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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for July 14, 2019
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

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

Members Excused/Absent: Matt Velinder; Steve Borst

Also present: Michael Conn, UFA; Bryan Johansen

7:00 PM MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Bill Tobey, chair. A quorum was present.

Bill noted the following amendments to last month's minutes: "Eastern half of the Oaks" should read Western half of the Oaks; edits to last sentence about the November election discussion. No other edits. Motion to approve as drafted and edited, seconded; all voted in favor.

Bill introduced Bryan Johansen, a resident of Emigration Place. Bryan is attending to consider running for election this fall. Bryan said he is a SLC native, practicing law, moved to the canyon about 5 years ago and has used the canyon for many years for recreation.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the treasurer's report. We have no outstanding invoices or bills to be paid. Expecting more checks from Stephanie for sign orders.

Officer Elsasser, UPD

Officer Elsasser was not in attendance but the monthly UPD report was distributed to the council before the meeting. Michael Jimenez stated he sees a trend of increased crime in the reports and would like to see this highlighted in the newsletter.

Michael Conn, UFA

Captain Conn gave the UFA report. They have seen increased call volume for fireworks and expect another increase in call volume July 24th. No fireworks allowed in EC at any time. UFA crews responded to a fire in Lehi and another fire in Saratoga Springs that burned 10,000 acres and traveled 6 miles in less than 30 minutes. UFA's fuels crew has been scrambling to get caught up throughout the county.

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Claire Clark said she observed household waste including potentially flammable material left at the dumpsters, and asked whom she should have called. Michael Conn said it would be appropriate to call 911 for potential safety concerns.

Chipping Update - Bill Tobey

Bill stated UFA's fuels crew (which is doing the chipping service) is trying to get back on schedule despite a backlog across the county. We have been told they will try to be here in EC for the full week of July 27. Most of the side neighborhoods have not yet been served.

New DNR request to conduct a "wildfire perspectives" survey in Emigration Township - Bill Tobey

Bill relayed information he has received about a new survey on "wildfire perspectives" by a wildfire research team in Colorado. The goal of the study is to develop a detailed profile of a community's fire risk, state of preparedness, and the attitudes of the community regarding fire risk. It will involve physical inspection of homes in the community, along with a survey that will be mailed to all homes in the community. The resulting data will be made available to SLCo, local agencies, and the State of Utah. Request came before the last Metro Township Council's meeting. They are considering the request and will probably take a vote at their next meeting. The only workload is providing consent and editing an introductory letter to the community. Project timeline is roughly 12 months, starting in a couple of weeks with mailing of letter to everyone in the canyon, then State DNR will do property surveys. Paul moved to express the Community Council's approval that we support the survey; seconded by Kate, unanimous vote in favor.

Canyon Cleanup and House Number Signs- Stephanie Harpst

Stephanie said she has been in contact with SLCo about the Adopt a Highway program regarding updating the Adopt a Highway signs in the canyon. There is an application process, and resources are available if we do apply. The sign shop could change the signs and install them. Stephanie to notify EC Metro about the change in sign.

Stephanie said we have not received many sign orders recently. We now have 16 house number signs requested.

Kate assigned to update the ECCC logo to reflect ECCC rather than Emigration Township.

Road speed discussion / possible speed limit changes post-paving - Bill Tobey

Bill stated that several canyon residents brought up the issue of speed limits and potentially changing the speed limit post paving, given the potential for increases in speed once the road is

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repaved and smoother. Matt Velinder was unable to attend the meeting but Bill read an email prepared by Matt on this topic.

Tyler recalls he chaired the safety committee on ECRIC and recommended lowering speeds to 25 mph. He stated most important to lower speeds at tight corners but throughout the canyon. Tyler said this recommendation never made it into the final report, but it was in the draft reports.

Tim Harpst, who was the director of transportation at SLC for many years and is a traffic engineer, was in attendance virtually and said “people drive at the speed at which they feel comfortable,” not necessarily at posted speed limits. The next influence on speed is typically enforcement. Speed studies have been done to find out what speed people tend to drive. Tim said he also serves on the Planning Commission, which is working on updating the township’s general plan. He said they have met with MSD staff and the consulting engineer who put the plans together, and striping, signage changes, and the speed limit were discussed and they are considering changes to the current plan based on feedback.

Tim said it would be worthwhile for the community council to follow up with the MSD staff regarding the road project, and ask what their process will be to consider changes to the speed limit, what is the process that we need to follow to request any changes or analysis, who makes the approvals, and what process do they follow to take any feedback on their approval process, etc.

It was decided that the Community Council would put an inquiry into MSD staff and see what the current status is on this project.

Kate expressed that several community members have reached out with feedback, and this is an opportunity to consider community feedback; what is the process for Public involvement and comment.

Claire stated this is an important opportunity at this time to take a new look at speed limits and road safety.

Newsletter content

Bill and Kate to work on this.

November Election Discussion – Recruiting and Organizational Requirements

Matt Velinder has volunteered for the Elections Officer position.

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Public Comments (Three minutes per speaker)

None

August Meeting - Bill Tobey

Bill stated he would be out of town on the second Tuesday in August and would be unavailable for a meeting. Motion to move the meeting to August 18th for next month. All voted in favor of moving the August ECCC to the 18th.

SLCo Watershed symposium - Bill Tobey

Virtual meeting planned for the fall.

Salt Lake County Recorder's Office - Bill Tobey

Bill said there is a new "Property Watch" program that allows homeowners to sign up with the recorders' office to be notified of any changes to their deed. There are apparently numerous scams where deeds are changed unbeknownst to the owner. They have agreed to attend ECCC's September meeting.

Other Business

Kate stated EC Sustainability Alliance has sent out a mailer about septic service, which appears to have used ECCC's mailing list; permission to use our list was previously granted for one time use last fall after partnering with them on a specific project. There was a discussion about how we allow other groups to use ECCC's mailing list. Bill will discuss with Matt Velinder, our community council liaison to the Sustainability Alliance.

Other Business

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 PM. Next meeting to be held August 18th per unanimous vote of the council due to the chair being unavailable on the second Tuesday.