Date: Monday, July 15, 2019
Start time: 3:03pm
End time: 4:39pm
Present:
Lance Kovel
Ed Marshall
Duane Woolsey
Dell Draper
Council Jim Bradley
Brian Hutchinson
Laura Hanson
Marshall Alford
Bekee Hotze
Kelly Bricker
Helen Peters
Julie Bjornstad
John Knoblock
Rita Lund- Millcreek
Mayor Silverstrini
Paul Diegel
Katherine Canter
Wayne Johnson
Sargent Towhill
Don Adams
Lee Arnold
James Blanton
Tom Diegel
Brian Todd
Renee Flannegan

A. Opening
    a. Brian Hutchinson opened the meeting and welcomed the subcommittee
       members as lead of the subcommittee, explains his effort to begin the project,
       explains the diversity of the group, invites Jim Brdaley to front.
    b. Helen Peters- question about sub-committees on the project, Dr. Bricker answers
       about establishing sub-committees, explains votes for next week. Brian
       Hutchinson in
    c. Mayor Silvestrini - Introduction and effort to collaborate with Hotze and others
       about pilot program. Explains concept to pull resources together from
       jurisdictional entities involved (olympus shopping center, RFP for private
       contractor, UTA, etc.)
    d. Brian Hutchinson leads self-introductions for everyone

B. Review of Background and Purpose:
   a. Julie B. explains work on the project, she worked for Fehr & Peers. Explains that traffic has been flat along Wasatch Blvd. Wayne Johnson explains that usage/traffic has spiked because of access fees. Julie explains that ADT was measured on high-volume days (holidays), vehicle occupancy tested.
   b. John K. asks for clarification about ADT. Ed mentions that the issues are peak-use congestion at trail-heads, etc. Julie B mentions safety issue as walking on road. Bekee mentions trail addition to alleviate the issue, added last year.

C. Background and Purpose
   a. Brian Hutchinson explains that the pilot needs to have viable data collection. Touches on background/purpose from the study.
   b. Ed Marshall mentions that SLCo has already added bike-lane and how its a great addition. Voices concern for bike lane being impacted by parking at Church Fork/Rattlesnake. Wayne mentions plans to expand/complete the bike lane.
   c. Brian continues to explain the uniqueness of Millcreek Canyon.
   d. Asks Police/Fire to vocalize hotpoints, Duane reiterates the issues of traffic, parking as bigger issue than congestion. Ed disagrees that congestion is not the issue, solely parking as issue.
   e. Brian and Bekee agree that emergency services access should be a huge priority.
   f. John K. explains that aesthetic is disrupted by cars.

D. Projected Goals
   a. Brian welcomes everyone to voice objectives for project:
   a. John K.- aesthetic
   b. Mayor Silvestrini- Access to trailheads
   c. Bekee- Safety & EMS
   d. Wayne- dogs,
   e. Bekee- management of dogs
   f. Laura- safety for bikes
   g. John K- differentiate bike groups
   h. Laura- vocalizes private companies for mountain biking
   i. Bekee- mentions that private mountain bike companies are operating illegally, they don't have permits, Laura mentions that parking lots are being used illegally as well.
   j. Bekee mentions that there are many case-studies from other places, like Bryce and Zion, that we need to look further down the road.
   k. Kelly voices the questions of what type of experience we want trail users to experience. What do we want for Millcreek? Can be summarized in
   l. Ed- additional parking, keep cars off road in canyon, thinks we need to look more long time.
   m. Bekee mentions Rattlesnake Parking improvements

