

# Millcreek Community Council Agenda

March 2, 2021

Tue, March 2, 2021 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (MST)

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**Introductions:** (10 min.)

- a. Mayor: In another meeting this evening
- b. City Council members: Sylvia Catten
- c. Community Council members:
  - i. Members Present: Allen Sowards, Amber Measom, Chip Spencer, Daniel Blaser, Diane Angus, Jamie Walker, Lynda Bagley, Quentin Wells, Robert Brough, Sahara Hayes, Wayne Johnson
  - ii. Members Excused: Fran Holfeltz
- d. Residents: Any residents are welcome to address the council to bring up a concern

## 2. Mayor or City Council Updates: (10 min.)

Sylvia Catten and Dwight Marchant, City Council items

- a. Sylvia reminded everyone that we are encouraged to participate in the legislative session, and that we can engage with City Council members to move legislative ideas forward as well.
- b. If anyone has a recommendation for District 1 or 3 for Planning Commission, let Sylvia know, let them know applications are open on the city website

## 3. Police Report Detective Christian Thompson (10 min.)

- a. Review crime report: 2,813 calls in the last month, 970 reports (average 1100), 367 citations (avg. 300); arrests 44 (avg 55)
- b. Council District cases for January: 19 assaults, 15 burglaries, only 2 residential; 18 drug offenses; 66 family (18 criminal); 89 larceny, 27 were vehicle burglaries; 1 robbery; 5 sex offenses→ we'd like to know trends rather than raw numbers in isolation
- c. Temporary homeless shelter impact: 1 call to facility for a transient issue; ¼ mile radius calls were not increased from 2020 to 2021
- d. Winter parking reminder: no street parking if it is snowing Nov.-April. Citations can be issued.
- e. UPD Millcreek is starting a program called SafeCam Program: sign up with [updsl.org](http://updsl.org); if a crime occurs in your area you may be asked to review footage to assist officers.
- f. [UPD Crime Map](#)

## 4. Review and approve minutes (5 min.) \_\_\_\_\_ Motioned to approve, \_\_\_\_\_seconded. All in favor, with one abstention (Lynda). Hilary re-sent the minutes, sorry for the omission in the packet for this evening.

## 5. Applications (40 min.)

- a. David George/Vivia Wilson - seeking Council feedback on potential rezone at 4599 S. 700 E.: They are not ready, we will hear from them at a later date.

b. **Property Maintenance Code Discussion**

- i. Allen asked about Code Enforcement: They issue a letter for a first violation, if repairs are not made a citation can be written. It would be nice to know what the citation penalty is.
- ii. Some concerns were raised about potential subjectively to harass a neighbor; Blaine spoke of the professionalism and compassion demonstrated by our code enforcement officers in Millcreek, and said they focus on issues that are safety, nuisance, or property de-valuing in nature.
- iii. Amber spoke about the fine line between harassment and good neighborly watching
- iv. Chip asked to clarify how big of an issue this is in Millcreek; Rita said 8-15 complaints come in through the city website per day, many of which are valid concerns for things like dead trees that impact fences; code enforcement are good at establishing if a complaint is from a “noisy neighbor” or if a resident truly needs help because a neighbor is doing something that is adversely impacting their property
- v. Jamie spoke in favor of a 3-tier warning system and consequences spelled out in the code; Rita reiterated that there are multiple steps before anything punitive
- vi. Safety v. visual and aesthetic issues were discussed at length, with the majority of the council concerned with the overreach potential of the ordinance, lack of language about education
- vii. Motion to recommend ordinance language be incorporated into enforcement code, and that it be enforced using current procedures with a focus on safety rather than aesthetics. Robert seconded. The motion did not carry.
- viii. Chip made a motion to not approve because of the emphasis on aesthetics; we support health and safety violations be enforced, but we don’t think the current emphasis on aesthetics is appropriate. Seconded by Lynda. The motion carried 8 in favor 4 opposed. Blaine asked Hilary to send him an email with the motion and input to send to City Council.

**6. Other items: (20 min.)**

a. Events Subcommittee report

- i. Sahara reported that we are moving forward on plans for the venture out nights in our district (at least 3 members for event, one event committee member and 2+ council members)
- ii. The subcommittee has a few budget questions and would like to invite Allen and Wayne to the next meeting, which is Monday March 29 at 7pm.
- iii. The plan for the event table is to encourage people to sign up to be on the council email list and when they do they are entered into a drawing for 72-hour backpacks and local business gift cards. We will have a cornhole game, and if people play they get free seed packets.
- iv. Draft dates are June 25 Millcreek Elementary, July 9 Scott Park, 16 Sunnyvale Park, August 3 Big Cottonwood park (Night out against crime. Rolling car show.)

b. Training from 2/23 is linked here and also in the Google drive.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AsBeKEZv3cSZRctBk5JHQkMU2HnW6bxX/view?usp=drivesdk>

c. Vice-Chairs will now monitor the chat box during meetings- great idea, Chip!

d. Rita made us aware that Google Fiber has been authorized to install in the city. They have permits to put their infrastructure in. Each house along the permitted roads will have a connection point where a section of lawn is dug out and then replaced; they can’t share the overview map of the project because it is proprietary. Blue Stakes has to mark laws before SCI can come install. They mark lines, not where SCI digs. SCI will work in the right of way (10’ back from curb edge is city right of way, not part of your property, technically) If residents have concerns, send them to Rita. When they are coming to your neighborhood you’ll get a door hanger.

e. Fran still has a seat on the council, but has not attended in 2021. It turns out we have the incorrect email for her (.net!), so that will be corrected, and hopefully we can reconnect with her virtually.

f. Jamie proposes that leadership team and emergency response subcommittee meet once a month like the events subcommittee does, and will coordinate those meetings.