD meeting on February 28th. Mayor Smolka also reported that we're scheduled for a chip seal on the main canyon road this summer. The cost for doing a chip seal for EC Rd is estimated to be around \$1 million. The cost to overlay with new asphalt instead of chip seal is \$2.9 million. In response to Lisa's question he estimated that new pavement needs to be replaced every 12-15 years if properly maintained; and chip seal needs to be re-done about every 5 years. He said there will be a presentation on this tomorrow night at the MSD meeting to ask for the money to do an overlay, rather than a chip seal. He said all side roads are due for crack seal b/c they have been paved within the last 5 years. He also reminded the council that the EC Metro Township Council requests that ECCC provide recommendations for municipal projects by May or June. Prior years upgrades include addressing erosion on Margarethe Lane and could include other erosion control projects, signage, etc.

Lisa reported Paul and Steve and she are working on the ordinance that EC Metro proposed & changes to ECCC bylaws. She plans to distribute changes/recommendations to ordinance before March meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting: March 12th, 7PM at Station 119