

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., March 27, 2019

In attendance:

Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Jan Johns	Executive Director, IFP&L
Paul Mann	Citizen and Caldwell Bike & Path Committee
Robert Minch	Eagle Citizen
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	Citizen and city of Garden City representative
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Cody Swander	City of Nampa Parks

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Gigray at 3:01 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda (call for additions)

William F. Gigray, President

Discuss Name Tags and Business Cards

It was moved by Jan Johns, seconded by Gary Payne that the agenda be approved with one addition. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report

a. Secretary's Report

Sharon Hubler, Secretary

i. Minutes of February 27, 2019

It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report – not given due to absence of Phil Peterson

c. President's Report

William F. Gigray, President

i. Conference Call with Steve Stuebner – President, Steve Stuebner PR

Ad lib conversation exploring whether F.A.C.T.S. could use p-r service in some way and have three-way media opportunities realized. F.A.C.T.S. was the first contributor to the Plantation Island Bridge project and that provides a natural segue to moving forward. Steve would be happy to try and work with F.A.C.T.S. on that kind of stuff and linkage going forward with Eagle Island State Park...when the time is right. He is aware and realizes the whole vision of F.A.C.T.S. involves lands along the river between Lucky Peak and EISP. A multi-jurisdictional map of the greenbelt that involves more than city of Boise, which is free and available, could be set in motion for further out toward the west end and all the way to the Snake River, which might be do-able down the road. In the near-term one item could be to get on the agenda of the Idaho Environmental Forum in Boise, which drew 150 attendees, perhaps less than a five minute video on the Plantation Island Bridge project. Steve would need to charge something for his time to increase the visibility of F.A.C.T.S. action plan. This could involve engaging one of his branding partners, events, speaking and social media. The budget for services involves various initiatives. Steve would do the proposal for free. Steve Noyes would like on-trail branding for F.A.C.T.S. wayfinding, go-pro photography on different sections of the

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greenbelt. Possible source of funding on the multi-jurisdictional map could be advertisement(s) from various businesses along the greenbelt. Steve Noyes also sees p-r for F.A.C.T.S. as being in the realm of economic development, getting in front of grant sources and presentations to municipalities.

It was moved by Robert Minch, seconded by Jan Johns to establish a committee to explore p-r relations with Steve Stuebner. Motion carried unanimously.

As a follow-up to the motion several volunteered to serve on a p-r committee to include Robert Minch, Gary Segers, Paul Mann and Jan Johns. Paul mentioned that clientele in Canyon County might require a difference in branding.

Braden Cervetti, COMPASS, said that data on bikeways will be coming out this summer offering a plethora of street views. At the conclusion President Bill Gigray said a thank you for the bridge ceremony dedication of its re-installation March 25. He thought it might have broken a little ice for fundraising with segments of the pathway and showing a pattern of accomplishment.

- ii. Glenwood/State Street Intersection Study – Bill Mullane and Gary Segers had nothing to report right now.
 - iii. Presentation before Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission March 13
Bill thanked Gary Payne for the Power Point, which went well with a natural follow-up to pick out another agency and as, Gary Payne said, cultivate shared views. Steve Noyes suggested that F.A.C.T.S. could get on the city of Eagle Parks & Pathways Commission.
 - iv. Crosswalk advisories – Intersections are not safe for pedestrians. Idaho Walk Bike Alliance Inc’s president Pat Riceci and Cynthia Gibson, Executive Director would be good cohorts to extend an invitation to attend F.A.C.T.S. board meeting on the safety at intersections issue. This involves highway designs and improvements. We understand that Don Kostelec has a lot of knowledge on the safety aspects for pedestrians and bicycles.
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to approve a letter from F.A.C.T.S. to Idaho Walk Bike Alliance. Motion carried unanimously.
 - v. Discussion on Highway 20/26 upgrades from S.H. 16 to Eagle Road
A.C.H.D. Commission transition plan scheduled April 3rd.
 - vi. Garden City/Ada County interest in third bridge to access Plantation Island
President Bill has seen how specific separate funds, which are currently expendable coming from an endowment account can be used for maintenance later on. Having a third bridge constructed onto Plantation Island would shorten the detour on 52nd. Bill Mullane reported that G.C. Parks & Waterways are planning to meet at 52nd and the greenbelt on April 23rd. COMPASS as part of its ACTIVE Transportation Work Group could request a counter on the bridge.
- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- i. Rails with Trails Update Paul Mann, Gary Payne
Going back to COMPASS board and ask for more funding so it’s paused for a month.
 - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update Braden Cervetti, COMPASS
Braden would agree to having more members from the west end/Canyon County drawing from Nampa and Caldwell’s committees.
 - iii. Eagle Island State Park Easements Robert Minch and Steve Noyes

