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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for June 21, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bill Tobey, Paul Brown, Greg Rudowski, Claire Clark, Matt Velinder, Michael Jimenez

Members Excused/Absent: Zach Posner, Bryan Johansen, Steve Borst, Dan Anderson, Kate Miyagi, Stephanie Harpst

Also present: Joanna Bettman, Fred Swanson, Mark Billings, Jack Dahlquist, Mindy McAnulty, Rin Harris

7:00pm Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Bill Tobey. A quorum was present. Bill Tobey mentioned no May meeting minutes were sent. Matt Velinder will send May meeting minutes for approval prior to the July meeting (along with the June meeting minutes).

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the Treasurer's report.

UPD Report

Officer Jake Elsasser was not present.

UFA Report

Captain Conn was not present.

Metro Township Council

Rin Harris spoke on behalf of the MTC and gave updates on Pinecrest and Killyon canyon paving project this summer as well as erosion stabilization efforts along the roadside and the new bathroom to be installed in the canyon.

Community Comment Period

Mark Billings from University of Washington has been interviewing canyon residents and leadership about wildfire risk and perceptions among individuals in the canyon. Mark reported that he largely has sufficient feedback for his research needs and will be submitting a research paper in the near future about his findings. His preliminary findings indicate strong awareness about wildfire risk among the ECCC community. In the immediate ECCC members and their

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immediate friends/neighbors there was knowledge about ECCC and MTC efforts to reduce risk, however, there's a lack of knowledge among the wider community about these efforts of the ECCC or misattribution about the efforts.

Jack Dahlquist from River Restoration gave some details about improving the water quality of Emigration Creek. The River Restoration firm was a small-scale contract funded by the MTC to provide a plan for improving water quality in Emigration Creek. The firm specializes in various and diverse aspects of natural rivers and water systems. Currently they are identifying the many stakeholders involved: such as corporations, land owners, residents etc. They are taking answers to a short questionnaire <https://forms.gle/AjZNUtB38Bac2tp27> and an interactive map to highlight problem areas <https://myemigrationcreek.org/> - in collaboration with 7 Canyons Trust. It is an EPA 9 elements plan that is being developed. Mindy McAnulty asked about wider dissemination of the survey and the website information. This would be a great opportunity for newsletter content in the ECCC. MTC and ECCC will work together for dissemination of content via their email lists and CodeRed if needed. River Restoration is also helping identify grants and opportunities for cleanups and improvements that would be easily implementable and low cost.

Mindy McAnulty gave an update from the Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance regarding a watershed quality and awareness event in the fall. They are seeking a location still, possibly at Camp K. They would like to have booths, information, games, specialists/panelists, etc. This would help fulfill the volunteer hours required for the watershed plan grant. The goal is a fun event, to foster community and raise awareness about these environmental and water issues in the canyon. They would likely do this in the fall of this year. The group had a brainstorming session of possible venues.

Fred Swanson, an Acorn Hills resident, asked about enforcement of noise ordinance in Emigration, as it affects him and Acorn Hills residents. Bill Tobey and Rin Harris gave perspective from the ECCC and MTC, respectively. This is a continuing issue that many residents feel is getting worse over time and degrading their quality of life and even property values. ECCC and MTC continue to work to remedy the issue, including possible enforcement through a "nuisance" mechanism instead of a noise ordinance.

Other Business

Bill Tobey gave an update on the upcoming chipper events, check the website and newsletters for dates. Bill also gave an update on the shaded fuel break work in the Acorn Hills area.

Bill Tobey raised the possibility of meeting in person at the next meeting. ECCC will follow the MTC lead on in-person meetings. The firehouse is opening up again and they would welcome people returning.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Brown at 8:25 PM, the motion was seconded by Greg Rudowski. The rest of the council voted to adjourn. The next meeting will be July 13th at 7PM.