

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
June 15, 2016

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Attendance:

Mark Eubank, Citizen  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Jerry Hastings, Ada County  
Sharon Hubler, FACTS  
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways  
Tom Laws, COMPASS  
Robert Minch, Citizen  
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President  
Judy Peavey-Derr, Citizen  
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District No. 4  
Colin Schmidt, Garden City  
Gary Segers, Citizen  
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks  
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary  
Mark Wasdahl, Idaho Transportation Department  
John Wasson, Ada County Highway District

1. Call to order at 3:01 PM by President Gigray.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. He noted a change in the resolution numbers to be 2016-2 and 2016-3, versus 2016-01 and 2016-03. With that change noted, Tim Richard moved and Gary Segers seconded to approve the agenda as amended, and it was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items
  - a. Minutes. President Gigray noted the minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. There were none, and Gary Payne moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Jerry Hastings and approved on a voice vote.
  - b. Bank Account Report. Sharon Hubler said the balance was unchanged from the previous month at \$12,187.12. Charles Trainor moved to approve the report, and it was seconded by Judy Peavey-Derr. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
  - c. President's Report
    - i) Resolution 2016-2 Transferring Easements to Ada County. President Gigray introduced the topic and explained. He noted there was a correction to the resolution numbers in that a resolution had occurred earlier this year. He opened it up to discussion. Scott Koberg made some comments regarding the county attorney review. He thanked Jerry Hastings for preparing some visuals regarding the locations of the transfers. Jerry then took over and

showed the maps on screen. Following Jerry's presentation, President Gigray asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-2. Jerry Hastings moved and Gary Payne seconded to approve Resolution 2016-2. Motion was approved on a voice voted with no nays. Gary Segers noted the need for maintenance having seen a fallen tree recently, and he had already seen county staff working on the pathway. Scott said the County was attempting to meet pathway standards under the American Society of Highway and Transportation Officials (ASHTO).

- ii) Resolution 2016-3 Recommending the Renaming of a Portion of the Three Cities Pathway. President Gigray explained the intent to rename the pathway described above in honor of Judy Peavey-Derr. This resolution is not binding but simply a recommendation. He described the reasons for the recommendation as noted in the resolution. He said, if the resolution is approved, a letter would be sent to the Ada County Commissioners. He then asked for discussion and a motion. Jerry Hastings moved and Gary Segers (???) seconded to approve said resolution. Motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote. President Gigray thanked the Board for its approval. Scott said it would help if someone from FACTS were to be present when this item came before the Ada County Commission. President Gigray asked if Sharon and Jerry be the presenters. This was moved and seconded. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays.
  - d. Consider Cancellation of July and August Meetings. President Gigray noted this recommendation was discussed by the Executive Board. It has been done in the past, with the proviso that all necessary business has been accomplished. He said the Board would reconvene in September. A suggestion was made to get an update at that time on the completion of pathway work and closures near Fairview and Broadway. President Gigray concurred and suggested also an update be provided at that time on COMPASS activity. Tom Laws said there should be some progress to report. Gary Payne moved to approve the cancellation with a second by Gary Segers. Motion was approved on a voice voted with no nays.
  - e. Other Officer Reports as Needed. No other reports were made.
4. Special Information Items
- a. Web Design/Public Engagement. Gary Payne showed a presentation on the web design, calling it a work in progress. He said the new site is designed for smart phones. He said it would be necessary to ensure that listed agencies want to be shown as partners of FACTS. He said a link to the draft would be sent to members to review. He showed a contribution link and there were questions as to how this would work. He noted the ability to scroll around the map and use Google Earth features, adding that not all trails can be viewed this way. There was a discussion about different agencies that may have video of the trails system. Boise City may be inventorying the 117 miles of trails it oversees, and Jennifer Tomlinson might have more information on this. Charles noted his concern about providing information about parking areas and trailheads that access the pathway system. William Gigray added the need for portage points. Gary said there would also be a news page to have current activity, emphasizing this would need continual updating by someone—perhaps a current or new officer. There would be a contact page with officer email addresses. Judy suggested adding some information regarding the economic development value of a pathway system. Gary said there could also be tie-ins to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Gary said he, Robert Minch, and Jeanne Barker have met with Abisay Herrera several times. Judy asked about the potential for advertising on the site as a source of revenue, e.g. bike shops or others.

