

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
January 17, 2018

Attendance:

Marcus Amman COMPASS

Jeanne Barker, Citizen of Garden City

Mark Eubank, Citizen of Boise

William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President

Wendy Howell, City of Kuna

Robert Minch, Eagle Citizen

Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks, Pathways and Recreation

Gary Payne, Citizen

Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Council

Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathways

Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks

Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary

Mark Wasdahl, Idaho Transportation Department

John Wasson, Ada County Highway Department

Kim Warren, City of Meridian Parks

Kristi Williams, J-U-B Engineers

Tim Williams, City of Eagle

1. Call to order at 3:02 PM by President Gigray.

2. Action Items.
 - a. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Charles Trainor said Gary Segers was unable to attend due to illness so Item 5, Review of 2017 Goals and Projects, must be delayed. With that change noted, Jeanne Barker moved, and Gary Payne seconded to approve the agenda. This was approved on a voice vote.

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report.

- a. President Gigray noted the minutes of the November 2017 meeting had been disseminated and he asked if there were any changes. Robert Minch moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Barker. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no opposition. Charles Trainor then said he would be resigning as secretary and from the Board due to a move out of state. He asked for someone to replace him starting in February. Mark Eubank moved to accept the resignation with a second by Don Stockton. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays. Mark Eubank then said his wife might be willing to take over in a couple of months. Gary Payne asked what the other duties were, and Charles said the minutes, agenda preparation, and distribution were the main duties. He did note that the report on the Idaho Secretary of State site needs to be updated each year with the current officers and board members. A postcard is sent out in September. Failure to update can mean revocation of the corporate status. This postcard now goes to the home address of Charles, and he said he did not see how to modify that.
- b. Phil Peterson said the property tax on a parcel owned by FACTS was paid in December, reducing balance to \$12,233.78. There was a property tax charge for \$6.50 for property along the Three Cities pathway. Phil said an application for exempting the property from taxation is due April 15, 2018. Upon a motion by Charles Trainor and seconded by Gary Payne, this report was approved on a voice vote.
- c. Presidents Report. President Gigray said all the letters have been sent letters to agencies regarding the Idaho Department of Lands easements. He said he had met with Jennifer Tomlinson and Doug Holloway to discuss Boise's involvement with FACTS. He had also called Mayor Bieter's office to discuss FACTS which led to the meeting with Boise Park staff. He discussed with them the issues of joint planning, pathway standards, maintenance, and other issues. He discussed a photograph (handout) of an Italian suspension bridge as a possible option for more expensive structures. This was in relation to the Plantation Island bridge removal. He thought there could be some options that would not entail the same environmental issues and costs. There was note about issues such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Charles Trainor said John Wasson had been called about some vandalism to the removed bridge which is being stored on the Ada County fairgrounds near the racetrack. John said he had spoken with the Foundation for Parks and Lands, which owns the structure.
- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - i. Rails with Trails. Gary Payne said there would be a meeting next week. President Gigray asked who would be working on mass transit along the rail corridor. Charles Trainor said that would be Valley Regional Transit and COMPASS.
 - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update. No new information.
 - iii. Eagle Island Pathway. President Gigray thanked Robert Minch for hosting a Christmas party for FACTS members. Robert Minch said had been two meetings held with the Newman family. They had suggested two properties that could be traded for the pathway corridor. Robert said he had contacted the owners, both of whom said they had no interest. The owners did support the pathway along the river versus along Mace Road. Robert said the group will meet again before any follow-up with the Newman family. There was a discussion of the pathway going along State Highway 44. Mark Wasdahl said that ITD was working on an environmental assessment along the corridor from West State Street to I-84. This would include having a continuation of the existing pathway to SH 16. President Gigray asked about

treatments at major intersections for pedestrian crossing. Mark noted this has been discussed. John Wasson spoke about different signal treatments for pedestrians. Jeanne Barker asked about mid-block pedestrian crossings. John said that the pedestrian has “right of way” in the law whether the crossing is marked or unmarked. He said the lawyers had narrowed the term of jaywalking to mid-block crossing between two adjacent signalized intersections.

