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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for October 13, 2020
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bill Tobey, Chair; Paul Brown, Treasurer; Kate Miyagi, Secretary; Claire Clark; Matt Velinder; Tyler Tippetts; Bryan Johansen

Members Excused/Absent: Steve Borst; Stephanie Harpst; Michael Jimenez

Also present: Jake Elsasser, UPD; Pete Taylor; Gary Bowen, EC Metro Township Council; Matt Hobson-Rohrer; Zach Posner; Greg Rudowski

7:00 PM MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Bill Tobey, chair. A quorum was present. September's minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Tobey read the written treasurer's report.

Detective Jake Elsasser, UPD

Bill Tobey reported on his conversation with Detective Elsasser. The monthly report had been distributed to council members.

September: 72 calls for service and 25 initial reports written. Detective Elsasser reviewed the reports. He said UPD has seen an increase in vehicle burglaries in all of the canyons.

The Haunted Half Marathon is proceeding, on October 24th. They will be running in the uphill lane affecting traffic from 8-11am.

Matt Hobson-Rohrer commented that he has been seeing a lot of car clubs with dozens of vehicles apparently speeding and riding close to each other through the canyon. He asked for increased enforcement particularly on the weekends. Detective Elsasser said he will likely start working a couple of weekends per month starting in November. Bill recommended Matt Hobson-Rohrer contact David Brems on the Metro Township Council regarding this staffing request.

UFA Report

UFA report was not available at the time of the meeting.

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Pete Taylor, Sunnyside East Community Council

Pete Taylor presented to the council about the Research Park redevelopment plan that the University of Utah is working on. Research Park land was donated to the University of Utah by the federal government nearly 50 years ago. Increased densities and increased height of buildings, increased residential units up to 8500 units. The plan does not address traffic to the Research Park from the SE side of the valley. The Sunnyside East Community Council and other neighborhood community councils started dialog in July and 5 other community councils have signed on to a letter. The U of U is currently re-assessing their development plan based on feedback from the community councils. No ask currently but the ECCC wishes to be kept in the loop on future developments.

Joe Smolka, Metro Township Council

COVID-19 cases are up, need to take extra precautions.

Metro Township Council has received 1,000 masks to distribute to residents.

Final punch list walk for the road construction project this week.

Work has commenced on the turnaround in Killyon's canyon. Anticipate they will not finish this year d/t weather but will finish quickly in the spring.

Metro Township Council has not acted on additional restroom site planning.

Election planning, Matt Velinder

Matt announced candidates for this year's election, including Dan Anderson, Michael Jimenez, Kate Miyagi, Zach Posner, Greg Rudoski, and Bill Tobey. There will be 6 open seats. Voters can vote for up to 6 candidates including write-ins. The election will be held online this year. Voting instructions will be mailed to every registered voter in the canyon two weeks before the election. Each person will receive a unique code to vote online. The online election will be open until 11:30 pm on 11/3/20.

Canyon Clean-Up recap, Matt Velinder

Matt gave a recap of another successful canyon clean-up day.

Discussion: Bylaws update

Bill appointed himself to be on a small group committee to look at an update to the bylaws. He asked for other volunteers. Bryan Johansen said he would be interested. Kate stated she had spoken to Steve Borst earlier today and he was also interested. Paul Brown recommended the group meet with Lisa Schneider about the updates that he and she worked on last year. Joe Smolka will follow up with Bill to get him the current MTC ordinance that describes the relationship between the community council and the MTC.

Community Comment Period

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Other Business

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Next meeting November 10th.