

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS, INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)
COMPASS Board Room 2nd Floor, 700 N.E. 2nd Street, Meridian, ID 83642

Called for 3:00 P.M.

June 27, 2018

In attendance:

Mark Eubank	Citizen and Boise Resident
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and President
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and Secretary
Robert Minch	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Tricia Nilsson	Director, Canyon County Development Services
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Gary Payne	Citizen and Vice President
Phil Peterson	Citizen and Treasurer
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Don Stockton	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Mark Wasdahl	ITD Senior Planner, District 3

1. Call to order and introductions – President Gigray called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M. President Gigray passed around photos of the Warm Springs to Hwy. 21/Diversion Dam bike path improvements.
2. Approve Agenda
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report
 - a. Secretary's Report
 - i. Minutes of May 23, 2018 – *It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Sharon Hubler to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - ii. Resignation of Jeanne Barker – In an email dated May 24, 2018 Jeanne indicated that she had a couple more volunteer commitments making it difficult for her to attend F.A.C.T.S. meetings. She has spoken with Mayor Evans and wanted to ensure citizen involvement from Garden City continue. Jeanne was a director of F.A.C.T.S.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Report on Bank Account – Treasurer Phil Peterson reported that the bank balance was holding steady at \$ 12,265.85.
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Mark Eubank to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. President's Report – President Gigray mentioned the A.C.H.D. Kootenai Street Traffic Calming Study, localized to Boise City concomitant with 25 m.p.h. Since Gary Segers is on the Bike/Ped Committee F.A.C.T.S. has a liaison.
 - i. Discussion of A.C.H.D. study along Linder Road between Chinden Boulevard and State Highway 44 seen as an important nexus moving west to Meridian. Survey closed June 13.
 - ii. Scott Koberg's project/Ada County pathway to Diversion Dam – pictures passed around, really nice, no announced opening as yet.
 - iii. Cloverdale overpass fire – contact with Jim Hansen, A.C.H.D. commissioner. It is a combined A.C.H.D. and ITD project, which should take into account bicycles and pedestrians. According to Mark Wasdahl, structural issues not yet known...fix as is,

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go ahead and replace, not official until management meets today. As an Emergency Repair Project it should move forward and raised bike lanes are being considered.

It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Mark Eubank to authorize the Executive Board to advocate planning for bicycles and pedestrians on the Cloverdale Overpass Emergency Repair Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Use Locust Grove, the most recent overpass installed to critique when offering suggestions. The germane U.S. Code reads as follows:

23 U.S. Code Section 217(e) Bridges.—

In any case where a highway bridge deck being replaced or rehabilitated with Federal financial participation is located on a highway on which bicycles are permitted to operate at each end of such bridge, and the Secretary determines that the safe accommodation of bicycles can be provided at reasonable cost as part of such replacement or rehabilitation, then such bridge shall be so replaced or rehabilitated as to provide such safe accommodations.(Underline added)

- iv. Ongoing discussion of need to advocate for pathway maintenance and, as suggested previously, devote a F.A.C.T.S. meeting to this specific agenda item. City of Boise documents maintenance issues and calendars windshield 'face' time verifying pathway maintenance issues. A.C.H.D. has its Roadways to Bikeways Plan.
 - v. Chinden Boulevard – once had a restricted/recessed bike lane. Now a bike plan countywide is going forward from the Riverside Hotel to Glenwood, which is a State Highway. . A Community Planner including the Bike and Ped Programs for the Federal Highway Administration is Lori Porreca – Idaho Division, located at 3050 Lakeharbor Lane, #126, Boise, Idaho 83703. Peter Hartman is the Division Administrator. A letter on the Chinden Boulevard/State Highway project could be directed to the Division Administrator with a copy to Lori.
 - vi. Progress in starting a grant fund repository for pathway construction, maintenance and appurtenances – COMPASS is the logical repository. Liisa Itkonen is the interim contact person for this.
 - vii. Don Kostelec Opinion and Editorial – Appearing in the Idaho Statesman June 24th entitled: *Chinden Boulevard once had bicyclist protection*. Bill Gigray will talk to him and see if he would like to serve on F.A.C.T.S. Board of Directors.
 - viii. Plantation Island Bridge – Email communication from Jan Johns, Executive Director Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands indicating a FEMA grant has been approved with a match requirement. Nothing can be done on repair of bridge and trail restoration until water level is less than 800 c.f.s. F.A.C.T.S. will be called upon for support but for now the choice is to monitor and keep in communication.
- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- i. Rails with Trails – Paul Mann and Gary Payne will continue to talk to COMPASS, which is hiring for a Principal Planner position
 - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update (no report)
 - iii. Eagle Island Pathway – meeting at Don Newman property onsite yesterday with Lisa Bachman, Chris Pettigrew, Josh Liddell, Robert Minch, Don Stockton and Steve Noyes attending. This is a last piece, vital to the connection with Eagle Island State Park of 0.7 miles. Access to key elements for the Eagle Island Sewer District, which has an irrigation head gate on the North Channel, Boise River was discussed.

