

Paula Melgar

From: Michael Johnson
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Paula Melgar
Subject: FW: [EXT:]Re: [EXT:]Re: [EXT:]Re: [EXT:]Parking by Permit Only

Paula:

FYI – Here is a written public comment for the Bonneville Shoreline Access Plan for tomorrow's meeting.

Mike Johnson
Cottonwood Heights

From: Marilee Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Michael Johnson <MJohnson@ch.utah.gov>
Subject: [EXT:]Re: [EXT:]Re: [EXT:]Re: [EXT:]Parking by Permit Only

September 15th meeting:

Please read my comments at the meeting:

I listened to your September 1st meeting and was happy to hear that the city is seriously considering removing all trail parking from Timberline Drive except for handicap parking. This will greatly help the excessive traffic problem on this dead end street. Thank you.

I am NOT in favor of Area 3 on the current plan to be a REGIONAL TRAILHEAD access for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. It seems to me that regional trailheads should not be in residential neighborhoods. Access 1 at the gravel pit and Access 9 by Little Cottonwood Canyon should be the only two Regional Trailhead Access Points as they do not impact neighborhoods. I know that the parking lot is going to be constructed off of Prospector Drive by Wasatch Blvd. which is good for the parking problem that now exists at Ferguson Trailhead, but to call this area a REGIONAL trailhead will bring even more people to the area. I know many of my neighbors who live on Prospector, Timberline Dr. and Quicksilver Dr all feel the same as I do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marilee Christensen

From: Colleen Bluhm Hancock [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Michael Johnson <MJohnson@ch.utah.gov>
Subject: [EXT:] Cottonwood Heights Expansion of the Bonneville Trail

Hello,

I wanted to write you about my concerns of expanding the Bonneville Trail through Ferguson's Canyon. I live on Quicksilver Drive one street below the Timberline trailhead access to Ferguson's. We currently have increased traffic of people driving on our street trying to find the trailhead. Often, they are speeding which is a concern because we have several children on our street. Second, the "By Parking Permit Only" does not extend to the end of our street so some people choose to park on Quicksilver and then walk to the Trailhead rather than park down below. I can't begin to imagine what the street, foot traffic will be like because even though parking is available below, a lot of people are lazy and choose to park closer to the trailhead. This is human behavior and will not change by putting asphalt. Third, we already have serious traffic concerns with skiers driving through our neighborhood to bypass Wasatch Blvd. and enter Big Cottonwood Canyon through Prospector on the North end. Again, putting asphalt and increasing parking at the bottom of our neighborhood for a Bonneville Trail expansion will simply encourage more ski traffic to cut through the neighborhood and park there.

I am not in support of adding further traffic and noise pollution on the mountain. Expanding this trail will turn our quiet neighborhood into another Bell Canyon. If the Bonneville Trail must move forward, the access points should be off Wasatch Blvd and close the access to parking from Prospector in the neighborhood. Prospector is already a narrow road and dangerous with rain and/or snowfall. Parking could be expanded off 7200 South or further below and have the hikers/bikers start from a commercial area or park. Parking and access could also be had off the North side of the already existing ski/parking on Big Cottonwood Canyon to the Bonneville Shoreline. It is how it is currently accessed and not at full capacity in the spring, summer and fall. It would be a HUGE mistake to have only one access point at the Ferguson's trailhead. Another access point should be added to the south by Little Cottonwood area. Second, the trail itself should be cut much higher up the mountain to avoid noise pollution and cutting into the backyards of current residential homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Colleen Hancock
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