

## **Minutes:**

### **Public Input for Hazard Mitigation Planning followed by**

### **Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting.**

**December 11, 2013 Castle Valley Town Hall 6:00 pm.**

#### **1. Public Input on topics related to disaster mitigation planning.**

Ron Drake stated that it seemed like the county could do a better job of plowing the road out in Castle Valley specifically Pace Hill.

There was discussion around how and when to get a plow out to clear Pace Hill.

Jazmine questioned who the community would contact to remedy the problem.

There was discussion around the town plowing and sanding Pace Hill and what would be needed to do so.

Tom Noce on Pace Lane stated that he had experienced flooding on his property and questioned what would happen if the valley received it's annual rainfall in one day, which would be 9 inches and that it is a possibility. He suggested slowing water down and creating more ponds and berms to slow and spread the water and return it back to the ground. For major floods he wasn't sure what the solution would be, he stated that the upper 80 could use a lot of work and mostly bridges to mitigate the massive flooding that is capable in that area.

MaryBeth mentioned Brad Lancaster who works with the same principals of slowing, spreading, and sinking the water as it comes down. She also stated that there are new building codes that base new developments on keeping all of the water on that lot.

Greg Halliday stated that those principals all work however often they lack the knowledge needed to handle the amount of sediment that comes down in flooding.

There was discussion around how dirt work done by property owners on their own lot would create a larger system throughout the valley

Dave Erley stated that Placer Creek is the biggest concern since the flooding damage is so severe. He stated that keeping the water in the drainage seems like the best idea.

There was discussion around how to ensure property owners are aware of the natural hazards that their lot is vulnerable to and how to mitigate those issues.

Erley stated that he had been in contact with Verizon and it was recommended to him to have as many people call Verizon and complain about their service then Verizon would raise a red flag after so many calls and their attention will be drawn to our valley and it could pave the way for better communication in the future.

David Smith stated that in order for Frontier to give better service when the internet was out the best way to have it repaired was to have as many people call in as possible.

Jazmine read comments left by Cris Coffee who stated her concern for vehicles that are not able to get around in deep snow and icy conditions. She was concerned about frozen pipes, septics backing up, and people without water or phone.

There was discussion around the older community in the valley and their ability to dig their vehicles out in the snow and the decreasing abilities of the elderly.

There was discussion around fire proofing properties both of residents that reside here as well as those that don't.

Greg Halliday stated that the tumble weeds in the spring create another big fire danger when they pile up along fence lines.

#### **2. Regular scheduled meeting updates.**

Bill Rau stated that his group had met with the sheriff regarding communications and he was not aware of the phone lines and 911 being down a week or so ago. The sheriff recommended calling Frontier regarding the phone issues. Sheriff White stated that he would be willing to have a conversation with commercial

companies about getting some communication infrastructure on their Willow Basin emergency communication station. He stated that we all pay for 911 to work and that that service should *always* be available.

There was discussion around testing the Town's siren and how to let residents know that the Town would be performing a test run as well as how to know if all residents could hear the siren.

Jazmine stated that the next step would be risk assessment and reviewing how many times the power had gone out and how many times the mobile unit had come out to the valley.

Erley stated that when the Forest Service comes to an emergency they bring their own cell towers and that could be a way to find the best location for a cell site.

David Smith and Leta worked on Public Outreach and he stated that it would be nice to come up with a list of people with resources like heavy equipment.

The group agreed to think of people to call that might be willing to help out with their resources in the case of an emergency.

Jazmine stated that based off the work the groups have done in each of their areas it is now time to identify and profile hazards, inventory assets, and estimate losses.

Noce stated that if the Wasatch Fault ever went it would be likely that Castle Valley would be cut off from each direction on the River Road, State Hwy 128.

Jazmine stated that for each hazard there will be risk assessment done.

There was discussion around how to assess the value of properties that would be in harms way. The group decided to get info from the county to get tax values on properties to help assess the value of what could be lost.

There was discussion around who would work on each hazard assessment.

Erley stated that it would be nice to get all the data in Excel in order to make it easy to update and revise it in the future. He stated that mitigating some hazards may make others more likely and that everything needs to be looked at as a whole. He stated that after going through this process it will make it a lot clearer where the strong and weak points lie.

Jazmine stated that having this plan completed will make CV a lot more eligible for grants & FEMA's support but the Town needs to look into National Flood Insurance in order to be eligible for support from FEMA in the case of a flood. She stated that Moab is participating in the insurance program but Grand County is not.

There was discussion around the meeting schedule, the next meeting will be held at Fire Station 1 due to the PLUC meeting being held that same night