

# EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes for June 11, 2019

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

Members Present: Lisa Schneider, Vice Chair; Paul Brown, Treasurer; Kate Miyagi, Secretary; Mike Jimenez; Bill Tobey; Claire Clark; Dan Anderson; Gary Bowen;

Members Excused/Absent: Steve Borst; Rin Harris; Stephanie Harpst

Also present: Michael Conn, UFA; Nancy Weber, 2020 Census; Willy Stokman, Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance

### **7:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Lisa Schneider, acting chair. A quorum was present. May's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Paul Brown gave the treasurer's report. Our major expenses include Firewise amounting to roughly \$1000 per year, newsletters about \$1300/yr, plus miscellaneous dues & website. Source of funds is Metro Township Council. To prepare next year's budget, Paul needs an estimate from Communications team for newsletter projections, and Firewise projections for 2020. Lisa said the County has budget for community trash clean up days which Matt Velinder has asked to spearhead. Budget timeline - EC Metro would like to have a budget from ECCC in September. Lisa explained that expenditures outside the budget need to be preapproved by the council.

### **UFA Report - Captain Michael Conn**

UFA safety messages: High water, hazardous swift water. Stay well away from fast moving water - edges can be undercut. Still planning to do a media campaign with news outlets about swiftwater. Increased pressure on recreational use of canyon. The 2019 fireworks restriction map has been released; fireworks are always banned in Emigration Canyon. Sales allowed June 24-July 25. Discharge dates are just before and after July 4th and July 24th. UFA's special enforcement division will collect and dispose of unused fireworks. Captain Conn asked whether we have an active CERT program and accountability system for anyone who would need help evacuating; i.e. is there a way to account for particular areas in the canyon. There was a discussion of how to get more canyon residents involved in CERT. Gary recommended reaching out to the LDS church for their help and involvement. Captain Conn said there is grant money available for CERT classes. Need 20-30 people to register for a class. Captain Conn said UFA has graduated 24 new firefighters. UFA has a form online for residents to log hours to track in-kind contributions for wildfire fighting costs; Kate to put on website and facebook page.

Mike Jimenez asked what the burn regs are. Captain Conn said burning slash piles is not allowed. Small recreational fires in backyard are allowed if attended, with water source, 25 feet from vegetation. Call 911 for ANY burning in the canyon.

### **UPD Report – Jake Elsasser**

Jake was not present but distributed last month's police reports prior to the meeting. Lisa reported on his notes, which included a forced burglary in the Oaks, a recovered stolen vehicle, fraud, and traffic violations.

Lisa said that she will be giving a talk on fraud prevention, next Wednesday evening from 7-8 PM at the fire station.

### **Nancy Weber, 2020 Census**

Nan Weber presented about the 2020 Census. She is a recruiter for the census. There will be probably 9 or 10 questions on the 2020 Census but you are not required to answer all questions. Most important reasons for participation are: roads, highways, hospitals, schools, senior centers, and how we're represented in the House of Representatives. Census researchers don't have access to personal information in the data. Census jobs are part-time, temporary work that is intermittent - some office staff in SLC around 2100 S and 3rd West. The two most important jobs we need are Address Canvassing (finding addresses) and Enumerators (knocking on the door). Pay is \$17/hr in Salt Lake County.

### **Capital Improvement Projects, Claire Clark**

Lisa explained that each year, the ECMTC asks the ECCC to gather suggestions from the community about capital improvement needs. The ECCC sent out a call for suggestions in both a paper newsletter mailed to all residences in the canyon as well as an email newsletter sent to those who have subscribed to our email list this spring. She stated that the suggestions are forwarded to the Metro Township and to the MSD. Claire explained that a capital improvement project involves a one-time cost and distributed the list of suggestions received by the ECCC. Bill moved to consolidate the list Claire distributed by moving items that involve ongoing costs, maintenance projects, and safety concerns along Emigration Canyon Road to a separate list of concerns, and prioritizing the remaining items. Seconded by Mike & unanimously approved. The items are:

1. Road safety: Removing brush and dead trees along Pinecrest Canyon Rd. Speed concerns along Pinecrest Canyon Rd.
2. Miner's Trailhead improvements: Paint white line striping on both sides of road north and south of trailhead for ticketing enforcement, "No Parking" signage both sides of road, north and south of the Miner's Trail Head
3. Drainage across from school bus turnaround on Pinecrest Cyn Rd. Seep/spring broken drainage pipe allowing water to carve an ever-deepening ditch that will eventually damage asphalt road. Install a proper drainage system from upper seep, ½ mile down Pinecrest Canyon Rd.

### **Willy Stokman, Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance**

Willy presented to the council about the Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance. She said this group came together to address water issues in the canyon and unite around a common goal of protecting water resources in the canyon. Website: [emigrationsustainability.org](http://emigrationsustainability.org). She presented a number of recommendations to EID and residents of the canyon. She suggested next steps including a study proposal UGS with estimated cost of \$200k; UGS has committed half. Willy is planning to do smaller presentations among neighbor groups.

### **Community Comment Period**

None

### **Other Business**

None.

Motion to adjourn at 9:44 PM. Next Meeting: TBD - may be rescheduled d/t councilmember conflicts