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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for May 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bill Tobey, Mike Jimenez, Paul Brown, Greg Rudowski, Zach Posner, Stephanie Harpst, Claire Clark, Matt Velinder

Members Excused/Absent: Bryan Johansen, Steve Borst, Dan Anderson, Kate Miyagi

Also present: Gary Bowen, Joanna Bettman, Michael Conn

7:00pm Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Bill Tobey. A quorum was present. Bill Tobey noted changes to the minutes and he will send changes to Matt Velinder. Claire Clark moved to approve the minutes pending these changes. Matt Velinder seconded this and the council approved the minutes with these changes.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the Treasurer's report.

UPD Report

Officer Jake Elsasser was not present, but gave his report in writing prior to the meeting

UFA Report

Captain Michael Conn was present and discussed his group's efforts in building a team for wildfire risk home evaluations. The best mode of contact is the email address wildfireriskassessment@unifiedfire.org. Michael Jimenez mentioned getting help and guidance from UFA about vaults and water and hydrants in Pinecrest and their water utility up there. Captain Conn and Michael will discuss this further between themselves. Joanna Bettman asked about an estimated time for when home wildfire risk assessments might start and be completed. Captain Conn discussed some training that was ongoing to ensure the information conveyed to residents is accurate, consistent across teams and does not give false reassurance or unnecessary worry. He estimated teams will be starting assessments ASAP and will complete all assessments by this fall.

Metro Township Council

The MTC provided a written report from council member Rin Harris, in the absence of Mayor Smolka. The written report was read by Bill Tobey. The report included updates on the approval of the fire mitigation expenditures discussed at the last meeting; the approval of hiring of an

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outside consultant to develop a township watershed plan; the two seats on the MTC that are open for this coming election cycle and details about declaring your intention to run and filing with the SL County Clerk's office between June 1 and June 7, details can be found on the MTC's website <https://www.ecmetro.org/>; the updates on construction/paving in Pinecrest and Killyons this summer and checking the MTC website for information as well as upcoming newsletters and informational notices from the MTC.

Gary Bowen gave an update on raising awareness about an animal services program for trapping and euthanizing skunks and racoons. This is a program from the USDA for wildlife nuisances. The MSD already pays into this program so there would be no cost to residents, the ECCC or the MTC. There was discussion about getting further details about the program before conveying this information to residents - as residents may have ethical and personal concerns about the euthanization aspects of the program. Multiple council members expressed concerns about the ecological impact of removing these species (although they are likely deemed invasive to the area) as well as the ethical concerns of killing these animals. The council agreed that their role was to convey information to residents as accurately as possible and let residents make their own decisions. Gary Bowen will be getting more information on the program and returning that information to the ECCC for discussion and dissemination to the larger community. Michael Jimenez commented that this is likely the USDA Wildlife Nuisance Program he was aware of and provided a phone number (385-419-3405) to the group and Gary Bowen.

Bill Tobey gave an update on Firewise and Chipping dates and locations, the details of which are reflected in the May ECCC newsletter and on the ECCC website <http://emigrationcanyon.org/>. Bill also gave an update on continued fuel mitigation efforts in the canyon and a new shaded fuel break approach that is being piloted.

Bill Tobey noted that the annual Firewise open house will not be happening this year, as face-to-face events are currently still not possible at any of the possible locations, including: the UFA Firehouse, CampK, or surrounding SLC parks.

Bill Tobey gave an update on the costs and logistics of replacing the current fire risk sign that was stolen/destroyed last year. Captain Conn has been helping in these efforts and a sign is hopefully getting added again soon.

Matt Velinder notified the council of the new "Adopt-A-Highway" signs that are now sponsored by the ECCC. Matt also gave an update on the spring trash cleanup day on May 22. There will not be a central meeting point for the meeting, but residents are encouraged to go out and pick up trash along the roadside near their house or elsewhere. Large contractor bags and high

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visibility t shirts will be available at the firehouse for residents. Residents should dispose of their collectings in their regular weekly home trash collection bins.

Community Comment Period

Tim Harpst mentioned potential changes by SLC to right hand turn from Sunnyside onto Foothill. There would be a necessary pedestrian crosswalk increase. The community council included this information in the May newsletter. Additional information and the plans can be found on the SLC website. Tim encouraged council members and residents to review the plans and give their input during the public comment period.

Other Business

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Claire Clark at 8:30 PM, the motion was seconded by Stephanie Harpst. The rest of the council voted to adjourn. The next meeting will be June 8th at 7PM.