



FEBRUARY BCCA MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 15, 2021

TIME: 7 pm

PLACE: ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85638353775>

Meeting ID: 856 3835 3775

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BRIC Grant was submitted by UFA! (see below)
- Take a look at the new 211 website on our website: www.bigcottonwood.org
- Engelmann Mountain School Fundraiser – February 19, 2021 – See Zoom link below
- Dangerous avalanche conditions. Check link: <https://utahavalanchecenter.org/avalanche/57388>

MINUTES

January 18, 2020

FINANCIALS

Checking \$4,998.00 Savings \$39,355.51

REPORTS

- UPD Report Lee Arnold
Crime Report Maps https://updsl.org/page_resources_crimeReportMaps.php
- SLCounty Liaison Jocelyn Romero, Ina Oviatt

BUSINESS

- MPD Update (see below)
- Town of Brighton
Short-term Rental Subcommittee update
- Resort Updates

Canyon Service Numbers

Sheriff Dispatch	801-743-7000
SLCo 24-Hr Contact	385-468-6101
Sanitation/Trash	385-468-6325
Watershed	801-483-6884
Forest Service	801-236-3400
Sewer District	801-558-9891
Road Conditions	511
Report Power Outage	877-548-3768
CenturyLink Outage	385-414-2077
Trees on Power Lines	888-221-7070
Public Lands Information	801-466-6411
Utah Avalanche Center	801-524-5304
Avalanche Hotline	888-999-4019
Flood Control	385-468-6600
UPD Graffiti Hotline	385-468-9769
Zoning Enforcement	385-468-6700
Urban Wildlife Hotline	385-419-3405
Bear Sightings	801-491-5678
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Tow Truck Paul Nell	801-403-6186
Tow Truck Dan Knopp	801-244-0366



Big Cottonwood Community Council Meeting Minutes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Covid vaccines are now being scheduled for health personnel, emergency responders, school employees, and people 70+. Appointments are necessary. To schedule, go to <https://slco.org/health/COVID19/vaccine/> or call 385.468.7468 for an appointment. Vaccines for those 65+ will be rolled out in March-no appointments necessary. All Utahns will have access to the vaccination by summer 2021.
- UDOT Canyon Traffic Report for Saturday, January 9: 6,518 vehicles in BCC 5,586 vehicles in LCC
- The Canyon Center Garage is open (south of 7-11 at mouth of the canyon).
- Dangerous avalanche conditions. Check link: <https://utahavalanchecenter.org/avalanche/57388>

MINUTES The Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020 (a year ago) were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

UPD - Officer Lee Arnold reported a scam is moving through the Brighton community. Scammers are calling residents telling them they owe money for a ticket. If someone calls you, it is a scam. You will never be called by UPD for a ticket. The Canyon continues to be very populated and Big Cottonwood Canyon has been shut down because of snowstorms. UPD is doing their best to control traffic flow.

UDOT- Jake Brown recognized the problems with traffic flow in the canyon, especially during storms. Parking is a problem Jake and his team are studying throughout the canyon especially in places where skiers and hikers park. He reported that at busy times over 6,515 vehicles travel BCC in one day. The Hawk is working and UDOT has the system set to a 35 second crossing time for pedestrians. The Hawk is working to keep everyone safe and Jake recognizes it is slowing traffic.

BUSINESS

Short Term Rentals – Jenna Malone reported that the Brighton Town Council is working on the short term rental agreements. Details and information can be found at <https://www.brighton.utah.gov/>. Short Term Rentals must have a business license and are restricted to 120 nights/year. They have hired Granicus, a private agency to do a hotline for complaints.

Mountainous Planning District (MPD) – BCCA was asked by the County Mayor for a response to the possible sunset of the MPD in March 2021. Several council members expressed concern that the cost for emergency services would rise if the MPD were allowed to sunset. Carolyn Keigley noted that the Town Council has voted to withdraw from the MPD and create its own Brighton Planning District. She also noted that the UPD will be able to provide more accurate costs for UPD emergency service in the Town of Brighton by next month. Board members presented several possible responses:

- Let MPD Sunset and Go Away
- Stay in MPD, but request 4 appointees from Big Cottonwood Canyon
- Extend MPD the Sunset by 1 year
- Keep MPD, but carve out Brighton for its own Planning Commission

Since there was no consensus on one choice, the MPD item was tabled.

Brighton Institute Update – Members of the BI met with Joanne Wheelton, the new Director of the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. They hope to be able to work with CCF in the coming years. The BI committee will be focusing on Brighton Days and keeping fingers crossed that COVID will be at a place that permits summer activities.

Trails- John Knoblock reported trail projects received \$20,000 from BCCA for the reroute of the Willow Heights Trail. Future projects include two bridges on the Willow Creek Trail in the summer of 2021. Also in the pipeline is finishing the eastern end of Desolation Trail and finishing the bridge at Cardiff.

