

# EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes for July 23, 2019

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

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

Members Excused/Absent: Paul Brown, Treasurer; Stephanie Harpst

Also present: Michael Conn, UFA; Jake Elsasser, UPD; Willy Stokman, Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance

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

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

#### **Jake Elsasser, UPD**

Officer Elsasser gave the UPD report for June. There were 56 calls and 18 initial reports taken, including two fraud cases, transients around 3700 E Emigration Canyon Rd, and suspicious activity reports that turned out to be a local resident. There was a call about a drone flying near a bathroom window; officers were not able to locate the drone but Officer Elsasser stated this falls under trespassing and can be dealt with as such.

#### **Emigration Brewing Company, Kate Lubing and Will McMaster**

Kate Lubing and Will McMaster, of Emigration Brewing Co, said they plan to open a new restaurant and market in a few weeks. They will be showcasing other breweries in the city but not brewing beer at the location. David Nueschler and Wade Sherman also involved. Website is <https://emigrationbrewing.com/>. At the bottom of the page they have a "Contact Us" link where they are requesting feedback about what residents would like to see in a new restaurant and market. They also plan to host community nights where partial proceeds go back to the community.

#### **Michael Conn, UFA**

Captain Conn reported on the Pinecrest Canyon fire which started yesterday, July 22nd in the evening. First calls came in shortly before 6pm. There has been no loss of structures, life or injuries reported. Currently have 100 local and state personnel on site. UFA's response has been aided by SLC Fire, other local agencies, two hotshot crews and independent air support with SEATs (single engine air tankers), helicopters and a VLAT (very large air tanker). He stated the crews are working towards 100% containment at the end of this operational period at midnight tonight. Crews will be in the canyon all day tomorrow touching each square foot before they determine "fire out." He showed a photo showing animal trails about a foot wide, which stopped the fire. This emphasizes the importance of defensible space. The Deseret News marathon is going forward tomorrow as planned. Captain Conn expressed confidence that the fire is under control and there is no danger to runners or residents. Council members and community members expressed their thanks for the rapid response.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Paul Brown was out of town and was not present to give the Treasurer's Report.

#### **ECCC Governance, Lisa Schneider**

Lisa said Paul Brown and she have been working on updating the ECCC bylaws, which predate the incorporation of Emigration Canyon as a metro township and need to be updated per the new ordinance governing the relationship between ECCC and the metro township.

#### **Trails Working Group status report, Dan Anderson**

Steve Borst said Dan Anderson has been leading the effort to respond to a request from the EC Metro last year for recommendations for implementation of the 2007 Trails Master Plan. To start the effort, Dan and others gathered public opinion through multiple meetings at the fire station last summer and fall. Steve stated the ECCC will be making recommendations based on the findings of the Trails Group, and will be making recommendations to the EC Metro Township Council and, depending on the findings, also to the Planning Commission.

Dan said the Trails Working Group will present their findings to the ECCC at the August 13th ECCC meeting. Main focus of the working group was to look at the 2007 trails plan and see what was feasible, since land ownership has changed; there have also been some public safety related changes. The working group members have talked to almost all stakeholders and landowners. The 2007 plan doesn't mention trail maintenance or how to manage traffic and these concerns will be included in their findings.

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

Willy Stokman presented about the Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance's interest in leading EC to participate in the EPA's Septic Smart week, Sept 16-20. She said the Sustainability Alliance would like to use this as a way to educate residents about the E coli contamination of the creek and also the Sustainability Alliance's water quantity concerns. She says she has discussed her plan with the Mayor and has spoken to Sandy Wingert at Dept of Water Quality about the TMDL study. She said we need to reduce E coli by 74% to comply with EPA standards and we have been out of compliance since 2002. She would like to organize an event to encourage residents to be aware of septic system care. She discussed what she says is a recommendation from DWQ to create a management on site district for septic. Willy asks for support with promotion of an event, specifically asks for ECCC's address list. She also says she would like to do a presentation about the Sustainability Alliance and talk about water quantity as well as water quality issues.

Rin expressed concerns that the water quantity issue falls under the interest umbrella of EID, and that ECCC would be stepping outside our area of focus. Willy said that EID has asked the Sustainability Alliance be involved. Gary said EID is a state authorized service 1) to provide water and 2) to maintain septic and sewer in the canyon. He said the Metro Township Council would need to pass an ordinance to allow EID to create a managed on site district or implement fines.

Steve asked for the community council to come back to this in August.

#### **Community Comment Period**

Pinecrest resident, Greg White expressed alarm regarding negative impacts of local trails that originate/terminate in residential neighborhoods. Having spoken with 30 nearby residents with various concerns including fire danger, White cited the proposed "Middle Fork" trail and the current Miners

trailhead as negatively impacting the Pinecrest community and specifically pointing out increased traffic, parking issues and blocked roadways related to the Miner's Trail. Lisa stated that the ECCC's recommendation for capital improvement projects included road striping to help with parking enforcement near the Miner's trailhead. Dan stated signage will be part of the trails working group's findings.

Matt Velinder would like to organize a biannual trash pick up day in the canyon to walk along the road and asked for support with promotion. Matt has been in contact with the Mayor and SL County to access available resources. Council members generally expressed approval of supporting Matt with promotion.

**Other Business**

None.

Motion to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Next Meeting: August 13, 2019