

**Bonanza Flat Planning-
Technical Advisory Committee Input Session
Council Chambers
445 Marsac Ave.
March 23, 2018**



- Roll Call
 - City Staff/Council
 - Heinrich Deters
 - Logan Jones
 - Cara Goodman - COSAC
 - Wendy Fisher - Utah Open Lands
 - Brooke Hontz - COSAC
 - Charlie Sturgis - Mountain Trails Foundation
 - Chris - Backcountry alliance.
 - Kate - Summit Land Conservancy
- Public
 - Bruce Joel
 - Sarah Joe Dickinson
 - Ray Bloxam

• **Meeting Commenced 1:41PM**

Background: The committee was provided with information from the completed resource inventory by Utah Open Lands and Park City staff. This provided a 30,000 foot view of the property and the basis behind the recommendations for the conservation easement permitted and restricted uses. The timeline and process to date was reviewed and the committee was provided with the next steps and deadlines. The committee was asked to set goals and help plan the area to positively influence the rest of the Wasatch as regional influences on Bonanza Flat both provide challenges and opportunities.

It was emphasized that the committee was being asked to view the proposed uses and restrictions from a high level to provide input to the council. An important component was for the committee to evaluate if the permitted and restricted uses needed to be changed. It was also emphasized that the goal was to not have a net increase in use on the property, but rather to effectively deal with the health, welfare and safety issues that are occurring based on current use and to create a sustainable and therefore better recreational experience on the land.

Summary

The Committee continues to support the idea of conservation zones as a way of defining management and segregating uses. Dogs are a concern for all committee members and they were in agreement on no recreational motorized use. Guardsman Pass remains a safety concern and the committee was

supportive of moving parking, with enforcement and timing remaining concerns. Watershed remains a primary consideration for conservation and the committee felt uses should reflect the protection of watershed and water quality. Trailhead infrastructure was determined to be essential to protecting the watershed and controlling waste.

Conservation Zones

There was a conversation of expanding certain zones. The committee discussed expanding zones and how to deal with trail connections through the property. Discussion about having regional trail connections which could go through multiple zones to connect existing trails. The committee did not want dogs allowed on trails in the primitive area and wanted to have some areas that were completely no use areas. There was discussion regarding whether the zone map would be included in the conservation easement or management plan. The zones will be discussed in the easement and specified with respect to uses, but the map would be incorporated into the management plan.

Dogs

The committee had concerns with dogs and protecting the watershed values. The idea of no dogs in winter was discussed. It was also brought up that Park City is dog centric and that the privilege of having dogs up on the property might need to be a pilot project and enforcement might be tough if they are banned altogether though some committee members felt that it would be easier to enforce if dogs were completely banned. There was agreement that dogs should not be allowed in the primitive zone on trails with some suggesting that dogs should not be allowed at all, but the committee came to a consensus that dogs should be limited to select trails and not allowed in the primitive zone unless it is part of a regional trail connection. The group concluded that if there is not good enforcement to guide dog use and restrictions on the property then dogs should be banned entirely.

Motorized Use

There was consensus that recreational motorized use should not be allowed on the property. A compromise allowing access to adjacent recreational areas on established roads to areas which currently allow motorized use was discussed. Neighboring Brighton Estates residents voiced the need to have the access known as Jeep Hill during the winter for safety reasons.

Trails

Several committee comments focused on the importance of creating better trails. Controlling erosion, rerouting trails to accomplish destination, directional and better functioning trails will both create a better experience for the recreational user as well as create a better user. Several comments discussed the idea that even enforcement of dog use restrictions would benefit from trails created a certain way. Dispersing use through trailheads and designating trails, separating uses and keeping heavy use away from wetlands, streams, and lakes was seen as part of the strategy for enforcement and protection of conservation values.

Guardzman Pass Parking/trailheads

There was unanimous opinion that Bonanza needs bathroom facilities. Jurisdictional stakeholders were in favor of permits for shuttles that used the area as a drop off. The group was in favor of moving the parking off of Bonanza, but felt that a bathroom might still be needed if the area is used as a drop off for shuttles and if view parking is allowed. This may not be possible based on ownership boundaries and may need coordination with adjacent jurisdictions. It was suggested that accessing 10420 and Clayton's from Bonanza as opposed to from the Quarry trailhead could be through a permit system for limited parking spaces. Rerouting connecting trails may also have to be part of the solution.

Meeting was adjourned around 3:05PM