

**EAST MILLCREEK COMMUNIT COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held Thursday, April 7, 2007
Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm**

Present: Nate Laver, Rob Dunfield, Stewart Woodruff, Kathy Swift, Greg Offerman, Aaron Whitehead, Leslie Riddle, and Kurt Zimmerman

Meeting was called to order by Nate Laver.
Pledge of Allegiance was given by Nate Laver.

Deputy Lutz North of the Sheriff's Dept. presented crime statistics for March. There was only one car theft within our community. There was also an incident of an aggravated assault against police officers, in the vicinity of Highland Drive and 3700 South. He brought to our attention the importance of not leaving keys, or other personal information in our vehicles. There was a car theft on the border of Holladay and Cottonwood Heights, where a brand new vehicle had been stolen. Keys and other personal information were left in the vehicle. Within five minutes, the perpetrators had run up over \$2500 on the credit cards stolen from the car. Deputy North also stressed the importance of not having insurance cards with social security numbers on them. He suggested that a photo copy, with that number blacked out, would be sufficient. Regarding graffiti in our community, Deputy North said that it is not getting better, nor is it getting worse. Further, it is not gang activity, but rather juveniles. He also mentioned that they are in the process of proposing that crews of inmates come to clean up the graffiti.

Leslie Riddle gave a report on Planning and Commission Application #23338. Tuscan Estates, a PUD, is planning on developing three properties on 2300 East (3756, 3766, and 3772) into ten units. The properties are large enough to legally fit eleven units. Kurt Zimmerman described that a PUD is legitimate, falling under the ordinances, and that they are not required to come meet with us. They may as a courtesy, but they are not required to. Nate Laver suggested requesting a deferral. Leslie mentioned that it appeared that we are past that. It seemed we had received the application from the county after the deadline for response. She requested from the council feedback and recommendation, in case we are allowed feedback. The main concern, brought up by Leslie, and addressed by Nate, is the elevation of the units and the close proximity to the backdoor neighbors. According to the plans, which were presented by Leslie, we cannot determine the elevations of the units. Stewart Woodruff made a motion to recommend that this issue receive further review, depending on if there is a second story. Motion was seconded, and approved.

Bev Uipi, our liaison with the County Mayor's Office, discussed several issues on the county level. Bev mentioned that Rita Lund, from the Canyon Rim Citizens Association, is our contact with the dog

master plan. Bev mentioned that she has no update on the HB 40 process. She left a roll of community councils with us. All recycle containers will be delivered by July 31st. Mayor Caroon and Bev are going to do a field visit in our community, per request by Jay Griffith. They will examine the following: proposed sidewalks along 3300 South and shaving down the speed bumps along Evergreen Avenue (in time for the July 4th parade. Kurt Zimmerman presented pictures of Honeycut road to Bev, showing the current state of culverts that are falling apart (concern for flooding) as well as the need of effective sidewalks. Regarding the field visit, Klaus Rathke and Tom Hennesy, both of Mount Olympus, expressed a desire for the field visit to include the possibility of taking down sound barriers along I-215. Hennesy discussed a study that was done that showed that sound barriers are very ineffective in mountainous areas. He described the traffic noise as a "jet engine." Nate Laver mentioned that historically, the zoning people have been open to our suggestions. Bev also mentioned that the compatibility of homes issue will be discussed. Bev brought up graffiti; Officer North gave her a recap on what was discussed earlier. Bev brought up monies. Venture Outdoor Festival inquired about hiring an event coordinator with funds given to a community group. Bev's "legal advice" was "don't do it." She mentioned that county money given to a community group, used to hire an outside person is not permissible, according to the district attorney. She brought up that another council wanted to hire a filer, and they were told no, as well. Regarding flood control in Neff's Canyon, Bev said that its still in the draft phase. In the last general plan, December 2005, the Mill Creek Planning Commission wanted to add six new chapters to the township. Bev also mentioned that any complaints should be put in writing and sent to her attention. Leslie Riddle requested that the planning staff notify us in a timely manner, and that it would be good if they received a reminder from the mayor's office. Bev discussed the new Mill Creek Community Center, which will include a library, aging services, and a recreation center. The advisory committee for this met last Friday, with four members (usually two). The members of the committee are: Dan Lofgren (chair), Rita Lund, Jeff Silvestrini, and Tony Godfrey. Nate Laver mentioned that Dan Lofgren was our choice to be on the committee. Nate also mentioned that a concern with this center is to keep the green space. Bev mentioned that this center is the first of its kind, incorporating the three areas. Bev also mentioned that Mayor Caroon is open to all invitations to attend parades in the city and county. Bob Gallacher of the Lions Club, said that they will have a gazebo for the EMC CC to hold a booth, at the July 4th parade. Gail Miller said that she would like to have a dedicatory service for the historic district, the same day. Fred Thaller, the new Mill Creek Journal reporter, was introduced. He grew up in our community, and has moved back from Oregon.

