

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

Called for 3:00 P.M.

July 25, 2018

1.

In attendance:

Laura Barbour	Canyon County Parks
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Stephani Hilding	Treasurer, Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands (IFP&L)
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Jan Johns	Executive Director, IFP&L
Trevor Kesner	Boise Parks
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Phil Peterson	Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works
Kim Warren	City of Meridian, Pathways Project Manager
John Wasson	Ada County Highway District (ACHD)

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Gigray at 3:03 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

*It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Steve Noyes to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report

a. Secretary's Report – Sharon Hubler

i. Minutes of June 27, 2018

*It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Sharon Hubler that the Minutes of June 27, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

ii. 100% Tax Exemption for Parcel No. SO522244300 Granted by Board of Ada County Commissioners sitting as Board of Equalization.

b. Treasurer's Report – Phil Peterson

i. Report on Bank Account Status has not changed; \$ 12,265.85.

*It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Steve Noyes to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

c. President's Report – Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray

i. Contact with Honorable Mayor John Evans, Garden City, on designating a person up-to-date on pathway matters in the context of a replacement nominee 7/23.

ii. Cloverdale Overpass will have a five-foot raised Bike/Ped and a 7.5-foot sidewalk and even in event of budget issues are set up to meet 23 U.S. Code Section 217(3) Bridges as referenced :

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

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- such replacement or rehabilitation, then such bridge shall be so replaced or rehabilitated as to provide such safe accommodations. (Underline added)
- iii. Linder/Chinden Study along State Highway 44 has received comments from survey and results possible by October.
  - iv. Scott Koberg indicated on July 22<sup>nd</sup> that the project pathway to Diversion Dam is close to completion.
  - v. Central repository for grant funds criteria and standards for application process is already available. Liisa indicates that COMPASS has a lot of that in terms of grant programs and they regularly respond to a list of needs put forward by member agencies. For now, our contact for COMPASS is Liisa. She, however, brought Braden Cervetti to the meeting and introduced him as the new assistant planner and interface for the bicycle counter program. He is a graduate of Iowa State University in urban planning and has had experience with bike/ped planning in St. Louis.
  - vi. Comment on bike path in the fairgrounds area behind Ada County Expo and horse stalls. Gary Segers said that area is getting dangerous. Right now maintenance is blowing, mowing and trimming and until the Prop I horse racing initiative results are known after the General Election in November alignment issues and asphalt maintenance are not being given priority. Comment by Steve Noyes is that the riparian bike paths are somewhat untenable given the roots and so forth, which can create a hazardous situation. President Gigray plans to chat with Scott Koberg again since this section of pathway is an important link and ask perhaps a line item for pathway repair appear in the budget. Gary Payne expanded on the subject of maintenance, which could be added to the web page, with maintenance issues as well as such hazards as tree down, and divvied up by mile marker segments. This activity insures F.A.C.T.S.' presence by providing feedback.
  - vii. Bill Gigray will continue to converse and communicate with Matt Stolle re: 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update for which items have been drafted.
- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- i. Rails with Trails - no report
  - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update – no report
  - iii. Eagle Island Pathway – Robert Minch sent his report through to both Gary Payne and Gary Segers. There's been flagging on vegetation east end of Newman property...getting great assistance from Lisa Bachman, J-U-B Engineers. Eagle Island State Park may need funding and as yet does not have firm cost estimates. Thankfully the city of Eagle is contracting with engineering to help with these expenses.
  - iv. ACHD Roadways to Bikeways Plan – no report
  - v. Glenwood/State Street Intersection Study – Gary Segers – in process
  - vi. Website – Gary Payne (see under c. vi)
4. Special Information Items
- a. FEMA FUNDING ON Plantation Island Bridge – Jan Johns, Executive Director and Stephani Hilding, Treasurer, Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands, reported that they are getting a lot of calls about the bridge replacement. The project with stated FEMA funding needs to be completed by April 2019 and right now \$ 46,000 more is needed to meet the match requirement. Project estimates range from \$ 160,000 to \$ 165,000. Additionally, rip-rap is

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needed on the abutments and there is erosion of the greenbelt itself. The bridge removed in order to not have it float down the river and destroy the Glenwood Bridge section will be returned to position. Gary Payne asked if there was a specific fund for this project and they both replied "yes." Bill Gigray called for an "agenda item" at the next meeting to make a contribution to this specific project, such an important commuter and recreational link. And, Gary Segers reminded the group that the impact is on Boise City, Garden City and Ada County. Would they be interested in helping? Sven Berg, Idaho Statesman has written an article and BSU, done a radio interview.

