

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
July 19, 2017

Attendance:

Lisa Bachman, J-U-B Engineers
Jeanne Barker, Garden City
Mark Eubank, Citizen
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways
Paul Mann, Caldwell Bike and Path Committee
Robert Minch, Eagle Citizen
Patricia Nilsson, Canyon County Development Services Department
Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks and Recreation
Liz Paul, Idaho Rivers United (via phone)
Gary Payne, Citizen
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bike Pedestrian
Colin Schmidt, Garden City
Gary Segers, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Recreation
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary
Duane Wakan, COMPASS
Mark Wasdahl, ITD District 3
John Wasson, ACHD

1. Call to order at 3:07 by President William Gigray.
2. Action Items.
President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Gary Payne moved and Gary Segers seconded to amend the agenda as written. The agenda was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report.
 - a. William Gigray noted the minutes of the June 2017 meeting had been disseminated and he asked if there were any changes. No changes were proposed, and Gary Segers moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Don Stockton. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - b. Phil Peterson said there were no changes in the bank account from last month and the current bank balance remained \$12,240.28. Upon a motion by Phil Peterson and seconded by Mark Eubank, the financial report was approved on a voice vote.
 - c. Presidents Report.
 - i. Duane Wakan was introduced by President Gigray as a new COMPASS planner who will be doing transit and pedestrian planning. (Contact information: (208) 475-2237 and dwakan@compassidaho.org)
 - ii. President Gigray said he had spoken with Mike Dimmick of Flood Control District 10 regarding a new set of aerial photos of flooding. Mike said he had not obtained enough money to get a new set of aerials done. The Army Corps of Engineers had commissioned some aerials that should be available this fall after editing. The existing Flood District aerials

are available on line according to President Gigray. (<http://www.idahoairships.com/boise-river-april-2017-flooding-downloads/>) He noted that he hoped Jan Johns would be attending the meeting to discuss the removed bridge and the potential of it being relocated.

- iii. President Gigray said he had prepared letters to go to various local entities regarding the easement information reported on in the June 2017 meeting. This includes Star, Middleton, Caldwell, Notus, Parma, Canyon County, and Ada County. The issue is to get the right names to address in each letter. Highway districts are not included given the easements are not near public roads. He also had sent a letter to Stephanie Stroud on June 21 regarding FACTS commitment to and support of rails with trails in Idaho.
 - iv. He discussed a letter to Matt Stoll, Executive Director of COMPASS, asking for an opportunity to address the COMPASS Board about managing an update to the 2009 Boise River Trails Plan and the development of a joint powers agreement. He said Matt had said this request would go first to the COMPASS Executive Committee. Gary Segers said he thought the letter should note that FACTS had identified the update as a high priority. He asked if Duane was aware of this plan. President Gigray said this request would be for a future year beyond 2018. Lisa Bachman said it should be noted as a regional need. Charles Trainor moved to approve the letter subject to requested additions of the priority of the update and its regional approach. This was seconded by Robert Minch. Motion was passed on a voice vote.
 - v. President Gigray read portions of the letter to go to the various governments regarding the easements. These would be copied to Dean Johnson of the SW Idaho Office and Robin Dunn of the State Office.
- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- i. Rails with Trails. Gary Payne said there had not been a meeting of this group since the last FACTS meeting. Paul Mann said Simplot is the biggest company using the rails in question. He is trying to meet with someone to meet with regarding the rails. This could take 6-8 weeks go happen.
 - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update. No report.
 - iii. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch said the Eagle trails map is underway. The Boise River has changed some of the channel. He said there is a new option for the connection to Eagle Island State Park. They are meeting with Glen Lorensen from Pioneer Title to look at ownership of the options. In addition to the preferred option along the dike and the second option along the gated road, there is a potential slightly south through a five-acre parcel. All have issues. He thought it would be good to have someone from a government agency involved in discussion with property owners.
 - iv. E-bike Legislation. Phil Peterson emailed Rep. Phylis King for an update on the proposed legislation, but he had not heard back from her. He said Steve Noyes is working on a demonstration of e-bikes by Trek bicycles on September 22 at the Eagle Sports Complex. Steve said more information would be coming. He is working with John Hawking of Idaho Mountain Touring on this demonstration. Scott Koberg said there needs to be a definition of e-bikes. John Wasson said a recent accident involved a person on an e-bike not wearing a helmet, although the e-bike factor was not relevant to the cause of the accident. Mark Eubank said we need to look at how other states are handling this, such as Colorado and Wisconsin. Patricia Nilsson asked what the objective is in dealing with e-bikes. Steve Noyes said the issue is to get out in front before too many e-bikes create issues. People agreed the need is to define e-bikes and their usage on public ways. There was a concern about the need for uniform regulation across boundaries. What is the max power or speed allowed? Mark Eubank said this is an issue across the nation. Patricia Nilsson said we need to agree