Nate Laver gave the account of the ACCT meeting attended by Nate Laver, Leslie Riddle, and Jay Griffith. They met prior to discuss HB40. This was originally going to sunset in 2006, but the legislature extended it. It gives citizens a say on what they want to become. A survey will be sent out. There are five representatives from the city and five from the county. The representatives from the county are: Northeast Quadrant – Susan Lawrance (she drafted HB40); Southeast Quadrant – no representation was at the ACCT meeting, therefore there has been no one selected; Northwest Quadrant (Kearns, Magna) Mel Palfreyman; and the Southwest Quadrant will be represented by Kevin Lundy. The at large representative will be Jeff Silvestrini. The role of the committee will be to draft the survey questions. Leslie Riddle pointed out that the role of the community councils was also discussed. Nate spoke on the role of the community councils. They are:

1. provide regular HB40 updates
2. talk to neighbors, friends, and family about the process
3. adhere to the following mutually agreed upon statement: “the Parties further acknowledge and agree that they will not provide any information or input in any manner to any person or entity that may bias or in any way prejudice the assessments, evaluations, or surveys to be performed by the consultants.”

Nate gave the web site www.hb40.slco.org as a source for updates on HB40. He indicated that it is still in the feasibility stage. Fred Thaller mentioned that the Mill Creek Journal will have a great story on it next week.

Next week’s ACCT meeting, Sheriff Winder will be there making a presentation. Jay Griffith will attend, along with Kathy Swift.

Nate Laver brought up bylaws. Leslie Riddle requested discussion, requesting that it be read as a quorum, rather than a majority. Leslie mentioned that we may use an electronic meeting. Nate indicated that it is difficult to define a quorum. He suggested that we have a minimal number. Leslie said that would be alright, but her concern was getting an electronic response back. Nate said that response time is dependent upon the issue. Stewart Woodruff said that he would prefer the higher bar of the majority of the numbers that we should keep it the way it is written. Leslie motioned that accept the amended bylaws as proposed. Seconded. Motion carried.

Amy McConkie came to discuss the Venture Outdoors Festival, to be held June 16th at Canyon Rim Park (a half day festival). They are still in the process of raising money. They have sold several large sponsorships and have requested that we contribute. Nate mentioned that we will most likely contribute, but we will defer to when Jay Griffith is here to make a decision. Last year, we contributed \$2000. Bev

mentioned that there are two categories of finance, administrative and special projects. Amy said that the Canyon Rim budget committee met and made a master plan for the year as to what to budget. Kurt Zimmerman suggested that it be an agenda item for next meeting. Amy also said that they need to get flyers to the groups, such as Boy Scouts and churches, to advertise for the event.

Aaron Whitehead gave an update on the feasibility study for smaller school districts. The County Council will accept the feasibility findings in a meeting on April 17th. The public is welcome.

Kathy Swift and Bev Uipi discussed the “monster homes.” Kathy said that a couple of months ago, the township asked to have a citizens committee come forth. There has been a lot of participation. Around 30 – 50 people attended the Millcreek meeting. Bev said that the main issues are property rights, welfare, and the health of the neighborhood. Because of sensitivity, the term “monster homes” will no longer be used, rather, the issue will be referred as “compatible housing.” Nate Laver said that the purpose was never to deprive people of their property rights. He recommended to John Smart to include some of the large homes that were done tastefully, along with the not so tasteful. Nate further mentioned that current zoning allows for abuse, and that we are trying to get that changed. Bob Gallacher of the Lions Club, want to know what the mayor is proposing. Bev said that they are keeping it simple because there are two parties, split 50/50, those for and those against. All incoming and outgoing communication will be funneled through Bev. Last week, she met with a citizens group. Those who attended were: Kathy Swift, John Schaffer, and Pat English. She said that the County Council has to have buy in, and that they will still have an ordinance amendment or ordinance draft by the end of April. We will move forward once we get the directive. Leslie Riddle expressed an appreciation to those who have beautified their property and the value in that. Bob Gallacher expressed concern for his ninety year old neighbors who have to hear the sound of construction that may lead to their death. Robin Bennion asked about our status of a historical district, if it would help impede the building. Nate Laver said that there was nothing legally binding. Bev said that there is a timeframe of six to twelve months to amend the ordinance. Bev also showed a flow chart on how complaints were taken.

Meeting adjourned.