

EAST MILLCREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held Thursday, September 6, 2007
Meeting called to order by Nate Laver at 7:04PM

Present: Nate Laver, Judd Jones, Rob Dunfield, Leslie Riddle, Greg Offerman, Stewart Woodruff, Kurt Zimmerman, Anna Claire Shepherd, Ken Ritter, and Sally Kaiser.
Excused were Kathy Swift, Aaron Whitehead, and Jay Griffith.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Stewart Woodruff.

Financial Report given by Greg Offerman. Administration Budget of \$5,096.90 and Special Projects Budget of \$14, 193.56.

Kurt Zimmerman makes motion to pass August 2007 minutes. Motion carries unanimously.

Community Policing Report is give by Deputy Lutz North. No major crimes, it was a very good month.

Rita Lund and Bev Uipi deferred their time to Peter Corroon and Mark Crockett.

PETER CORROON

Kurt Zimmerman asked the first question. He asked about the Honeycutt culvert, Bev answered that there is just a temporary fix until next year.

Anna Claire then asked about the small school districts. What can we do now? And how do we fire a Superintendent? Peter Corroon answered that the committee is still meeting on this to look at feasibility of small school districts. That we feel we have no input or representations he acknowledges as the biggest concern. He felt like the vote would have been on a split, not on a plan. In addition, there weren't enough votes to pass it. We need to step back and ask what we want and how to do it? He tells us that they are still moving forward with this even though we are not getting to vote on it and he says the discussion has not ended. He adds that the Granite School Board picks the Superintendent so this all goes back to us not having representation on the board and therefore have no rights, no say, and no voice.

Leslie Riddle asked about the community center. When planning began we had all agreed that an "out of the box" thinking needed to happen in order to make it all feasible. And yet now, there is no "out of the box" thinking. She offered that we consider leasing/subleasing one of the GSB named "not full" schools and maximize the use of the buildings. (Note by author: This would help keep these schools from being closed by the GSB in the meantime that we are working on the smaller school district issue). Peter Corroon answered, cross use of using schools hasn't been considered. Historically, sharing buildings has worked well. At Daybreak, the school is mixed with the community center and the only problem (which can be easily remedied) is the security

issues for the children. Leslie Riddle then asked, "How can we further that concept and idea?" and Peter Corroon answered, "You just did."

Pat Corey commented about the spill in Parleys Creek on the 31st of August. She says that it was wonderful to have four HAZMAT teams and they were wonderful. The alerting of the neighborhood wasn't handled well though. Mayor Peter Corroon should be proud of the service they provided.

Blake Keithley asked about fuel standards and additional stations. Peter Corroon answered that Salt Lake County has downsized their fleet from Expeditions to Camrys, Hybrids, and Biofuel cars. Blake Keithley stated that the county doesn't buy provide pumps and so could incentivize private industry to do this. Until then, work off state fueling system til go their own way.

Peter Corroon took the time to introduce his staff that was in attendance.

Rosemary Alder mentioned to the Mayor that she is interested in antidrug measures. She has heard that Utah has the highest meth consumption in the U.S. Peter Corroon added that drug addiction is starting at earlier ages. He said that meth is a large issue in Salt Lake and the drug of choice for women is meth. Utah is also the worst abuser of prescription drugs. He is a proponent that we treat the offenders rather than just incarceration because once they leave prison they will just do it again. He says that jail time is \$70 - \$80 per day and treatment facilities are \$10- \$20 per day per offender. Peter Corroon has started after school education programs and adds that STD occurrences in Utah are "going through the roof as well". Captain Nickelson added that the police department is working on something called "Officer Friendly". It is for Kindergarteners through third grade just in Millcreek Township schools. It is primarily to make young children aware. SL County staff member "Jean" added that half a million dollars more this year is being put into prevention of drug abuse. And they added that cohesive communities work very well for prevention.

Marty Lamb asked about the surveys to assess communities desire/interest etc. for the community center. How/when will we get it? Bev Uipi introduced architect Steve Crane to answer her. He told us that everything is in the preliminary stages. They want input from everyone and we will all hear about it in the community paper.

Vernon Wilson threw in a plug about the 4th of July celebration that uses/needs the community center to work, in other words, we have all enjoyed it and want it to continue.

Becky Arowitt brought up a concern about the proliferation of "payday loan stores" and especially the new one being built on 3300 south smack on the corner. Is county coming up with any restrictions? Peter Corroon answered that the County is looking at it and still doing their homework. Legislature had let it drop last year?

Sally Kaiser asked about recycling bins, i.e. preferably being made of recycled plastic and/or having once per week pick up. Peter Corroon answered that the program is very

new and they want time to assess all the data. Stewart Woodruff asked if the county is at least breaking even on the project. Peter Corroon answered that it didn't in the past, but now with these changes hopefully it will. He also wants folks to consider the costs of new landfills when looking at these services and costs.