n. Tom Diegel- mentions that UDOT parking improvement can be used for snow removal
o. Lance- mentions that UDOT is trying to increase parking to access trailheads in the Canyons
p. Catherine Kanter- She wants to know how it can be used as a model for other areas in Salt Lake County, how it can be used in other ways
q. Ed- Asks Bekee about unintended consequences?
r. Bekee uses Albion Basin's Shuttle Company (town of Alta) failure of system, working with Alta ski-lifts to open chairlifts, etc. Town of Alta is limiting the number of cars that can go up. Zion as another example- they have a 6 mile length of road, begin and start at a visitor center, hours of wait time. Explains Baffling, reducing large numbers of trail users from beginning trials at the same time. How many users do we want in the Canyons? How many people can the area support?
s. Brian mentions that Arches is trying to redistribute visitors, mentions that Zion is not
t. Jim Bradley- Voices that aesthetic value can't be forgotten in this process. Mentions that with a growing population that issues are going to increase. Look at why we are doing this study? To learn. Hopeful to transfer solutions and findings to other canyons. What are the priorities? He wants to see a pilot that eliminates as many problems as possible, but how can we learn? Mentions public response, and how we can introduce these solutions to the public.
u. Bekee mentions that the new way of using Albion Basin (using chairlift instead of Shuttle). Public has shown favor. Explains that they've been studying Millcreek ad nauseum.
v. Mayor Silverstrini- Explains that RFP mentioned earlier may have been wrong usage of phrase.
w. Brian- explains reduction of naturalness in the canyon. How do we hone in on attainable ideal? Can we try to bring it back to the conditions of the 70's.
x. Jim Bradley- how can we explain what it was like at that time?
y. John K- losing battle with telling people to ride shuttle, how can marketing be used to discourage third of the people to take the shuttle instead.
z. Jim Bradley- in 1991 we put in a toll booth, gave a sense of control of the canyon mouth, mentions that there was a remarkable difference and some money for improvements.
aa. Bekee mentions that it's impossible to maintain parking at the 2000 level. Goal with parking to increase safety, eliminate parking on the road. Mentions that UPD has done a good job of keeping things in check in BCC.
bb. Brian- What are our goals?
cc. Kelly Bricker- she says it seems like we are throwing solutions at problems, but what experience are we managing for? Do we have indicators that we can monitor for this specific condition? Articulates that we need definition to make management chance.

dd. Bekee articulates that there are differences in experiences for user groups

ee. Kelly- perhaps we can use an environmental indicator?

ff. Bekkee- people's experiences of nature change (speakers, etc)

gg. Julie B. - Do we want to talk about equity?

hh. Lauren- mentions that equity is a priority and that they have limited resources. Don't want restrictive fees, etc.

ii. Sargent Duane- Where are people who can't drive up the canyon?

jj. Julie B. redirects Duane to the study, nearby high-schools and overflow parking places that the shuttle can

kk. Granite school district- interjects to explain goals are to protect and educate, articulates that the asphalt already has a need. Voices concern about safety for students.

ll. Mayor Jeff Silverstrini- talks about Skyline high-school renovations will be underway, discusses that there are two other schools in the area

mm. Granite school district- explains that there are issues the sub-committee is unaware of

nn. Brian mention that they need to be able to break down canyon users.

oo. Lauren explains that there are a lot of things packed into Brian's statement, mentions that ski-services are something that they can extend. Park and ride lots are to facilitate people getting to and from work everyday.

pp. Mayor Silvestrini- when are you going to add levels to the parking lot?

qq. Laura- passes around planning process document. Service planning process, that needs to go through local advisory council. If it's not a pilot process it needs to go through this process.

rr. John K- what is the timeframe that the process would need? 2 or 3 year process?

ss. Laura answers that title service planning process adoption will take next spring, if funding sources, etc are mentino it could be in service at the end of next year. Explains the breadth of the work of UTA's considerations throughout the community. Explains that if we do have a great process we don't have enough funding for the service. If sponsored they could work together.

tt. John K. So we are looking at spring of 2022?

uu. Ralph Becker: That is separate from a pilot program.

vv. Laura- mentions that vehicles may be available, short-term money is our best bet.

ww. Brian- bus turn around

xx. Laura- If we can't turn around firetruck we can't turn around bus.

yy. Tom- seems to be a lot of land between gravel pitt and __. Is there an opportunity for UDOT and/or UTA to take advantage of the space there?

zz. Laura- thinks that there are development plans for the 215 interchanges/UDOT needs that land right now.

aaa. Brian- interjects that they are going over in time. Last

bbb. Wayne- in a perfect world there's no cars up the canyon? Reducing paying customers are detrimental to FS though.

ccc.   Bekee- we have ever growing homeless population, not enough money already, having free transportation up the canyons will encourage homeless people making camps

ddd.   Brian- How to make it equitable

eee.   Ed- mentions that perfect world that you mention would be a deathnail for Log Haven. Closing the bottom of the canyon would turn us from supporters of this to arch enemies.

fff. Renee-- Minimum cost of entering parks is $35, we have lots of opportunities in our forest for free opportunities. When we look at this big picture

ggg.   Brian- clarification on statement

hhh.   Catherine Kanter - are we still on bullet 1? Can you wrap up what are possible pilot options? What are we really talking about.