Board Appointments – The following were appointed to the BCCA by unanimous vote of the Council: Randy Doyle-Brighton Resort; Kim Mayhew-Solitude Mountain Resort; Cyle Buxton-At-Large Representative; Carolyn Keigley-At-Large Representative.

Resort Updates

Solitude – Kim Mayhew reported all is well and the crew is working hard to keep everyone safe.

Brighton – Randy reported Brighton is busy and also working hard to keep everyone safe. We are all hoping for more snow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



ZOOM FUND-RAISER SET FOR FEBRUARY 19

The Engelmann Mountain School is hosting a Fund-Raising Zoom Meeting on February 19, 2021. Board Members of the Engelmann Mountain School will talk about the new school, the Wasatch Mountain Lodge grounds, and the philosophy of having a school in the canyon. The session is open to all who are interesting in learning, living, and teaching. Prospective students are welcome too!

Zoom Meeting Launch: Feb 19th at 6pm Meeting ID: 815 0933 6156; Passcode: 825905

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81509336156?pwd=dWtUNXY1ZIRjUldvQ1ZEcWNFWk9OZz09>

Access the meeting by either clicking on the link, or open Zoom and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

There is a T-shirt fundraiser going on our Facebook Page: Engelmann Mountain School

If you are interested in making a tax-free monetary donation, please go to the Go Fund Me page, which is linked to through the website (EngelmannMountainSchool.org). Or say “Hello” in the neighborhood and we can talk more about your individual ideas.

website;www.engelmannmountainschool.org

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facebook: engelmann mountain school



MPD UPDATE

On February 9, the County Council passed a Resolution to carve Brighton out of the MPD (Mountainous Planning District), and allow the MPD to continue to serve unincorporated mountainous areas. They specified that the composition of the MPD Commission shall be one representative from Sandy, Millcreek, Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake City, Alta, Brighton, plus one representative from West of I-15, and 2 others from anywhere in Salt Lake County. The alternates may be from anywhere in Salt Lake County.

Senator Bramble will soon introduce a Bill to allow the MPD to continue and provide emergency services funding to recreational areas. The Legislature ends on March 5, so time is short and anything can happen (as usual in the Legislature’s 45 days)!

If the Bill passes, the Town of Brighton would form a five-member Brighton Planning Commission and contract with the MSD Planning division as professional staff. Some BCCA members were concerned about emergency service funding if Brighton left the MPD. Carolyn Keigley introduced UPD attorney, Frank Nakamura at the recent Town Council Meeting. He noted that recent calculations show the Town of Brighton gave \$998,971 to Canyon Patrol from Brighton property taxes in 2020. However, Canyon Patrol only spent \$981,376 in Brighton. He said usually Brighton accounts for 32% of the total Canyon Patrol budget. That means there is no subsidy needed from Salt Lake County for our Canyon Patrol.

Each canyon’s expenditures can vary yearly, based on the number of major incidents. The Canyon Patrol also has access to a depth of services from UPD such as canine teams, swat teams, investigation, etc.



VACCINE UPDATE

Updates from Jill Miller, Deputy Mayor, reporting at the SLCo Council Meeting on February 9.

- 70+ Seniors should get on the wait list. They will call you to schedule! To schedule, go to <https://slco.org/health/COVID19/vaccine/> or call 385.468.7468 for an appointment.
- Vaccines for those 65+ will be rolled out in March-no date set yet.
- Maverick Center expanded from 6 to 24 lanes (all car-based lines).
- Salt Palace is now scheduling vaccinations.
- Expo Center is increasing vaccination capacity.
- Some schools, senior centers still have vaccines through Walgreens
- SLCo is hiring people for logistics, registration, administrative positions. Volunteers needed too.
- Covid vaccination is effective 2 weeks AFTER the second shot
- No mammograms until 1 month after second shot because of swollen lymph nodes.
- Herd Immunity is reached when 80% of population is vaccinated.
- There may be another booster in summer if variant strains don't fully respond to this vaccine.
- Here's a great ad for masks: [Mask Up America – Favorite Things | Coronavirus Response | Ad Council - YouTube](#)

THANKS TO SALT LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS!



FEMA's BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities) Grant Application was a whole lot more work than we originally thought it would be. We're very grateful for Brad Barthalomew's persistent, collaborative, and diligent work to get it submitted.

Also, thanks to Salt Lake County Public Works Department for their support of this project. Collaborating agencies, including US Forest Service, Utah Forests Fire and State Lands, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, and the Town of Brighton will all benefit by this outreach.

The BRIC application is requesting funding to conduct a vegetation management project adjacent to Fire Station #108. It would allow forestry crews to take out dead and dying trees in the area.



