

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
November 18, 2015

Attendance:

- Mike Aho, Eagle Parks and Recreation
- Brian Billingsley, Caldwell Planning
- Mark Eubank, Citizen
- Jay Gibbons, City of Meridian
- William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
- Leo Hennessey, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
- Sharon Hubler, F.A.C.T.S. Treasurer
- Tom Laws, COMPASS
- Paul Mann, Caldwell Bike Committee
- Robert Minch, Volunteer
- Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks and Recreation
- Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President
- Gary Segers, Volunteer/Citizen
- Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathways
- Cody Swander, City of Nampa
- Toni Tisdale, COMPASS
- Jennifer Tomlinson, Boise Parks and Recreation
- Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary

1. Call to order at 3:00 by President William Gigray. There was a round of introductions.
2. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report
 - a. William Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. None were offered. Gary Payne moved and Gary Segers seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
3. William Gigray noted this was the annual meeting at which the board and officers would be elected. He said the board comprises voting members of the organization. Others can be ex-officio members who do not vote. Two of the current voting board members will no longer be on the board: Nancy Merrill and Randy Zollinger. Nancy and her husband are going on mission, while Randy has moved out of the area. The following people volunteered to be board members:
 - Jeanne Barker
 - Michael Cusack
 - Tom Dale
 - Mark Eubank
 - William Gigray
 - Sharon Hubler
 - Paul Mann
 - Robert Minch
 - Gary Payne

Judy Peavey Derr
Phil Peterson
Gary Segers
Don Stockton
Charles Trainor

Persons wanting to be ex-officio members included:

Mike Aho
Brian Billingsley
Jay Gibbons
Leo Hennessey
Scott Koberg
Tom Laws
Steve Noyes
Cody Swander
Jennifer Tomlinson

Gary Segers moved to retain the current slate of officers. (President William Gigray, Vice-President Gary Payne, Treasurer Sharon Hubler, Secretary Charles Trainor) The motion was seconded by Don Stockton. The motion was approved by a voice vote with no nays.

4. Continuation of administrative items.
 - a. Minutes of October 21, 2015 meeting. No changes or corrections were proposed. Charles Trainor moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Gary Segers. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays.
 - b. Treasurer Report. Sharon Hubler noted there was no change from the October report and the balance remained at \$12,193.42. Sharon said a report to the Internal Revenue Service had been sent for the fiscal year, which closed August 31, 2015. Gary Segers moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and this was seconded by Mark Eubank. Motion approved on a voice vote with no nays.
 - c. Records Policy. President Gigray noted the issue of what is or is not a corporate record. Robert Minch suggested that FACTS have its own email addresses for official communications, which are specified in the proposed policy for retention. These could be set up now or later with the new website. Gary Payne suggested it be done now. Given some of the concerns about defining what non-paper communications would be official and subject to retention, Robert Minch moved to table this item until the next meeting. Gary Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved on a voice vote with no nays.

The related issue was setting up official email accounts. Gary Segers noted his interest in using Google Gmail accounts. Robert Minch said there were a variety of services under Google, including document storage. President Gigray asked for a motion to authorize Robert Minch to develop a proposal for the next meeting. Mark Eubank so moved, with a second by Gary Payne. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays.

- d. Web Design. Gary Payne said he, Robert Minch and Jeanne Barker had been meeting with Abisay Herrera, who is working on the website, with the intent to make it function on smart phones. There have been several iterations. One feature would be to have a Google map feature. Others would include Instagram to allow photos to be posted. Paul Mann asked about ability to link to other organizations. This could be done. Gary Segers asked about Facebook linkages, which could also be done.
 - e. Other Officer Reports. None.
5. Special Information Items.
- a. Eminent Domain Law. Brian Billingsley said he is a legislative liaison to the American Planning Association Idaho Chapter. One issue on this was the perception that pathways are not a public need. Charles Trainor asked if parks were eligible for eminent domain and therefore seen as a public need. It was suggested pathways be linear parks. President Gigray noted the need for caution when dealing with the State Legislature. He thought it would be dangerous without a carefully thought out proposal. Brian said he was aware of a few times eminent domain has been used for pathways: once at the owner's request and another on the Boise greenbelt. The third case was in Pocatello, which triggered the legislation, even though Pocatello did not actually invoke eminent domain. The Idaho Farm Bureau was the primary sponsor of the legislation. President Gigray said there was no reason to pursue this issue without a specific proposed change. Sharon Hubler noted the concern about the urban-rural issues in terms of extending the Greenbelt west into Canyon County. There was no action taken.
 - b. Laguna Pointe Pathway Report. Gary Segers said this issue is awaiting a judicial decision-a summary judgment. Decision is expected in December. Mike Aho noted the court focus is on the barbed wire issue, although there are other issues.
 - c. Maintenance Joint Powers Agreement. Don Stockton said he, Gary Payne and Leo Hennessey are too old to do the maintenance, which triggers the need for some other solution. The City of Boise, Garden City and Ada County have too many issues with a joint power agreement. Instead, Ada County has agreed to do the maintenance. They met with the County Commissioners and Scott Koberg. Don recommends this approach. Tom Laws handed out a map showing the pathway under discussion. President Gigray referenced an email from Scott Koberg, which said Ada County would accept the conveyance of the pathway easement to Ada County. Gary Segers moved to authorize preparation of a conveyance of the easement, which was seconded by Don Stockton. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays. President Gigray said the conveyance could contain conditions to allow reversion if these conditions are not met in the future. Leo Hennessey said Idaho Parks and Recreation would be okay with this approach.
 - d. COMPASS Update – Map Status. Tom Laws said the map is being reviewed by Tim Richards of Canyon Highway District No. 4. He had met with Caldwell on the map, too. Tom expects the map will be available for F.A.C.T.S. review in January. President Gigray said Patricia Nilsson of Canyon County indicated there might be a problem with approving the map without knowing the source of the information.