Linda Higginson brought up an issue with parking at Luginos. Peter Corroon answered that there would be new red paint in the no parking areas completed soon and along with the no parking signs, the problem should be solved soon. Bev Uipi answered that Luginos has spoken with their staff about not parking in the customer parking places, which will ease up some of the parking problem. Captain Nickelson commented that officers have issued parking tickets and they will enforce the parking laws there.

Brian Kretchmar stated that we was grateful for the recycling bins and wrote that they are making a difference and asked about "green bins". Peter Corroon answered that they had considered green bins but aren't convinced they would be best for the environment since they decompose far too quickly.

Blaine Davis asked about water flow on Evergreen. The park strip is gravel and the neighbors asphalted it. Will the county repair it when they redo the street? Peter Corroon answered that that was the plan and Bev and Phil will follow up on that.

Blake Keithley asked about revitalizing the commercial end of East Millcreek? i.e. buildings right on corners. Peter Corroon answered that the building issue would be looked at within the compatible housing issue and that the county is working on small business loans for redevelopment areas. Tom Schafer answered that an update is in process for the Millcreek Township area. He also added that building on corners and hiding parking lots is what commercial businesses are practicing these days.

Jeff Hall brought up the compatible housing issue. Tom Schafer answered that in April the suggestions were taken to the county councils and were directed to start the "stake holders" committee. The meeting will be held September 10th from 3 – 5pm; it is not open for discussion, but open for public view. www.pwpds.slco.org. There one can find maps, calculations of current zones, lot sizes, setback requirements, floor-area ratios, and basement vs. story calculations. Right now they have 150 pages of public input to sort through.

Kurt Zimmerman commented that property assessments went up a lot this year vs. last year. Peter Corroon first mentioned that the county assessor is separately voted in, yet added in their defense that they use the MLS and they are not collecting more taxes, because of the truth and taxation laws. Some households have gone down while ours went up.

Marty Lamb brought up water conservation and clean air issues. Peter Corroon stated that he met with the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District for advice in what the County could do. They have passed a landscape ordinance and there is an assessment of own water systems so far they have seen a \$2000/year water savings. In regards to air,

the mayors have created a subcommittee and have made 11 recommendations, such as zoning to reduce driving, building materials, and car registration fees (less of older more pollution causing cars and more for newer cleaner running vehicles). Sally Kaiser asked what all the 11 recommendations were and he asked that Bev get those to us. He also stated that the government would soon be changing the PM2.5 and Ozone regulations which may put us out of compliance meaning less governmental transportation fundings. (author note: we are trying to get a representative from the Department of Air Quality to out meeting in October to discuss this further with us).

Bev Uipi brought up the Township Luau on September 15th 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Big Cottonwood Park. There will a fire dance and entertainment. Sally Kaiser made a motion to give \$1000 to the Luau. Judd Jones opposed all others were yes and motion passed.

Mark Crockett spoke after Peter Corroon had left. He said that he would be going before the county council on Tuesday and will introduce spending an additional \$3 million for the East Millcreek Community Center. He also spoke about the Granite School District and smaller school district issue he explained why he chose to take a no vote rather than to have a vote of no. He suggests that we either go to the Granite School District and question if they would like to go to the legislature with us or give us local autonomy, or broader question of drawing boundaries if we go to a city because then we would have options, or sharing across the district, food, transportation, and maintenance. Then he brought up the idea of incorporating. Rita Lund and Mark Crockett do a great service for us but it is still limited and Mark is only 1 of 9 on the county council. If we were a city the issues of small school districts and unified fire authority would have been different. He suggests that we create a community across the community councils and get advice from other incorporateds. He suggests getting a spokesperson and funding for this.

Next was Corbin Olsen of Tuscan Estates. It was obvious to the council that he had made the changes we had requested and the new design looked fabulous. Leslie Riddle made a motion to approve as planned. All in favor and motion passed.

Greg Offerman managed to get the budget request/proposal to Bev on time – Thank You Greg. Leslie Riddle requested more outreach from our community council to the community. Anna Claire Shepherd makes motion to ratify budget. All in favor and motion passed.

EMCC logo bids. All three bidders were great and professional. The bids ranged from \$500 to \$2000. By far, Jay Griffith's bid was the cheapest. Sally Kaiser makes a motion to hire Jay Griffith because we all feel as if he knows our community the best and would best be able to represent us in something as minute as a logo. All in favor and motion passed.

Next ACCT, September 13: Nate Laver and Ken Ritter

Kurt Zimmerman makes motion to adjourn at 08:55PM.