what the issue to be addressed is—speed, power, etc. Charles Trainor said he would contact Rep. King and Brian Shea.

4. Special Information Items.

- a. Flood Damage Update. President Gigray opened the discussion by saying he had recently used the detour east of the fairgrounds. The signs designating the detour were not very good, he said, and around the racetrack the shrubbery was infringing on the path. In response to a question of ownership, Scott Koberg said the County does own the track as part of the County Fairgrounds. He said there is no plan to make improvements to this path, in part because the County is waiting to hear about the future of horse racing. Gary Segers said some of the work would be minor such as brush removal. Scott said the intent is to get a passable loop, opening it up to mountain bikes and pedestrians—but not street bikes.

The County is applying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for financial aid in the amount of \$700,000. The new bridge connecting from the Fairgrounds east to Plantation Island would be much longer—approximately 300 feet—since the old abutments were taken out by the flood. He did say there is a lot of uncertainty since some of the property is not under County jurisdiction, and they are working with the Foundation for Parks and Lands. President Gigray thought it might be three years. There was a discussion about the need for environmental and engineering studies, which would take time. Gary Segers asked what FACTS could do, and Scott said letters could be sent to President Gigray recommended better signage in the interim to guide people through the detour. Scott recommended a letter to Jan Johns of the Foundation for Parks and Lands. President Gigray suggested setting up a funding campaign to help with the bridge. Scott described some of the issues, including the design of the original bridge not being adequate for the demand and conditions. Charles Trainor said it would take several years for a new bridge to be put in place, and the public is unaware of the likely delay. He wondered if some public notice should be put out.

Gary Segers moved to authorize a letter to Jan Johns of the Foundation for Parks and Lands, Ada County Commissioners, Garden City, Boise City, and Ada County Highway District, and ITD District 3. Mark Eubank seconded. President Gigray would prepare said letter.

- b. Ada County Pathway Improvements. Scott Koberg said the Commissioners approved a request for \$1.3 million to improve the Greenbelt from near Shakespeare Way to the diversion dam. This will be part of \$2.7 million total cost. The project will widen the path and pipe an existing canal. Public testimony was in favor. The County will use some deferred property tax revenue to cover the cost. Work will commence in October 2017. He said public access via the old Bens Crow Inn will continue.
- c. Bridge Replacement. Covered above.
- d. Simplot Foundation Application. Covered above.

5. Continuing Business. None.

6. New Business. None.

7. Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District. No report.
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report.
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network. Liz Paul said they received funding for reconstructing the creek bed by the children's play area in Julia Davis Park.
- d. City of Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. Paul Mann said there was relatively little damage on the Caldwell system.
- e. Canyon County Development Services Dept. No report.
- f. City of Boise. No report.
- g. Garden City. No report.
- h. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes thanks to Robert Minch, Don Stockton, and Liz Paul for the assistance provided to the City in their pathway work.
- j. City of Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
- k. City of Kuna. No report.
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department. Phil Peterson said there was nothing to report.
- n. COMPASS. Duane Wakan said COMPASS was seeking funds for another permanent counter.
- o. Idaho Transportation Department.
- p. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. No report.
- q. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- r. Other.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Next meeting was set for August 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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