SIGN UP FOR REVERSE 911

Take a minute to sign up for the **free** Reverse 911 notifications so you can be notified in the event of an emergency or disaster. The Caller ID from a Reverse 911 Call will be 0000000. Households with landlines are automatically registered in Reverse 911. Cell phones are not automatically registered, so each cell phone must be registered separately.

Go to: www.vecc9-1-1.com

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

By Julie Harvey, MSD Emergency Management Planner



How did you react on March 18, 2020 when just after 7 o'clock in the morning you were shaking from an earthquake of 5.7 magnitude? Did you run outside? Did you start filming for social media? There are hundreds of stories to be told about that 10 to 20 seconds of shaking, but knowing what to do for future seismic events is more important. The following is taken from the Ready.gov Earthquake page.

- Stay safe during an earthquake. If an earthquake happens, protect yourself right away:

- If you are in a car, pull over and stop. Set your parking brake.
- If you are in bed, turn face down and cover your head and neck with a pillow.
- If you are outdoors, stay outdoors away from buildings.
- If you are inside, stay and do not run outside and avoid doorways.

The following websites have a lot of good information. Even if you are prepared and believe you and your family and work place could resiliently survive, take the time to visit the websites and review your plans with family and work colleagues.

Ready.gov Earthquake <https://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>

State of Utah Earthquake Preparedness <https://www.utah.gov/beready/earthquakePreparedness.html>

American Red Cross Earthquake Safety <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/earthquake.html>



VALENTINE MASKS NOW AVAILABLE

Valentine celebration masks are available at the Silver Fork Mailboxes. They come from the sewing workshop of Carolyn Fushimi, foremost mask maven of Big Cottonwood. She has been a true valentine in our year-long defense against the corona virus.

HONORING STEVE & CATHY JORGENSEN

In appreciation for lives and careers well lived in service to Brighton for over 50 years, BCCA sends gratitude and best wishes to this Big Cottonwood Canyon family and to their children who grew up here. We are not letting them retire entirely, however. They have promised to continue with their good work on the Historical Society and the Brighton Institute.



We also send best wishes to Sgt. James Blanton, our long-time Canyon Patrol officer, who has taken on an assignment with the Motorcycle Squad. We are hoping to see him at our next parade!

FEBRUARY PROCLAIMED MOOSE MONTH IN BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON

The Brighton Town Council passed a Resolution declaring February as Moose Month. It's a difficult time of year for our canyon moose because the roadside snow bumpers prevent them from getting back into the forest after a foolish foray onto the highway for lick of road salt. Laura Bossard and Doug Fry have asked Regan Signs to post a "Give Moose A Brake" sign to remind motorists to be aware of moose in the road. Mayor Knopp is urging everyone to learn more about moose. Here's the Proclamation and info:



The King of the Forest

Remarkable antlers crown the moose as the largest member of the deer family and also as the largest mammal in North America. A bull weighs in at over 1200 lbs. and a cow at over 800 lbs.

Its thick brown fur is hollow, which helps keep the moose warm. Temperatures over 80 degrees are uncomfortable, so they stick to the lakes and bogs of higher elevations. Moose are active in the day, especially at dawn and dusk, browsing for leaves, twigs and buds. "Moose" is the Algonquin name for "twig eater." They are also great swimmers and even dive for plants at the bottom of lakes.

Calves are born in May and June, often as twins. They're weaned at about 6 months, but stay with their mother until she chases them off when new calves are born next spring. Life span is 15-25 years.

The bull moose drops its antlers in fall to conserve energy for winter. It only takes 3 to 5 months to replace them in the spring, making antlers one of the fastest growing organs in the world. At first they are covered with a soft fuzzy skin called *velvet*, which is scraped off in summer. Cows don't grow antlers at all.

People love moose because they are usually gentle peaceful creatures. However, they can be aggressive during mating season (September-November), or if threatened. Watch out for a moose if its ears are laid back. He often attacks by kicking forward with the front hooves. They can run as fast as 35 mph, so it's a good idea to stay out of their way.



MOOSE MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Moose are an integral part of our community and our happiness, and

WHEREAS, the strength of our moose numbers is dependent upon the protection we provide for them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton is a partner with both the human and animal communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton passionately supports the incredible natural resources that exist in this area, including our majestic moose;

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton and The Brighton Institute desire, as a community, to be leaders in public education and preservation of these magnificent animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Dan Knopp, do hereby proclaim each and every month of February to be “Moose Month” throughout the Town of Brighton.

I encourage all residents of our town to protect these amazing creatures and to educate themselves and others about moose so we may enjoy the presence of these animals for years and years to come.

Dated this 8th day of February 2021.

By _____
Dan Knopp, Mayor

Attest _____
Kara John, Town Clerk