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- iv. A.C.H.D. Roadways to Bikeways Plan – Star has been working on developing a plan to improve walking and bicycling routes with A.C.H.D. and an open house was held June 25 from 6 to 7 P.M. at the Tom Erlebach Skatepark, 155 N. Star Road. Trevor Chadwick is interested in bike paths according to Robert Minch.
It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Phil Peterson to have Robert Minch invite Trevor Chadwick to the next F.A.C.T.S. meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
 - v. Glenwood /State Intersection Study - Gary Segers - Meeting June 25 before Star Neighborhood Plan Pop-up. Mark Wasdahl said the options were fairly even; the Glenwood Bridge itself is quite a distance from prime intersection concept. Bridge is wider than approaches and not possible to cantilever, too close to river. Five foot shoulder and sidewalk done in 1994. One idea is to get rid of five-lane, center turn lane put in to accommodate Marigold and Riverside. Kittelson & Associates is wrapping up its concept recommendations.
 - vi. Website – Gary Payne indicated that information was being added and provided an outline of what we can look for.
4. Special Information Items (none)
5. Continuing Business
- a. Review of 2017 Goals and Objectives – Gary Segers – A year ago took a look at things important to F.A.C.T.S. and did a prioritization, time for an update. Now it's 2018, not so concerned that the update be the calendar year. The running list so far (detailed on power point):

What we do Well at:	What we could do Better at:
Building Trails	Tangible Project completion
Involving many organizations	Building more Trails
Information Exchange	Expand efforts beyond River Trails
Well-run meetings	Focus on South of I-84
Advocacy with Stockholders	Do more-talk less
Providing stability/consistency	Use 501 (c) (3) status more effectively to bring in funding
Sense of larger purpose and movement	Outreach to other areas (go & see)
Our website	Getting our message out; <i>i.e.</i> , public awareness of F.A.C.T.S.
ACTIVE Transportation	Make ourselves more available as a Resource
	More board members representing other agencies; <i>i.e.</i> , cities, county
	Use of volunteers and citizens
	Capitalizing on best practices from F.A.C.T.S. members
 - b. Establish Goals & Projects for 2018
 - Specific pathway planning centered on Eagle Island including Newman property
 - Identify new Pathway Projects – Ada/Canyon County
 - Opportunities and barriers – Boise River Easements
 - Leverage existing and planned projects to include ACTIVE transportation
 - Fund raising

