

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
May 17, 2017

Attendance:

Jeanne Barker, Garden City
Mark Eubank, Citizen
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Paul Mann, Caldwell Path and Bike Committee
Robert Minch, Citizen
Steve Noyes, City of Eagle
Liz Paul, Boise River Enhancement Network
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Colin Schmidt, Garden City
Gary Segers, Citizen
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathway Committee
Charles Trainor, Citizen
John Wasson, Ada County Highway District

1. Call to order at 3:08 PM by President Gigray.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Paul Mann moved and Mark Eubank??? seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items
 - a. Secretary's Report
 - i. President Gigray said the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. Gary Segers noted there was an update needed to the 2009 Boise River Trails Plan under discussed under item 4b, not just an outreach effort to Canyon County agencies. This was clarified by President Gigray to specify that Gary Segers, Charles Trainor, and Paul Mann would take the lead in the update. Gary Payne moved to approve the minutes with these changes. It was seconded by Jeanne Barker and approved on a voice vote.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Bank Account Report. Phil Peterson provided a bank statement indicating that the current balance remains \$12,240.28. There was no activity since the last report. Phil Peterson said the Ada County Commissioners had approved the tax exemption for the easements held by F.A.C.T.S. on April 25, 2017. There remains a small tax for the drainage district in the amount of \$6.50. Paul Mann moved to accept the report. This was seconded by Mark Eubank. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - c. President's Report
 - i) President Gigray reported that he had sent a letter to Tom Schultz, director of State Lands, on April 24, 2017, thanking him and his staff for their assistance with easements. He added that he has

drafted but not yet sent letters to local agencies regarding these easements. He spoke about progress being made in Caldwell regarding the settlement of the litigation with Pioneer Irrigation District that could improve the potential for adding pathways adjacent to irrigation canals in Caldwell. He said this progress could improve the chances for working with other irrigation districts in the region. He noted the potential for financial assistance from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management for pathway damage caused by this year's flooding.

4. Special Information Items.

- a. Pathway Maintenance and Flooding Emergency Declarations. President Gigray asked about the status of the bridge to Plantation Island. Gary Segers said the bridge had been removed and is by the race track on the Ada County grounds. Liz Paul thought it may need to be moved again since the water continues to rise. John Wasson said there was a ten percent chance the flow would exceed 9700 cubic feet per second. Liz Paul said aerial photos had been taken in early April 2017 commissioned by the Flood Control District 10 and that more would be taken of the higher flood stage. In response to a question by President Gigray, there is no agency responsible for reinstalling the bridge to Plantation Island, and several people noted that damage to the bridge abutments on the island make reinstallation of that bridge difficult. There was a discussion about funding a new series of aerial photos. Gary Segers moved to approve contributing \$300 to the Flood Control District for the purpose of taking additional photos to document the flooding conditions on the Boise River. This was seconded by Paul Mann. Motion was approved on voice vote. John Wasson said the outflow from the three dams on the Boise River (Anderson Ranch, Arrowrock, and Lucky Peak) is still less than the inflow with a large amount of snowpack remaining. Within a few weeks, he said, the inflow could hit 20—30,000 cubic feet per second.

There was a question about who owns the Plantation Island bridge. It was installed under funding from the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands. The director is Jan Johns. The group agreed that a representative for the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands should attend the June meeting to discuss the bridge status, and President Gigray said he would contact Sharon Hubler about this.

- b. COMPASS Mapping. Tom Laws said the map is now public, and he showed the map on screen to attendees. (View at http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/CIM2040_2.0/bikeped.html#bikepedmap) One feature is that proposed new paths are shown in a semi-transparent “fuzzy” line to highlight their status. Charles Trainor supported this feature, since it would confuse people to see lines depicting proposed paths, which the public might see as actual alignments instead of a general connection. Tom said there are some 600 miles of actual paths and trails, but this could go to approximately 2,200 miles if all the system were completed. There is also an on-line plan library associated with the map so people can view the source documents. President Gigray asked what publicity might be done to let people know this map is now available. Gary Segers concurred with the need for some publicity. President Gigray suggested having an agenda item on this soon. Don Stockton said a letter should be sent by F.A.C.T.S. to COMPASS regarding the map work. Gary Segers moved to authorize a letter. Gary Payne seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.
- c. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch showed some graphics on screen of Options A and B. Option A is along an old levee following the south bank of the north channel. It is all on private land. Option B follows existing Mace Road, with the final 800 feet along the old road now closed to traffic. He voiced his preference for Option A but noted this option has significant obstacles since the owner may not be interested and has expressed opposition to development. Robert said he needs to send a letter of

thanks to Pioneer Title, which has helped with research. Don Stockton asked if there were any issues to the title in the flood zone areas of the land given shifts in the channel.

