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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for January 12, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bryan Johansen, Zach Posner, Stephanie Harpst, Claire Clark, Gregory Rudowski, Paul Brown, Bill Tobey, Michael Jimenez, Matt Velinder, Dan Anderson

Members Excused/Absent: Kate Miyagi, Steve Borst

Also present: Matt Hobson-Rohrer, Gary Bowen, Michael Conn

7:00pm Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm with a quorum present. Minutes to be corrected to include Gary Bowen and Joe Smolka were present at the December 2020 meeting. Paul Brown made a motion to accept the minutes with these changes. Claire Clark seconded the motion. The council was unanimous in acceptance of the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the Treasurer's report. No charges or expenses were reported.

UPD Report, Jake Elsasser

Officer Elsasser was not present but the council was given a UPD report document prior to the meeting

UFA Report, Michael Conn

Captain Conn gave his report to the council, highlighting vaccination efforts starting within the department, new recruitment, station reconstruction and refurbishment across numerous areas of the state, retirements. Matt Hobson-Rohrer brought up a question about clarifying the use of residential fire pits in the canyon. As well as a question about the fire in Pinecrest last year.

Planning for 2021

Bill Tobey led a discussion about planning objectives and goals for ECCC in 2021, including:

- Wildfire preparedness: home surveys which are being mailed; grants for these efforts with the state for mitigation, education and related efforts; firewise event preparation for spring 2021 if possible, given the continued COVID situation; chipping efforts in 2021; Bill reached out for help from council members in organizing firewise and wildfire efforts that he's been doing for some time, in addition to his chair role

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- CERT training and program development in the canyon, seeking council member(s) and/or community members to assist in developing this program that was deferred last spring due to COVID
- Communications team additions needed in 2021, Matt as new secretary, but has no other support right now
- Turning our trails suggestions turned into actual implementation and construction in 2021, many considerations with Metro Township Council and other parties
- Continued development and reworking of the ECCC bylaws with Metro Township Council
- Paul Brown mentioned Emigration Sustainability Alliance work, water-wise event, led by Willy Stokman
- Paul Brown also suggested continuing our canyon road cleanup efforts, which will likely be a spring and fall cleanup events in 2021
- Paul Brown mentioned noxious weed mitigation efforts and grants with Utah Open Lands, noxious weeds are a continued problem in the canyon
- Mayor Joe Smolka sent written notes for Bill to read in his absence
 - Reviewing draft of general plan soon, will need council members to read and council to approve of the plan
 - Two vacancies on Metro Township council for election held in November 2021
 - Pinecrest and Killyon canyon roads will be repaved this summer with daily complete closures of the road being required, as the road is too narrow to have single lane passing/flagging
- Bill Tobey mentioned ACCT (Association of Community Councils Together) training this Saturday, Jan 16, for new community council members

Community Comment Period

No comments made

Other Business

Michael Jimenez mentioned everyone looking out for each other during the upcoming Presidential inauguration and potential civil unrest at the Utah state capitol

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Tobey at 8:15pm, seconded by Zach Posner. There was unanimous consent from the council to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2021.