- e. Grant Opportunities. Toni Tisdale provided information on the current status of funded projects. She had sent out an email prior to the meeting on amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ada County Highway District was pulling an adaptive signal project and will fund it with local dollars, Meridian is pulling a project at Meridian and Linder due to some issues, and Boise is pulling a pathway underpass at Eckert Road due to cost overruns. Boise may come back later to seek funding. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding will be due in early 2016. ITD will put this back on its website after fixing some issues. Toni noted there was a shortage of applications for TAP funding. The deadline was extended to December 3, 2015. She noted that TAP funds can only be applied for by governmental organizations—not non-profits or other private entities. She was not sure if non-profits could apply for other federal funds under the Surface Transportation Program. Charles Trainor pointed out that all the federal transportation programs require the applicants to commit to permanent maintenance. Toni said COMPASS is now keeping an unfunded project portfolio, so projects that don't get funded in one cycle can be developed for a future funding opportunity. Leo Hennessey spoke about the Recreational Trails Program. There is approximately \$1.3 million per year. There is a 10% required match, with higher match being better. About half the funding goes to non-motorized projects. They encourage entities to apply, with projects ranging in size from \$5000-\$200,000. They won't fund any project with right-of-way needed or environmental issues. The deadline is the last Friday in January. There is also a program under the Mountain Bike Vanity Plate funding, with approximately \$80,000 per year. Half of that would go to small projects. There are fewer regulations on this program. The Idaho Parks and Recreation website has an application.
- f. City of Eagle Master Plan. Mike Aho said the Eagle City Council has requested additional review of the plan. He hopes for Council approval in December, especially since three new council members will take office in January. There are concerns about trail issues. These are part of the plan along with a dog park and aquatic center. These will have separate plans too. The current plan cost about \$70,000. The new trails master plan will be a broader scope. Charles Trainor said the Ridge-to-Rivers has also started a new plan. Mike said he was working with that group.

Gary Segers said there had been no response to the letter from President Gigray. Mike said there was a comment opportunity as part of the master plan. He noted there was an approved public process. Mike said FACTS was invited as a stakeholder, and that Judy Peavey-Derr had attended one meeting.

There was a discussion about the role of FACTS members in participating in area plans. Charles Trainor noted the FACTS website might be a good place to have a "one-stop" site for finding out about pathway plans. President Gigray asked if Eagle wanted an ad hoc committee to do any further review.

Tom Laws said the portable counters were being checked out to member agencies. So far they have been used in Nampa, Caldwell, and Boise. In Boise, they were used on various trails in the Foothills. COMPASS intends to put the data on its website. There are 12 permanent counters with cost savings to put in two more, one of which would be in Nampa on the Stoddard path. He will know more in January 2016. The life expectancy on the counters is at least ten years.

6. Reports As Time Permits

- a. Ada County Highway District (ACHD). No report.
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report.
- c. Boise Parks and Recreation. Jennifer Tomlinson noted the start of the Ridge to Rivers plan update. She said there will be report on-line in March. Construction is occurring on the pathway from Main Street to Garden City with completion next fall. Eckert Road was pulled but ACHD has a plan to replace this bridge in next 10 years. Work on Vista will not affect the pathway.
- d. Boise Public Works. No report.
- e. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. Reported by Bill Gigray and Brian Billingsley that the Committee is working on updating their plan reported on work along Indian Creek. Pathways around Lake Lowell. The Committee will be monitoring the design of the new bridge project, which will cross the Boise River, to protect pedestrian use and which will replace the old Silver Bridge for vehicular traffic. The old Silver Bridge will be converted to a pedestrian bridge.
- f. Canyon County Development Services Dept. No report.
- g. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways. No report.
- h. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said the City has been putting up wayfinding signs and has paved 0.6 miles of path from Edgewood to MonRoc. He hopes to finish the paving to Garden City in the spring. The Mace Road trail was also paved, bring it to within 0.5 miles of Eagle Island State Park. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning a variety of special events: an Easter egg hunt, a trails treasure trek. Want to work with ITD on SH 44 and access to Eagle Island. There is also the link along the Chevron pipeline from Eagle Road to the northwest.
- j. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. Don Stockton said there is another development on Eagle Road on the north side of the North Channel with a bridge opportunity. Eagle Road bridge project in the COMPASS TIP for pedestrian structure on west side.
- k. Garden City. No report.

- l. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. No report.
- m. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- n. Meridian Parks & Pathways Project Manager. Jay Gibbons said City is in process to update the master plan with a consultant review. Highest priority of citizens is a connected pathway system. Also working on first half mile of pathway along rail—with or without UP. President Gigray said east-west connections are critical.
- o. Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander said City is also working with UP railroad on sidewalk along Front Street. Want to purchase rest of rail along Stoddard—not too far apart on valuation. Working with Nampa Meridian Irrigation District on Wilson Pathway. Looking at a new pathway on the Edwards Lateral. Perhaps go out to bid next year from West Iowa to Midland.
- p. City of Kuna. No report.
- q. Other. Gary Payne noted a need for field trip to see some of these sites that people talk about. Perhaps in the spring.

Next meeting was set for December 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Trainor, Secretary

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