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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for December 8, 2020
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bill Tobey, Chair; Paul Brown, Treasurer; Kate Miyagi, Secretary; Matt Velinder; Tyler Tippetts; Bryan Johansen; Michael Jimenez; Claire Clark; Dan Anderson; Stephanie Harpst

Members Excused/Absent: Steve Borst

Also present: Michael Conn, UFA; Zach Posner; Greg Rudowski; Joe Smolka; Gary Bowen

7:00 PM MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Bill Tobey, chair. A quorum was present. November's minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Paul gave the treasurer's report.

UPD Report, Jake Elsasser

Detective Elsasser gave the UPD report. There were 42 calls for service and 22 initial reports taken. They included a single car accident in which the driver fell asleep mid-day and went off the roadway and ran into a transformer, citations for parking at Miner's trail, a vehicle fire, illegal fireworks at Little Mountain, a two car accident on the east side of Little Mountain, and watershed violation. Notably there have been several smash & grab vehicle break-ins and residential burglaries. Recommend residents lock all doors in house, lock car doors, don't leave things in plain view. Two homes had video surveillance but they weren't working, so make sure they are recording.

UFA Report, Michael Conn

Captain Conn gave the UFA report.

ECCC Annual Report, Bill Tobey

Annual Report - Bill presented the draft annual report which was distributed to council members and asked for feedback.

Zach asked about the results of the road speed and noise discussion of several months ago, which was listed in the draft annual report. Mayor Smolka said the Township Council has entered into two speed studies to look at speed limits.

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Chair positions, Bill Tobey

ECCC officers were up for re-election for a two year term, January 2021 - December 2022. Bill asked for nominations for Chair of ECCC. Dan nominated Bill to stay in his role as Chair, and Matt seconded. Mike nominated Kate for Chair; Kate declined. All voted in favor of Bill Tobey for Chair for 2021-22. Bill asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Claire nominated Dan for Vice Chair and Greg seconded. Kate nominated Claire for Vice Chair, and Mike Jimenez seconded, however Claire declined. All voted in favor of Dan Anderson for Vice Chair for 2021-22. Bill asked for nominations for Treasurer. Bill nominated Paul for Treasurer. Dan seconded. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of Paul Brown for Treasurer for 2021-22. Bill asked for nominations for Secretary. Dan nominated Matt Velinder for Secretary, Kate seconded. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of Matt Velinder for Secretary for 2021-22.

Capital Expenditure Ideas, Bill Tobey

Bill asked if members had had a chance to review the list of capital expenditure ideas which council members discussed last month and if there were any other ideas. Mike asked to add guardrails in multiple areas of the canyon to the list; has observed multiple neighbors and others off the road into the creek. Zach stated Mt. Wire may not be the most feasible location to add an internet tower but suggested the money be put in a grant for internet access in general. Kate and others expressed support for putting the money towards internet infrastructure to serve areas of the canyon that don't have internet access.

Joe Smolka, Mayor, ECMetro Township Council

Mayor Smolka reported on several items of interest from the Metro Township Council.

- He will be meeting with engineers on Thursday about the Pinecrest roadway.
- Draft general plan is out, please submit feedback
- Rocky Mountain Power is putting in a new type of line that is a single wire that is insulated, so less chance of fire, beginning at the fire station and working up the canyon, with several sections underground. Plans in the works for more work up Pinecrest, eventually feeding over into East Canyon, so that we have more reliable service. This project will be going on for several years. Last year they installed a switch so that when there's a problem with the East Canyon line, we can get power restored more quickly.
- There have been 34 known cases of COVID in the canyon with 5 current cases. In our district schools, currently Churchill has no cases, Eastwood and Skyline both have fewer than 15 cases.
- There will be two spots available on EC Metro next year for election in November.

Community Comment Period

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Other Business

- Mike Jimenez - reminder about staying connected and checking on neighbors during COVID.
- Kate said Cindy Furse has offered to have a virtual canyon history event soon. Kate asked for ideas for other virtual events that ECCC could host this winter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Next meeting January 12th.