Robert said Option B might be feasible since much of the route is already on public right of way. Don Stockton thought it could be an acceptable option until Option A was available. There is some agreement on the closed section of Mace Road for emergency access. The need is for a meeting of the relevant agencies to discuss these options with the City of Eagle, Idaho Parks and Recreation, ACHD, Ada County. President Gigray said to go ahead with a meeting. John Wasson recommended Paul Dagle for ACHD.

- d. City of Boise Report. Jennifer Tomlinson was unable to attend. (1:38:47)
 - e. Summer Meeting Schedule. After a brief discussion, the group consensus was that there are enough issues to warrant holding monthly meetings through the summer. (1:39:14)
5. Continuing Business. Gary Segers said he met with John Caywood regarding the 2009 Boise River Trails Plan. John is interested in helping F.A.C.T.S. out. Gary said it would be a lengthy process. Mark Eubank spoke about the placement of a pathway along the New York Canal from the diversion dam all the way to Lake Lowell. He acknowledged the barriers. Tom Laws said this had been discussed. There was a discussion about the existence of fee owner property status of the canal. Mark Eubank and Gary Payne volunteered to research this potential path. John Wasson recommended they contact Susan Stacy, who wrote a book on water systems in the region. Mark Eubank moved and Gary Payne seconded to authorize this effort. Motion was passed on a voice vote.
6. New Business. Paul Mann said he attended a COMPASS workshop regarding the rails with trails where the slides were very good and he wondered if these slides could be published. Some dealt with economic benefits of pathway. Tom Laws said he would get them. (1:59ish)
7. Reports.
- a. Ada County Highway District. No report.
 - b. Ada County Parks and Waterways. No report.
 - c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways. Paul Mann reported that they were doing final editing on the 2040 plan. President Gigray said the five-year budget was being developed. Paul said paving on the Rotary Pond path could not be done due to flooding.
 - d. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways. No report.
 - e. Canyon County Highway District 4. No report.
 - f. Idaho Transportation Department. No report.
 - g. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said the first trails planning meeting is next week. Don Stockton and Robert Minch will participate. Lots of pathway damage due to flooding, especially along the North Channel of the Boise River. The Laguna path is completely submerged. The new parks director will start on June 6. He attended the International Trails Symposium the week before in Dayton Ohio and thought it might be an agenda item on a future agenda.
 - h. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
 - i. Garden City. Colin Schmidt said their situation is much the same with extensive flooding. He noted the concern of police and fire agencies with people going into the flooded areas. Jeanne Barker said the nature path is mostly closed due to high water.
 - j. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. No report.

- k. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- l. Boise River Enhancement Network. Liz Paul reported various agencies with parks along the Boise River deserve gratitude since these parks allow for the river to spread out. She noted BREN's intent to make the most of a new project along Indian Creek in Caldwell (\$425,000) as habitat for wildlife and to clean storm water. BREN is applying for a grant from Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation to assist.
- m. Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
- n. Nampa Parks Department. Phil Peterson said it was Nampa Bike and Walk Week with the Mayor's bike tour slated for that evening. On Thursday there would be a ribbon cutting for the Greenhurst project. Friday would be the bike and walk to work day. He spoke about a new proposed legislation that could allow electric bikes to use pathways. Gary Payne moved and Paul Mann seconded to have this issue on the agenda. Phil provided a copy of the draft legislation.
- o. City of Kuna. No report.
- p. City of Boise Parks and Recreation. No report.
- q. Other. Paul Mann spoke about talked about counters and models that help estimate annual usage.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. Next meeting was set for June 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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