

Upper Weber Canyon Property Owners Association  
Membership Meeting Agenda  
July 5, 2023  
South Summit Fire Station and  
Google Meet - <https://meet.google.com/opq-quev-kwy>

Welcome and Introductions

Stephanie Weems, UWCPOA President, starts meeting with introductions of the board and welcomes all attendees.

Board Members:

Angela Dohanos - Treasurer, Secretary

Alicia O'Meara - Vice President

Katie Bates

Bob Hart

Stephanie Weems - President

Summary of Association Mission

UPWCOA is a body to protect and help the canyon property owners. Previous boards have had success in completing major projects that have helped Weber Canyon and its property owners. The board is here for everyone and would like community input and support.

Board and Treasurer Open Positions

Normally there are seven people on the board, there are currently a few positions open. The annual commitment includes: two board meetings, one membership meeting, and email communication. Please reach out to Stephanie Weems ([sweems3319@gmail.com](mailto:sweems3319@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining.

Guest Speakers:

Bryce Boyer - Summit County Fire Warden

Eastern Great Basin Fire – outlooks and information video – can be found online.

<https://youtu.be/2Y7WCoX-H7E>

All HOA's/communities are expected to have fire evacuation plans. Summit County has an updated evacuation plan template. The plan is to give everyone an idea of a safe place to go in the event of an evacuation. However, in the event of an emergency the first responders will ultimately make the decisions and give instructions to residents. Do not evacuate to a water source, aircrafts can't be used to gather water if civilians are in the area – so they will be called off and more people or properties will be put in jeopardy. DO NOT stay and try to protect your property, evacuate when told or you will not be helped after the fact. If they are kept in a home that has been directed to evacuate, children will be evacuated without parental permission. Do not try to find alternate routes out of the canyon – the Fire Warden and emergency responders will provide direction and means of evacuating the canyon.

Sign up for Summit County alerts for more safety and emergency information. Residents can choose different options based on emergency events. There was general discussion about the issue of electricity going out in Weber Canyon and how it affects cell service or internet access. There are other communities with the same issue. We need to keep requesting for the infrastructure to improve.

Residents can request permits for burning. Also, can request the Warden and team to come up during the winter to burn piles. No chipping for the season (because they haven't found staff), but the department has a new chipper. Email the County Council ([countycouncil@summitcounty.org](mailto:countycouncil@summitcounty.org)) to let them know we want wood chipping back under the Fire Warden!

Unfortunately, it is voluntary for residents to have defensible space around cabins – Fire Warden and team can be asked to come out to give advice and help. Home insurance renewals will help make residents more fire wise.

All communities need to update lock boxes with extra keys for first responders. Ultimately, it is best to have automated gates, and have the special FOB access frequency for fire trucks. Communities should talk with their gate vendors and South Summit Fire Dept, Kent Leavitt. Codes can also be given to Dispatch, but it is difficult to use metal, keys or FOBs that require the first responders to slow down and get out of their vehicles.

Evacuation templates, signing up for alerts, and more fire safety information can be found here: <https://www.summitcounty.org/561/Fire-Warden>  
<https://www.summitcounty.org/1080/Emergency-Alerts>  
<https://www.summitcountysheriff.org/code-red/>

Deputy Hart – Summit County Sheriff (office 435-615-3601)

Deputy Hart's credentials: investigations, community-oriented policing, SWAT, etc.

Not a lot of criminal activity in Weber Canyon, but a lot of accidents, deer hit, DUIs, EMS calls.

Officers also often lose service in canyons – so detailed information is needed when Dispatch is called.

HOA's/communities should give Dispatch GPS information on the community gate, and the primary contact of the HOA. There should be a canyon-wide day to meet first responders and check on gate access – keys, codes, or FOBs. Siren activation of gates is not preferred because it draws attention to the first responders. Detective Hart has committed to creating a map with neighborhoods to keep in squad cars. He will also get the speed trailer moved to Weber Canyon, ASAP.

All residents should use signs to mark their properties with their actual address and lot number. Summit County is providing addresses to those who need them. Address markers should be 6-8ft off ground, metal and reflective – visible from both directions. Call non-emergency dispatch to let them check your address to see if comes up on the GPS.

Lisa Bahash – Save Wasatch Back Dark Skies  
Cancelled

Tim Loveday – Summit County Public Works, Solid Waste Superintendent  
425 tons of trash in 2022

Garbage is increasing: a lot of remodeling, construction debris, lot of messes. Construction debris is illegal – only household trash should be dumped at the Transfer Station.

Over the last holiday, Thursday-Wednesday, 26 tons of trash was dumped. This station is not capable of handling that much trash.

The annual fee determines how many dumpsters can be afforded. That means campers and visitors are not supposed to use them, because they are not counted in the annual fee.

Cameras can't read the license plates. Tim plans to add license plate readers next year. If you see illegal dumping, do not confront the person. Simply take a picture of the license plate with illegal action. These pictures can be sent to Tim ([435-336-3983 Tloveday@summitcounty.org](mailto:435-336-3983_Tloveday@summitcounty.org)) or Deputy Hart (office 435-615-3601).

Call or email County Council ([countycouncil@summitcounty.org](mailto:countycouncil@summitcounty.org)) to request more help and budget for the Weber Canyon Transfer Station. The County Council listens – and we have a lot of voices.

Some reminders for residents:

No glass or plastic bags in recycling

If there are bags in the recycling, the entire load will be thrown away

Recycle Utah will be getting a new facility in the next couple of years.

3 Mile Land Fill can be used for furniture and construction debris.

Public works – chip sealing from Rt 32 to South Fork 7/31-2

Open discussion:

Residents of Weber Canyon – Oakley Facebook page is available for all owners in the Canyon. Please join if you would like to see posts about Canyon News or communicate with fellow owners.

Public hearing to fight a commercial wedding venue business at Diamond Ranch – more information to come from Hidden Lake. This will increase traffic and trash issues. Not to mention dark-sky initiative issues and possibly setting the precedent for bringing more business ventures into the canyon.

Trevor Milton/Riverbend Ranch issue – Stephanie Weems has reached out to the County and Army Corp of Engineers and has received little information and communication regarding the necessary permitting for the activities and development. Riverbend Ranch (Northside) is now back in the hands of the original owner. However, it is believed that Milton still owns the Southside. The river area has been damaged and redirected and appears to have been done without proper permitting.

Bridge past Beaver Springs has a sign stating that it will be reconstructed Summer 2024.

Thanks to all who came or listened in.