Gary said many issues remain, for example whether the site should be a place to note problems with the pathways. Gary Segers asked if FACTS has a Facebook account or should acquire the “rights.”

- b. Grant Applications – Idaho Community Foundation and Clean Cities Coalition. President Gigray said the authorization to submit had been given by the Board. He submitted a grant application on June 11, 2016. He estimated the full project cost to be \$10,000, with the request for \$5,000—the maximum amount that could be awarded. The project would be in Caldwell and consist of 4-5 map boards, including the Boise River, Indian Creek, Centennial, YMCA, and Downtown areas. The project could serve as a model for the region. The City of Caldwell would maintain the signs.
- c. Department of Lands Easements Mapping. Robert Minch said he worked on this project with Don Stockton and Ross Dodge, who has been doing geographic information system work for Eagle. The project shows Department of Lands easements documented as of 2009. He said it has only partially been mapped at this time. He cautioned that many easements are not well documented. He said there are many issues, including pathways not on easements, lack of signage to identify easements, inadequate mapping, etc. President Gigray said it was clearly a lot of work, and Robert said this was why he wanted to come to FACTS with these issues. Tom Laws said COMPASS has much of the information through its work. President Gigray thought the Department of Lands would assign these easements to local governments. Gary Payne suggested that an agency such as BSU might pick this effort up. Robert said they had spoken with Bill Vaughn of Eagle, who thought the city might get an intern to work on the easements. There was some discussion of easement mapping by ITD, which also lacks full identification of its easements. President Gigray suggested tying the easement mapping to COMPASS’ work on mapping regional pathway plans. He said Tom, Robert, Don Stockton, and others get together and come back in September for further discussion. It was moved by Judy Peavey Derr and seconded by Jerry Hastings for this to occur. Motion was passed on voice vote. John Wasson suggested if COMPASS were to be the repository of pathway easements for the region, it could sent out “read only” layers to agencies for their consideration in planning and implementation.
- d. Pathway Planning and Implementation Practices. Robert Minch gave a brief report with a one page handout. There are six issues for pathway design, based on AASHTO guidelines. He found some sources for standards: ASHTO and the Boise River Trail Plan which sets a minimum design speed of 20 mph for pathways.

He noted the issue of minimum clearances between paths and fencing (compared to a subdivision not to be named). This ties into the establishment of easements that are wide enough and do not have sharp bends. Gary Segers urged that FACTS use this information to update the 2009 plan for guiding local governments. He noted John Caywood’s role in that effort. President Gigray asked if someone could contact John Caywood for a future presentation to FACTS. \*\*\* said he could contact Mr. Caywood. (Unclear on recording.) Tim Richard had to leave meeting, but he noted a July 7 meeting coming up at Canyon Highway District No 4.

- e. Boise Interurban Route. Charles Trainor said this had been requested at the last meeting. He showed a presentation on screen. The Interurban started in 1891 and ran to 1928. It connected all the major urban areas, and traveled along Fairview, Ustick and other major corridors. The growth in autos in the area cut ridership to the point the system lost revenue. The system was privately built and owned, often by land developers. The system carried mail and freight in addition to

passengers.

5. Continuing Business. None.
6. New Business. None.
7. Reports as Time Permits
  - a. Ada County Highway District. John Wasson talked about the Caywood plan. He said his boss, Ross Oyen, works with Ada County on this plan. Many people drive to the trailheads, and we need to plan for the travel and parking issues.
  - b. Ada County Parks and Waterways. Scott Koberg showed the Ada County Facebook page. He showed the Ada County committee working on pathways and a bike to work day with 40 participants. Scott used it as an opportunity to point out maintenance needs. He said all county employees are given free Greenbike membership, and there is a station outside the courthouse. He then showed an online magazine, Horizon, highlighting outdoor activities in the region, including the Greenbelt, Celebration Park, and Foothills.
  - c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways. No report.
  - d. Canyon County Parks and Recreation. No report.
  - e. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
  - f. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. No report.
  - g. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
  - h. Garden City. No report.
  - i. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. No report.
  - j. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
  - k. Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
  - l. Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander said there would be a ribbon cutting for the Iowa pathway on June 28. There is a project to rebuild Indian Creek pathway.
  - m. City of Kuna. No report.
  - n. Other. Tom Laws said there is an online survey regarding the COMPASS pathway map.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Next meeting was set for September 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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