*It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Bill Gigray that F.A.C.T.S. contribute \$ 5,000 to the IFP&L specific fund for the bridge replacement. Motion carried unanimously. Note: there can be some significant p-r benefit to F.A.C.T.S.' support of this cause.*

- b. August F.A.C.T.S. Meeting Break Recommendation – The Executive Committee recommends that the August meeting be cancelled. The next meeting will be September 26, 2018.
5. Continuing Business
  - a. Establish Goals & Projects for 2018-19 – Gary Segers – Under the bailiwick of identifying items for the next 12 months and segmenting into Immediate (2018); Lower priority (2021) and Medium Priority (2020-2021) items the following references were developed:
    - Immediate
    - Board recruitment expansion (56%)
    - Increase public visibility (50%)
    - Early input to pathway projects (80%)
    - Identify barriers and opportunities to Boise River easements (new)
    - Medium priority
    - Fundraising (50%)
    - Update 2009 Boise River Plan (70%)
    - Common way finding signage (60%)
    - Identify central repository for grant opportunities (50%)
    - Identify new pathway projects (56%)
    - Leverage existing and planning projects to include ACTIVE transportation (60%)
    - Leading to Comments by Gary and around the table: Limited sampling on survey, Need to scrub the email list; Make it clear that survey wants agency staff input; Can provide a a springboard for the Annual Meeting confidence vote on Goals & Projects for 2018-19; Table action at this meeting and bring back at the September meeting.
6. New Business
  - a. President notified Mayor of Garden City of the resignation of Jeanne Barker and requested from the City a nomination for a Board of Director citizen replacement.
  - b. Update on COMPASS Principal Planner hiring – Liisa Itkonen – Position still open
7. Reports as Time Permits
  - a. Ada County Highway District – John Wasson – More special events than ever. In 2001 County had 15-20 special events; this year there are 207 to date, probably 300 by year end. First responder inspectors overlay on road.
  - b. Ada County Parks and Waterways – Scott Koberg – no report
  - c. Boise River Enhancement Network – Liz Paulson (subsequently emailed short on volunteers but would make the October meeting)

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- d. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee – Bill Gigray – Safe Routes to Schools converging on Sacajawea Elementary and Wilson Elementary. The Annual Report was given before the Caldwell City Council last Monday.
  - e. Canyon County – Laura Barbour – Outdoor Recreational Planner for Canyon County championing the Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail in existence for almost ten years (2009-2019). There's a new web site at [www.snakeriverwatertrail.org](http://www.snakeriverwatertrail.org). It consists of 206 miles going from Glens Ferry ID to Farewell Bend OR and is formed by a loose coalition of organizations and communities. Working under an ongoing RTCA grant providing technical assistance in management plan for economic development along the river, which can include day trips, ways to make connections and promoting canoes, motor boats and bicycles. These various uses apply because the stretch is fragmentary and in some places water is the best route, in other places, bicycles. City of Eagle has a component of the IOSRWT in its Management Plan according to Steve Noyes.
  - f. Canyon Highway District No. 4 – Tim Richard, P.E. – no report
  - g. City of Boise – Trevor Kesner – Phase II of the Boise Whitewater River Park will be started in the same area August/September. Marianne Williams Park recently opened with a bridge connection off Parkcenter Blvd. or Warm Springs Avenue. Greenbelt has at grade crossing, which used to be a dead end and is now open.
  - h. City of Garden City – Colin Schmidt – no report
  - i. City of Eagle Trails & Pathways Department – Steve Noyes – Ordinance for e-bikes now in Eagle, Boise & Ada County. Master Trails Plan is in final draft and will be out to the public pretty soon. There's an RFP on the river trail to reclaim lost material without violating the no-rise and use more sustainable materials. Right now 14+ subdivisions are underway and the city of Eagle's population of 30,000 is headed to 40,000. Health Impact Study review is scheduled for August 8 from 2:30 to 3:00 and relates to the Health Costs/Benefits of Pathways and Trails.
  - j. City of Eagle Parks & Pathways Commission – see under C d.iii
  - k. City of Kuna – Wendy Howell – no report
  - l. City of Meridian Parks and Pathways – Kim Warren – approved to get funding for rails with trails between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets west of Meridian City Hall, one-half mile run east and west. Town Hall Comprehensive Plan meeting tonight. Cost share with ACHD on Ten Mile Road widening from Ustick to McMillan Road.
  - m. City of Nampa Parks Department – Phil Peterson – Phil serves on the Bike/ped Advisory Committee that is working with the city on summer road construction striping to provide bike lanes. The city is good to work with and bike lanes are popping up all over.
  - n. COMPASS – Liisa Itkonen – information to share on the draft TIP (2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program) for next week, opening August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Planning area is all of Ada and Canyon Counties as well as Joint Powers Agreements with 10 counties.
  - o. Idaho Transportation Department – Mark Wasdahl – no report
  - p. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation – Leo Hennessy – no report
  - q. Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail – Laura Barbour (see under 7 e.)
8. Adjournment – The meeting stood adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary

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