

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
January 20, 2016

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1. Attendance:

Jeanne Barker, Garden City  
Tom Dale, Canyon County  
Mark Eubank, Citizen  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Brooke Green, Ada County Highway District  
Wendy Howell, City of Kuna  
Sharon Hubler, Treasurer FACTS  
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways  
Tom Laws, COMPASS  
Paul Mann, Caldwell Pathway Bike Committee  
Robert Minch, Volunteer  
Steve Noyes, City of Eagle  
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President acting Secretary  
Judy Peavey Derr, FACTS Board Member  
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District No. 4  
Colin Schmidt, Garden City  
Gary Segers, Volunteer/Citizen  
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathways  
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks Department  
Jennifer Tomlinson, Boise Parks and Recreation

1. Call to order at 3:04 by President William Gigray. President Gigray announced that Charles Trainor would not be attendance because he was traveling with his wife to attend the funeral of his father-in-law. William asked that Charles and his family be in the thoughts of the members today.

2. Administrative Action Items

- a. William Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Gary Payne clarified that item c was intended to be included within item b. Gary Segers suggested the addition of a brief photographic presentation showing the Laguna Pointe trail after the barbed wire had been removed. Tim Richard moved and Gary Segers seconded a motion to approve the agenda as modified and it was approved on a voice vote.
- b. Sharon Hubler presented the treasurer's report largely unchanged from the previous meeting except for a \$6.00 expense for taxes. Don Stockton moved and Gary Segers seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved by a voice vote of the members in attendance.
- c. William Gigray noted the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting had been disseminated and he asked if there were any changes. No changes were proposed and Gary Segers moved and Phil Peterson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. They were approved on a voice vote.
- d. William Gigray distributed and discussed at length a weighty document that describes in

detail the easements currently held by FACTS. It is the intent of the board to eventually transfer these easements to Ada County so that they can be maintained consistent with other properties adjacent to them. This document is preliminary to begin discussion with Ada County and at some point a specific document for approval by the board would be presented to accomplish the actual transfer. It is his intention to begin a series of meetings with the relevant parties that would lead to a detailed agreement for action by this board.

In response to a question from Don Stockton, the conditions on the easements are the same as were placed upon FACTS when we accepted the easements from Ada County. In general, the board expressed their support to have Mr. Gigray proceed with the negotiations on the board's behalf.

It was also identified that Jill Murphy, Judy Peavey-Derr and Sharon Hubler would join William Gigray to serve as representatives of the board for this purpose.

Gary Segers moved and Don Stockton seconded that the process as described begin. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

### 3. Special Information Items

- a. The web design subcommittee had to cancel a meeting scheduled for last week and so will provide an update at the next meeting.
- b. Boise River Enhancement Project: Gary Payne has begun to attend the meetings of the Boise River Enhancement Network They are interested in the development and maintenance of the same geographic area as FACTS and focus on water quality and environmental issues along the Boise and Snake River corridors. Like FACTS, they are interested in providing information and maps to make access to the area safer and easier. William Gigray suggested that Gary Payne serve as the official liaison to BREN. Robert Minch moved, Jeanne Barker seconded and the group approved his appointment as liaison to BREN.
- c. Gary Segers presented slides to show the Laguna Pointe trail after the removal of the barbed wire. He also pointed out the language between Eagle and the Laguna Pointe Homeowners association was not very specific about the type of fence to be erected. He encouraged people to use more specific language when negotiating the agreements.

Robert Minch used Gary Segers photos to point attention on the western side of Eagle Road and to a series of easements that need to be defended against individuals who post signs and engage in practices that diminish the potential to use the easements. Steve from Eagle City clarified a difference of opinion about the pathway at issue. The city has not focused on that section of the pathway. Robert suggested that we not give up on any easements because we may need them in the future. William Gigray reminded us that if we can use the mapping programs that COMPASS provides, the easements can be seen with their gaps and connections on the maps to keep the interest in them alive.

- d. Idaho Community Foundation: Elly Davis presented the history and services provided by

her organization. The group has been functioning since 1988 and is able to receive and disburse funds on behalf of other corporations. This is an Idaho organization that receives funds from individuals or organizations and then grants those funds to deserving individuals or organization based on predetermined criteria. They essentially handle the overhead of funding and disbursement.

William Gigray suggested that the issue of ideas for pending grant requests should be placed on the next FACTS Board meeting agenda. Judy Peavey-Derr, Jeanne Barker seconded and the group approved unanimously to place this item on the next FACTS agenda.

- e. Boise Pathway Work: Jennifer Tomlinson updated the group on Boise roadwork affecting bike and walking transportation. There are 2 projects. The first will rebuild the section near the fish and game offices and will take 2 months. The second project is to continue the greenbelt to the East near Joe's Crab Shack on Americana. Both projects are on schedule and making good progress.
- f. Long Term Maintenance: William wanted to let the board know that the long term maintenance discussions are still underway and continuing.
- g. COMPASS Mapping Review: Tom Laws reported on the ongoing work to keep the maps of the various jurisdictions so that they are using a common symbols and notation. He also reported on the increasing use of counters to reflect usage across the jurisdictions. He reported that there were 2 additional permanent counters that are being placed in Canyon County. Stoddard pathway and the Caldwell greenbelt are the 2 new locations for the additional counters.

Tom reported that COMPASS is sponsoring a monthly webinar that is available to board members on many topics of interest to pathway development. They will be scheduled on the same day as the FACTS meeting each month.

#### 4. Reports as Time Permits

- a. Brooke Green reported that they are working on a North End Development plan. They also are working on the Hill Street Roundabout and plans for a Warm Springs roundabout.
- b. Ada County Parks and Waterways: Scott Koberg reports that they are in the early stages of work on the Warm Springs Mesa trail. There will be some detours in the Warm Springs golf course this spring. Scott distributed copies of their newsletter, Current, which contains some lovely outdoor photographs.
- c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways: Paul Mann reports that the Lake Lowell concept work is now complete. They are waiting for the various agencies to approve their portions of the plan. They have held a joint meeting between Caldwell, Nampa and the Highway District to coordinate the mapping work between the agencies. There will be significant work on bridges over the next year that will affect bicycle transportation.
- d. Canyon County Parks and Recreation: Tom Dale reported the delivery of a new tractor to parks and recreation.
- e. Garden City: Jeanne Barker introduced Colin Schmidt, a new staff member with Garden City.

- f. Nampa Parks Department: Cody Swander reported that a new grant has funding that will connect 3 city parks including a new city park on Cherry Lane and Franklin. This will be a significant connection of the three parks. Edwards pathway between Midland and Iowa construction will start in March and provide a mile of new asphalt pathway. The Stoddard railroad spur is still on the city list and discussions are underway. Nampa is in the process of updating its bicycle pedestrian pathway plan.
- g. The board expressed appreciation to Judy Peavey-Derr and others who developed the easements that are in the process of being transferred.

Since time had expired, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:12 p.m.

Next meeting was set for February 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Payne, Acting Secretary