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Signed three easements, two in front of Council, will be recorded, currently in hands of clerk. Steve commented that the Idaho Recreation and Park evaluation committee on the (Recreational Trails Program) R.T.P. grants seemed to favor small towns and back country trails. Concept plans have to be approved by the Don Newman family and Hart-Davis Ditch Company, c/o Jim Magdich and is located at 1550 Artesian Rd, Eagle, ID 83616 for the first 900 feet of the easement.

iv. Star Neighborhood Bicycle & Ped Plan Kim Ingraham

v. Name Tags and Business Cards

At the Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission presentation it was brought to Jan Johns' attention that name tags would be helpful. Two lines with a magnetic back cost \$ 13 each at A B C Stamp Company. Some kind of Business cards, standardized would also be useful and through Vista Print on line they can be obtained for fairly minimal charge. Those who wish personalized business cards can pay individually. Otherwise, a person could fill in his/her name and telephone contact on a generic type card.

It was moved by Jan Johns, seconded by Gary Segers that these two items be ready with a facsimile for the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Continuing Business – Review 2019 Goals

The main topic was “Increase public visibility of FACTS and this was handled during the tele-conference with Steve Stuebner.

- Specific pathway planning centered on Eagle Island State Park
- Identify new pathway projects, such as Williamson Ranch Pathway (Eagle), Plantation Island Bridge (Garden City) Eagle Road Path (north of South Channel) and Locust Grove(Eagle Island State Park Connector)
- FACTS Board recruitment and expansion
- Increase public visibility of FACTS
- Conduct periodic audit of needed pathway maintenance and submit to appropriate jurisdiction

Other goals were identified that may be acted on during the calendar year include:

- Leverage existing and planned projects in Ada/Canyon counties to assure inclusion of ACTIVE transportation components
- Fund raising (including grants)

5. New Business

a. Plantation Bridge Replacement Update Jan Johns

A bench dedicated to Don McCarter is being planned as well as a rock with list of donors. A video on bridge replacement is being developed by Nick Korte.

b. Marketing for F.A.C.T.S.

A committee is now in place to review information from Steve Stuebner and to make further suggestions consisting of Robert Minch, Gary Segers, Jan Johns and Paul Mann.

6. Reports as Time Permits

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- a. Ada County Highway District John Wasson/Ryan Head/Brooke Green
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways Scott Koberg
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network Liz Paul
- d. Caldwell Trails & Pathways Committee Bill Gigray/Paul Mann
- e. Canyon County Tricia Nilsson
- f. City of Boise Trevor Kesner
- g. City of Garden City Colin Schmidt/Bill Mullane
- h. Canyon Highway District No. 4 Tim Richard, P.E.
- i. City of Eagle Trails & Pathways Dept. Steve Noyes
- j. City of Eagle Pars & Pathways Development Robert Minch
- k. City of Kuna Wendy Howell
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways Kim Warren
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department Cody Swander

Glad to have Cody at the meeting and he said the most important happening is the bike/ped plan update last done in 2011. ALTA Design has a steering committee, now being opened up for public input denoting pathway extensions, gap closures and an interactive map with connections to the north as Nampa grows in that direction. Nampa Impact Area is all the way to Boise River. Both Indian Creek and Wilson Drain are other arteries furnishing connection to other cities. Stoddard Pathway remaining piece has been approved by Nampa City Council, part of which lies along the abandoned rail line in city. Funding is looking good with design this fiscal year (FY19) to bring the pathway straight into downtown. Encroachment on easement going out to 11th Avenue North Extension where kids get to Birch Elementary School.

- n. City of Star Kim Ingraham
- o. COMPASS Liisa Itkonen/Braden Cervette
- p. Idaho Transportation Department Mark Wasdahl
- q. Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation need replacement
- r. Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail Laura Barbour
- s. Other

7. Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary