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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes for June 9, 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; Steve Borst; Claire Clark; Stephanie Harpst; Michael Jimenez; Tyler Tippetts; Matt Velinder

Members Excused/Absent: none

Also present: Detective Elsasser, UPD; Mayor Joe Smolka; community members

**7:00 PM MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Bill Tobey, chair. A quorum was present. Bill thanked Matt Velinder and Casey for their work on the canyon clean-up day. May's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Steve moved to approve May's minutes as distributed. Seconded. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

Paul Brown gave the treasurer's report. We have no outstanding invoices or bills to be paid.

**Update on Main Road Paving and Bicycle Restrictions – Joe Smolka**

Mayor Smolka read a prepared statement with an update on the road paving project and related bicycle restriction. He said that regular updates would be posted on ECMetro.org, and that people can subscribe to an email list to receive updates on the project.

Questions from community:

Matt Hobson-Rohrer: will it be possible/practical for work to start at SR 65 instead of starting at the bottom of the canyon? Mayor Smolka said it's still in discussion with the county and contractor.

Kirtley Jones: asked about an option for residents to ride.

Will there be a no through traffic sign for eastbound traffic? Electronic sign at each end. Steve Quinn (from County?) says they have asked UDOT not to route traffic through EC in case of a problem on I-80, could also ask UDOT to update one of their signs that says (VMS sign?) no through traffic.

Bob MacFarlane asked about lowering speed limits post-paving and said that once the road is smoother, people will tend to drive faster.

**Road Speed Data Discussion – Matt Hobson-Rohrer**

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Matt presented data that he has been analyzing from UPD's speed trailer, which has been gathering data on vehicle speeds in the canyon. He analyzed data from April 22-26. Speed trailer was below the first Sunnysdale entrance toward the bottom the canyon. See PPT addendum.

- Weekends show higher speeds
- 92 cars over 55 mph; avg 23 per day > 55 mph
- 538 per day over 45 mph
- Examples:
  - Tuesday, April 22 10:17 PM 70 mph, 69 mph and 78 mph
  - Max recorded speed was 81 mph
- Lower speed vehicles
  - 64 recordings under 25 mph - likely cyclists; 7 @ 10 mph, 34 under 20 mph
- 73% of drivers were between the range 35-45 mph (8,182 of 11,134 total vehicles)
- Next Steps:
  - More data analysis to create a baseline
  - During road resurface project - continue to monitor, measure changes in speed during project
  - After road resurfacing project - compare to baseline; speed changes with narrow lanes, or smoother pavement?
- Visitors to Salt Lake to ride the canyon
- Bill Tobey asked what additional information is needed; what would help with policing efforts?
- Bob MacFarlane asked if we can have more UPD support on weekends
- Kirtly Jones asked if we can differentiate between different sized vehicles. Officer Elsasser says he think it's possible but not sure how to get that info out of the data, but will work with Matt H-R on doing that.

### **Chipping Update, Follow-up on Shared Waste and Recycle Sites – Bill Tobey**

Bill gave an update on the chipping service. Delay largely due to COVID-19 related budget cuts at UFA. Current status finished PC, KC, most of the main road, but not the side road neighborhoods along the main road, and the eastern half of the Oaks. Last week we had UFA crew on Friday, they estimated it will take about a week with a full crew to complete the remaining work. We were expecting a crew from DNR this week but this will be delayed until probably the week of the 22nd. Fresh budgets as well as grant funds that will materialize in July at UFA; expect we will be able to finish quickly in July.

We have almost 140 households participating. Everyone from DNR, UFA, Wildfire division, have all been astonished by the output. WE'll all be a little bit safer when we get the material out of here.

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Shared waste & recycle sites - in our last meeting, it came to light that the shared waste & recycle dumpsters were being overloaded and frequently unavailable to residents who have no curbside service at their homes. Rin reached out to the Exec Dir of WFWRD - Pinecrest dumpsters will be serviced 3x/week, and also checking dumpsters lower down. Also have a promise that some of the damage to the enclosure will be repaired in the near future. Steve Borst said it seems that there has been more room in the containers.

Tim Harpst said he worked with WFWRD for two years on the dumpsters. He said that today, he saw someone has dumped several truck loads of tree trimmings on the outside of the enclosure; there has been an ATV engine sitting next to the dumpster, and the doors are hard to open and close d/t rust and damage. Tim suggested that WFWRD drivers ought to report damage to the doors back to WFWRD when they notice damage. Stephanie pointed out that contractors are being told by residents that they can

#### **UPD Report - Jake Elsasser**

3 cars broken into on Pinecrest on May 12th. A wallet was stolen and cc was used; have photos and is working on trying to ID her. Some of the cars were left unlocked. Disturbing the peace after 10pm. Fraud by wire (identity theft). Dog bite, handled by animal control. Bicycle v motorcycle accident at the top of Little Mountain. Other vehicle accidents - single car or vehicle-deer accidents. Watershed violation - that party had a prior violation several years ago so he got a ticket. Cars parked illegally in Killyon's were cited.

Kate asked for info about burning in the canyon as far as enforcement and fines - Bill said Michael has provided some info about what is required to have as a legal outside fires. (Who should we call? What are the fines?)

Claire Clark asked cars that were parking on the paved road on Killyon's and parking enforcement along paved roads.

#### **November Election Discussion – Recruiting and Organizational Requirements**

#### **Public Comments (Three minutes per speaker)**

None

#### **Other Business**

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Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Next meeting to be held July 14th.