

EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for August 13, 2019

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

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

Members Excused/Absent: Stephanie Harpst

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD; community members

7:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Steve Borst, chair. A quorum was present. July's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

UFA Report

Captain Conn was not present for the meeting. Bill Tobey reported that Capt. Conn and he toured around the canyon last week. He had asked Capt Conn to point out areas where there is substantial fuel accumulation along the road that poses a threat to UFA access and egress. He said Capt. Conn discussed this with Chief Burchette of wildland division and told Bill that the Chief is putting together a grant proposal for fuels reduction throughout UFAs jurisdiction. Chief Burchette has asked for a "wish list" of areas that need fuels reduction. Capt Conn and Bill have also been discussing the utility of expanding the Chevron corridors.

Gary Bowen said he serves on the UFA board as a member of the Metro Township Council and said there was a committee meeting last week. He said the cause of the fire in Pinecrest is still under investigation.

Jake Elsasser, UPD

Officer Elsasser gave the UPD report for July. There were 46 calls and 20 initial reports taken. He is working on getting the County to address the vacant home at 5798 EC Rd. Several reports of a transient in the area; it is not illegal to be transient but residents are still encouraged to call so officers can provide assistance if needed. There was a traffic accident with a new motorcycle rider who was transported in critical condition, and a car v. deer accident. The road around the Miner's trail has been striped; the white line will help with parking enforcement. Officer Elsasser asked residents to call if there are cars parked over the white line. Also doing more speed enforcement.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the treasurer's report. He distributed 2016 through 2019 past expenses. Lisa moved to approve a budget request to EC MTC based on past expenses, for \$4,000 for the 2020 fiscal year, which would include \$1,500 for Safety (including Firewise expenses), \$2,000 for Communications (including newsletters, website, etc) and \$500 for Development (primarily weed removal and trails cleanup). All voted in favor.

Subcommittee Reports

Communications - Lisa Schneider

Lisa said that last month at the ECCC meeting, Willy Stokman came to request support for an event for Septic Smart week. She has a meeting with Willy on the 28th to discuss how the ECCC can support. She said she has asked Willy to provide EPA materials.

Safety - Bill Tobey

No further report as this was covered under earlier discussion.

Development - Mike Jimenez

Mike stated the Development subcommittee's work has been focused on the trails working group; also, a new business in our community, Emigration Brewery is welcoming community input.

Trails Working Group report, Dan Anderson

Steve thanked the members of the trails working group (ECCC members + 2 community members), and also the advisors Wendy Fisher of Utah Open Lands, Julie Peck-Dabling from SLCo Parks & Rec, Mark Vlastic from Landmark Design, and many other agencies who were consulted. Steve distributed documents describing the process for the trails working group to report back to the community council. ECCC's job will be to develop recommendations based on the trails working group's findings; the Mayor's letter outlines how those recommendations are to be structured and to whom they should be addressed. As the trails working group meetings progressed, the discussion centered around two groups of potential trails - one group of items that were included in the 2007 trails plan, and one group of items not included in the 2007 plan. Tonight is the culmination of the working group's report to the community council.

Dan thanked the members of the trails working group as well as anyone who was involved in producing the 2007 EC Trails Master Plan, acknowledging the work that went into the 2007 trails plan. Dan then presented the slides, which will be posted on the community council's website.

Community Comment Period

- Matt Velinder asked if there is an estimate of the increase in volume along a south slope trail. Dan replied that he does not have an estimate.
- John Porcher asked what the funding sources are; Dan replied those have not been identified yet. Julie Peck-Dabling stated the funding usually comes from the landowner.
- Lindy McIlwaine noted that noise from the compression station may deter use of the south slope trail.
- Phil Davis said he appreciated the work the trails working group has done to connect with him. He has posted signs that say no hunting, no trapping, no fishing
- Jeff Eckert asked about rumors of a trailhead in Pinecrest. Dan stated this is not part of the trails working group's findings at this time.
- Julie spoke to decision making for SLCO Open Space Trust Fund with regard to land purchases.

Other Business

None.

Motion to adjourn at 9:36 PM. Next regular meeting: September 10, 2019