- iv. E-bike Legislation. Phil Peterson referenced the latest version of the bill which was in the packet. There were no major changes. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes with a top speed of 20 mph. Class 3 bikes with a top speed of 25 mph are not allowed. But the bill would allow each local jurisdiction to determine whether to allow such use on its paths. Boise has already adopted its rules for e-bikes. Steve Noyes said Boise would allow use on sidewalks to encourage alternative transportation. Ridge to Rivers trails will allow such bikes for persons with disabilities. Some people were unhappy that not everyone could access the trails. Boise City could attend the February meeting to talk about their action. Phil said the legislation is a good start at defining e-bikes and their usage.

4. Special Information Items.

- a. City of Star Pathways. No report.
- b. 2013 Urbanized Area Map. Charles Trainor said he had earlier provided an urbanized area map from 2007, which shows where certain types of federal funds can be used for transportation. The map provided in the January packet shows a more recent boundary determined after the 2010 Census for the Boise/Meridian urbanized area and the Nampa/Caldwell urbanized area. The latter area’s project funding is determined by the Idaho Transportation Department, he said. The Boise/Meridian area projects are determined by the COMPASS Board. He thought this would amount to about \$400,000 each year. Like most federally funded projects they are a complicated process. Projects are funded several years out. He explained how the US Census determines these boundaries.

- 5. Continuing Business. None. An item to discuss goals was deferred due to Gary Segers being ill. President Gigray briefly listed the list of goals included in the packet. He expressed an interest in coming up with bridge designs that could be cheaper and quicker than what has been done. There was extensive discussion of this issue. No action was taken. He also wanted to hear an update on the COMPASS map. Charles Trainor asked if there had any public announcement about the length of time the Plantation crossing would be out.

- 6. New Business. None.

7. Agency Reports.

- a. Ada County Highway District. John Wasson said the Lake Hazel Extension is in process to cross the New York Canal and connect to Pleasant Valley Road. Eventually it will extend to Eisenmann Road and I-84. Some road closure will be in place until August. There will be a traffic signal at Cole Road/ Lake Hazel and the road will have bike lanes. Project length will be 1.75 miles.

- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report.
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
- d. City of Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. No report.
- 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 said the Trails Master Plan is underway. Next committee meeting would be the following Friday. He thought Eagle might follow the same approach to an e-bike ordinance as Boise City. He thought Ad County might also follow Boise City's action. Bank and trail repairs are underway, but the cost estimates are "shocking" and well over seven figures. Much of this is bank repair. There will not be any need for realignment, barring a four-foot section. The City will upgrade to concrete pathways. He said FEMA issues were a part of cost and delays. Gary Payne asked about detours around Laguna Pointe. Steve said there will be a new route enabling users to get to Eagle Road and eventually Chinden.
- j. City of Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. Don Stockton said his group would meet the next day.
- k. City of Kuna. No report.
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways. Kim Warren said there was paving of a pathway near Fairview and Locust Grove. The City has applied for funding of a pathway along the canal near Heritage Middle School, but an error in the draft bill may negate this. She said they were looking at a section to do Rails with Trails (Trails alongside of Rails) but were running into time issues. They are working with ACHD to include a Five Mile creek trailhead as part of a Linder road project. She is adjusting to working in Meridian. Don Stockton asked if the City of Meridian was still looking at a new park off Linder Road. She said this is in preliminary design but there are some river channel issues. Don noted the Joplin Road connection that could tie into this park.
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander said they were experiencing similar issues with federally funded projects, including environmental permitting for an Indian Creek project. They are closing a gap, and they thought they had adequate funding. It will be more expensive, and they are looking at design changes. It could require a raised pathway. He hopes for some design changes that would allow closure of a 110-foot gap. The problem originated with some erosion, and the creek changed course. The City is still awaiting funding news on some other projects. Phil Peterson said the City is undertaking a new transportation plan, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee provided input, including bike lanes and sharrows. He said it was well received.
- n. COMPASS. No report.
- o. Idaho Transportation Department. No report.
- p. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. No report.
- q. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- r. Other. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Next meeting was set for January 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Trainor, Secretary

