

# EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes for March 12, 2019

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

Members Present: Steve Borst, Chair; Lisa Schneider, Co-Chair; Paul Brown, Treasurer; Kate Miyagi, Secretary; Gary Bowen; Claire Clark; Stephanie Harpst; Mike Jimenez; Bill Tobey

Members Excused/Absent: Dan Anderson; Rin Harris

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD Michael Conn, UFA; Eric Hawkes; Wilhelmina Stokman

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Steve Borst. The secretary noted that a quorum was present. February's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and were approved with minor changes.

### Treasurer's Report

There were no expenses for February.

### UFA Report – Michael Conn

Captain Conn reported on UFA's safety messages: change smoke detector batteries when you change clocks. Newer smoke detectors use two methods for smoke detection. There should be one smoke detector on every floor, every stairwell, and outside every bedroom. UFA will help with changing smoke detectors if people have difficulty changing their own. The other safety message is how to pack & prepare for an earthquake; having a 72 hr kit available. UFA is finalizing budget for next year, coming in within single digits of last year's budget. UFA still has two dispatch systems in the valley which can create delays. Paul asked how we get the safety messages out and there was a brief discussion of how frequently we can send out communications. Kate and Captain Conn to work on ways to efficiently share safety messages with canyon residents.

### UPD Report – Jake Elsasser

Officer Elsasser reported that there were a total of 36 calls and 11 initial reports were taken in February. Refer to UPD report. Mayor Smolka rescued a moose that fell and got stuck under a guard rail. The Sports AM Emigration Half Marathon is April 6th. It starts at golf cart bridge; the runners will be coming through the canyon from 8-10:30am. There will be no lane closures.

### Governance - Lisa Schneider

Lisa explained the process she and others on the community council, in coordination with representatives from the Metro Township Council, have been going through to edit the proposed

community council ordinance under consideration by the Metro Township Council. Lisa said the proposed ordinance gives definition to the role of community council, covers our purpose, representation, participation, meetings, gives definition to our role in making recommendations to the EC Metro Township Council for various municipal services and our role with planning commission in receiving notices of planning and zoning applications with the opportunity to review and respond with questions, addresses budget support from the EC Metro, and clarifies that ECCC members are elected volunteers and indemnified under protection established by local govt. She said that editing in partnership with EC Metro helped to clarify that many of the more granular parts of the initial draft ordinance are handled well by our own bylaws, and that an important edit helped to clarify that there is one community council representing the entire canyon.

There was an extensive discussion among council members about the community council's role in relation to issues that come before the PC. Some members expressed concern about ECCC and Planning Commission's obligations should the ECCC have an oversight role over PC.

#### Community Comment Period

- 8:28 Willy Stokman commented on Walsh's appeal of planning commission decision. She said she went to the recent hearing and reported on what she observed. She said the major hiccup was that the road was too narrow, but the county planner didn't get any feedback back from the fire department that the road was too narrow which seemed to weaken the argument in favor of the decision. She stated that the judge said that development appears to be allowed under the EC General Plan.
- 8:36 Eric Hawkes, EID Manager: The March forecast for precip this year is 110% of normal compared to last year, which was 25% of normal. He stated the EID's 5 new points of diversion have nothing to do with the proposed Walsh development. Eric explained there are monitor wells and a telemetry system to measure water in wells. Monitor well data is on the district's website. There are working to restore some telemetry data which was lost. Eric says he is working on publishing more data on the district's website.

#### Firewise - Bill Tobey

Bill reported on preparations for Firewise on May 4th. There was a discussion on how to encourage attendance at presentations on defensible space; ideas generated included doing the presentation in the bay so it's more visible, having the day's schedule printed out, and having a presentation on a looped video.

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

Next Meeting: April 9th, 7PM at Station 119