iii. Brian- points people to maps to look at upper look shuttle, 45 min round trip, 7-8 round trips, implementation. First option: lower winter/spring shuttle with three stops. (Jan1 -July 1,2020) Second: All canyon, shuttle would be July 1-November 1, 2020 with 5 stops. Upper shuttle- 2 stops.

jjj. Brian- Discusses spreadsheet for possible metrics for the study. Mentions how the version selected to pursue depends on funding, etc

kkk.   John K- how do we measure our users? (example with dogs), how is it subsidised by users?

lll. Brian- speaking of price, we wouldn't want to decide how much to pay before putting it out to bid. Mentions numbers that the study came to. How to shuttle drivers calculate costs?

mmm. Bekee- $70,000 cost of shuttle. Highly recommends talking with the Town of Alta. Thinks that $150,000 is really low. Mentions that she doesn't know of any shuttle companies that allow dogs?

nnn.   Catherine Kanter - How long do you expect this process to take before we know which projects to fund?

ooo.   Brian- mentions that we can decide today.

ppp.   Jon K thinks that we should be getting to conclusion by Sept.

qqq.   Bekee- ability for the FS to get ready takes a long time, its unrealistic for them. NEPA process. What mechanism would be best? Specialist use permit, etc.

rrr. Jim Bradley- Would it require EIS?

sss.   Bekee- What kind of mechanism would be best for us? We don't know?

ttt. Duane- how many people do we want us here in the first place?

uuu.   Bekee- In addition to the parking, it seems that we would be adding a significant

vvv.   Catherine Kanter-how long do you think>

www. Bekee- working with UDOtT- where are stops? What happens to trailheads? Talks about degradation from 50 people coming off of shuttle

xxx.   Julie B- So you're imagining shuttle size not a van?

yyy.   Bekee- how can we take this into consideration for our bathrooms?

zzz.   Brian- Reservation system can be a component so that the USFS can know numbers.

aaaa.   Bekee- I have one toilet for 35 people. Toilet are designed for the parking area, not for the shuttle, etc.

bbbb.   Jim Bradley- is there a study that's available? How many legit parking spaces are there in the Millcreek?

cccc.   Bekee- its in the study.

dddd.   Julie B- yes it's in the study.

eeee.   Jim Bradley- how many people can the canyon accommodate?

ffff. Jon - that's part of the pilot study, is that going to displace people from driving their cars?

gggg.   Jim Bradley- How big is the problem? How do we know car number? How do we know number

hhhh.   Duane- How many people are in the canyon?

iiii. Ralph Becker: looking at existing use, looking to future from. Can we work with USFS to design an approach to be able to design a pilot program that will work on a short timeline?

jjjj. Bekee- I wouldn't jump to EIS, yes we can help you. Marshall and I were talking about our program of work, which is

kkkk.   Ed- mentions that parking outside of the canyon is a huge issue, where is realistic parking given the concerns that came to attention?

llll. Julie B- section of road that was brought up earlier, could be angeled parking

mmmm.   Ed- how many parking space?

nnnn.   Julie B- not sure off hand

oooo.   Bekee- are there homes near there?

pppp.   John - Can we move to the ownership bullet?

qqqq.   Bekee- can we meet with USFS and key stakeholders, so that we don't keep having this conversation. If millcreek wants to pay for it that's one thing, but I don't see that being foreseeable. People are already used to paying a lot for national parks.

rrrr.Catherine Kanter - who are funding sources? We need to know who they are.

ssss.   Brian- we have some possible funding sources identified already.

tttt. Jim Bradley- That will be beer money.

uuuu.   John- Ralph, do you feel ownership of piercing the components of this together?

vvvv.   Ralph: We can continue being the host so that correct notices are posted so that we can create the agendas, etc, but we are already at capacity.

wwww.Bekee- Is that the subcommittee?

xxxx.   Catherine Kanter- needs more organizational structure so that she can still actively participate, if not she can send someone else to represent.

yyyy.   Brian- is Monday good? Something is attainable. Can we meet in two weeks

zzzz.   Sargent Twohil- you need to make sure that key players meet before the rest of the group

aaaaa. Ralph: larger groups meet once a month, smaller groups meet in the inter-rim.

bbbbb. Brian- this day next month, let's do this again. Any issues?

ccccc. Laruen- August 12th.

ddddd. Brian- establish who wants to be on e-mail.

eeeee. Brian- adjournment of meeting