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- b. (Establish Goals & Projects for 2018 con't)
- Common way finding signage
 - Early input to Pathway Projects
 - Update 2009 Boise River Trail Plan (COMPASS lead?)
 - Board recruitment and expansion
 - Identifying central repository for grant opportunities
 - Increasing public visibility
 - List of A.C.H.D. projects and project managers on the website: comment ahead of time; viz. early input
 - Editorial write up
- Note: Kathy Parker, COMPASS, does a list of grant opportunities published 2x a month
- What's missing:**
- i. Suggest that Effort to acquire Newman property is probably best effort and demonstration of what F.A.C.T.S. can do
 - ii. Get somebody from city of Star involved
 - iii. F.A.C.T.S. team meeting with governmental entities and local jurisdictions
- Considerations:**
- i. What we can control versus influence?
 - ii. What resources has F.A.C.T.S. to accomplish goals?
 - iii. Commitment by board members?
 - iv. Clear definition of how to accomplish? How, who, actions
 - v. Send out online prioritization in advance?
- Note: Tricia Nilsson volunteered to do Survey Monkey as vehicle for prioritization.
It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Paul Mann that F.A.C.T.S. do prioritization in terms of immediate, long term goals and projects via Survey Monkey of F.A.C.T.S. members. Motion carried unanimously.
6. New Business
- a. Accept Resignation of Jeanne Barker
It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Phil Peterson to accept resignation of Jeanne Barker. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Authorize the President to notify the Mayor of Garden City
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Mark Eubank to invite mayor of Garden City Identify Jeanne Barker's replacement. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Reports as Time Permits
- a. Ada County Highway District (no report)
 - b. Ada County Parks & Waterways (no report)
 - c. Boise River Enhancement Network (no report)
 - d. Caldwell Trails & Pathways – Paul Mann – Chris Stanley has been project consultant on Safe Routes to Schools, including Sacajawea and Wilson Elementary Schools. The city of Caldwell provides bike trail maintenance with city workers fortunately. Plan in progress to improve trail around Rotary Pond.
 - e. Canyon County – Tricia Nilsson – Indiana & Orchard Avenue implementing Lake Lowell connection with Canyon Highway District No. 4 and its Access Plan by improving shoulder and r-o-w issues. TAP 30.0% design element to get into construction. Bill Gigray

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- commented that Canyon County has a tremendous rural road system that can be trail friendly. T.I.P. project going forward on the U.S. 95 bridge over the Boise River through ITD.
- f. Canyon Highway District No. 4 (no report)
 - g. City of Boise (no report)
 - h. City of Garden City (no report)
 - i. City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department – Steve Noyes – Good news on the Laguna Pointe front. When river flows are down to 800 c.f.s. and permission from Homeowners’ Association and Army Corps of Engineers to use more sustainable material, natural soil and 6 mm. pit run up to fines for trail. City of Eagle “Trails Master Planning” is coming along. Steve was sorry to miss the meeting in Star, which is a creative project. Dry Creek potentially will connect to Avimor trail assets.
 - j. City of Eagle Parks & Pathways Commission – Met recently as previously reported onsite to discuss this 0.7 connection to Eagle Island State Park of which a crossing of a canal maintenance access road is a key element. E-bike ordinance, Class I & II Greenbelt and Foothills. Ada County will have to approve. Right now, on a 12-month limited trial basis. Voted to send on up to Eagle City Council.
 - k. City of Kuna (no report)
 - l. City of Meridian Parks and Pathways (no report)
 - m. City of Nampa Parks Department – Phil Peterson – too bad that Cody Swander’s not here. Nampa Parks and Rec put up four bicycle repair maintenance stations and has experienced a terrible time with vandalism. Looking for suggestions. Trails cameras were suggested. Road maintenance and repair in full swing. Good working arrangement with Nampa Public Works Department/Bicycle Commission/Committee. Resurfacing then striping, part of the regular maintenance now being done.
 - n. COMPASS (no report)
 - o. Idaho Transportation Department – Mark Wasdahl – Highway 20/26 going out to Middleton; COMPASS is taking the lead and only one ITD grant. Talking a six lane cross section all the way to Middleton Road from Highway 16, a T.I.P. project. COSTCO will help pay for project at Linder and Ten Mile. Eagle to Locust Grove Road due in 2021. Mark stated that the Statewide Bike/Ped coordinator has retired and might want to invite that person to attend future meetings of F.A.C.T.S.
 - p. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (no report)
 - q. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail (no report)
 - r. Other
8. Adjournment – Decision was to stay with meeting in July on the fourth Wednesday, July 25. The meeting stood adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary