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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for November 9, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bill Tobey, Bryan Johansen, Zach Posner, Claire Clark, Michael Jimenez, Matt Velinder, Paul Brown, Gregory Rudowski

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

Also present: Gary Bowen, Tyler Tippets, Joe Smolka, Willy Stokman, Mindy McAnulty

7:00pm Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Bill Tobey. A motion was made by Paul Brown to accept the previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Bryan Johansen. The council voted unanimously to accept the October minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the Treasurer's Report to the committee.

UPD Report, Detective Jake Elsasser

Detective Elsasser was present and gave a verbal summary of his written report that he submitted to the council.

UFA Report, Captain Michael Conn

Captain Conn was not present but provided a written report to the council.

Metro Township Council, Mayor Joe Smolka

Mayor Smolka was present and discussed numerous topics:

- HB411 was discussed and MTC's position on that state legislation - they will be formally voting at their next MTC meeting
- There has been road and infrastructure survey work going on - as part of an opportunity for future funding and grants
- There is work being done near Red Hill Lane for improvements and leveraging existing funding for this work
- Work is starting on the restroom near the Pinecrest turnoff
- RMPower is still working in Pinecrest and they anticipate switching to new power by end of this year - which will significantly reduce wildfire risk in that area
- Paving in Killyon's canyon was completed, parking in the emergency turn-around will be cited

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- Signage in Killyon's canyon was discussed and no parking signs and potential improvements to prevent people from driving deeper into the canyon and having to turn around and come back down
- Snowplow drivers are limited this season, there may be delays plowing the side roads, but the main road is the first priority
- Depression in road near Sunnydale could be filled with cold patch as winter is coming, but might not be completely fixed until spring
- MTC budgets hearings will be on 11/16

Other Council Business

Hazardous tree removals in Pinecrest were discussed. This work was restricted to forest service parcels. Trees were felled and chipped. Michael Jimenez and Greg Rudowski were instrumental for this work.

Grant applications submitted to Western State Foresters for fuel breaks and thinning work. Other applications were also submitted. These are 3 year programs. Grant decisions will not be known for a while.

Firewise annual recertification status is due in the coming days/weeks. The community has documented 1500 hours of volunteer labor. Documented resident and community spending and other efforts has been enough for recertification. The community has doubled their total effort from last year.

WiRe Wildfire Preparedness Study preliminary results are in processing. Rapid risk assessments were conducted on 614 homes in the canyon and community questionnaires were mailed. There was a 45% return rate on these community surveys. Risk assessments returned high or very high for most homes. 27% of homes were very high risk. 57% had high risk. 96% of homes had combustible vegetation within 5 feet. 98% of homes had non-combustible roofs. Most respondents reported action taken to reduce risk. Significant differences existed between homeowner's views of their risk and the views of the professional risk assessments.

Next newsletter content planning:

- Watershed best practice webinars - recap of completed sessions, preview of future sessions, links to call recordings
- Watershed celebration recap
- Results of EID board election
- Wasatch Front Waste update

Community Comment Period

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Willy Stokman gave an update from Emigration Canyon Sustainability Alliance about their latest efforts. She discussed the community watershed event, which attendance was estimated at 70-100 people. She discussed the watershed education seminars from River Restoration and ECSA's promotion of those events. She thanked the community council and Bill Tobey for their help in these efforts. The council provided positive feedback about the event to the ECSA and possibly improved integration with the watershed planning process in future events. There was discussion of logistical improvements and lessons learned from this first event. There was agreement that the event provided a lot of good informational material and fostered a sense of community in the canyon.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:21pm by Zach Posner. The motion was seconded by Greg Rudowski. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The next meeting will be December 14, 2021.