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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes for February 8, 2022
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

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

Members Excused/Absent: Dan Anderson, Stephanie Harpst, Steve Borst, Zach Posner

Also present: Tyler Tippetts, Jake Elsasser, Michael Conn, Joanna Bettmann, Leslie Wilson, Gary Bowen, Joe Smolka

7:00pm Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Bill Tobey. Bill Tobey provided a small clarification to the January 2022 minutes. Paul Brown motioned to approve the January 2022 minutes with this edit. Claire Clark seconded the motion and the council unanimously moved to approve the January 2022 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Brown gave the Treasurer's Report to the committee. Bill Tobey mentioned some upcoming costs he will discuss with Paul.

UPD Report, Detective Jake Elsasser

Detective Elsasser was present and gave a summary of his written report to the council. Emigration half marathon will be April 2, 2022 8am-12:30pm with runners going downhill. April 23, 2022 is the hill climb cycling ride. Officers will be present for both events.

UFA Report, Captain Michael Conn

Captain Conn was present and gave a summary of his written report to the council. Unified fire has budgeting, a new chief and new hires are ongoing. Sadly, this will be Captain Conn's last meeting as Emigration Canyon liaison. The community council thanked Captain Conn for his service to our community.

Metro Township Council, Mayor Joe Smolka

Mayor Smolka was present. He gave the council updates about the MSD bond that is closing soon. Pincrest milling and overlay is coming soon. The watershed study is due next month. There have been ongoing webinars about the watershed study and watershed practices. KN95 masks were made available to the Metro Township. Contact the Metro Township Council if you'd like a mask. The Metro Township was looking for ideas about how to distribute the masks

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too. The EC Metro Township is in discussions with Utah Broadband about providing internet service along the main canyon road.

Other Council Business

- Firewise open house will be May 7 for a normal as possible in-person event. This will be the usual pancake breakfast and reception and social event. ECCC members will be asked to help at this event if possible.
- US Forest Wildfire Research team and Emigration wildfire readiness study. This was the curbside assessment of wildfire risk and the mailed survey to residents. A few key findings are that:
 - Residents tended to overestimate their preparedness of their home and underestimate their wildfire risk (as compared to the professional assessment)
 - The majority of canyon homes are at high to extreme wildfire risk
 - The majority of canyon homes had combustible materials too close to the home
- The wildfire research team may employ mailers to relay these findings to residents. This could include general information for all residents and/or more personalized information to individual residents. These options would incur costs. Bill Tobey raised the issue of cost to the ECCC. There will be future discussions in the ECCC about how to disseminate this information to the community.
- There was discussion about the Parley's canyon mine and ongoing efforts at the county and local level to prevent this mine from happening. Additional details can be found at the Salt Lake Planning Commission. The ECCC decided unanimously to draft a letter in support of the Salt Lake Planning Commission and new legislation to ban mining.
- There was discussion about the events of the Christmas event at This is the Place Heritage Park. The East Sunnyside Community Council held meetings with the organizers and local officials. Bryan Johansen attended that meeting and circulated a summary to the ECCC. There are no real motions or actions for the ECCC. There was discussion about a follow up meeting sometime in February 2022, but this meeting has not been planned yet. There was discussion about whether the ECCC will want to back the East Sunnyside Community Council in their efforts to reform this event in the future. Bryan Johansen will be tracking these issues and will keep the ECCC informed.
- There was mention of ECCC member support for transportation funding to improve safety for non-motorized and active transportation. This would largely be cycling-related improvements for the canyon.
- There was discussion about ECCC goals for 2022:
 - Update annual Firewise event and plan with an in-person event (see above)
 - Revive communications team and restart physical newsletters
 - Revive trails planning commission and process. Michael Jimenez wanted to help with this trails planning.

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- Attempt to identify new ways the ECCC can be useful to the canyon community and how they interface with the metro township
- Pinecrest cycling has increased and may need to be addressed more properly. Michael Jimenez expressed interest in helping with this issue, as well as the repaving of Pinecrest.
- Coordination of ECCC and other councils (WFWRD, ACCT, others) and the likely need for ECCC members to help be liaisons for the ECCC and these councils.

Community Comment Period

No community comments were made.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:28 pm by Greg Rudowski. The motion was seconded by Claire Clark. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The next meeting will be March 8, 2022.