

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
June 21, 2017

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Attendance:

Mark Eubank, Citizen  
Cynthia Gibson, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Tom Laws, COMPASS  
Paul Mann, Caldwell Bike and Path Committee  
Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks and Recreation  
Gary Payne, Citizen  
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bike Pedestrian  
Gary Segers, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance  
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Recreation  
Cody Swander, Nampa Parks Division  
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary  
Tim Williams, Eagle Parks and Recreation

1. Call to order at 3:06 by President William Gigray. A round of introductions was made. Steve Noyes introduced Tim Williams, the new Parks and Recreation Director for Eagle.
2. Action Items.  
President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Gary Segers said Cynthia Gibson of the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance was present to discuss the program, and he asked this be added under Special Information. Gary Segers moved and Gary Payne seconded to amend the agenda to add Cynthia. With that change, the agenda was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report.
  - a. William Gigray noted the minutes of the May 2017 meeting had been disseminated and he asked if there were any changes. No changes were proposed, and Gary Payne moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Gary Segers. Motion was approved on a voice vote. (Note that the paper minutes distributed at the meeting were from an earlier meeting, but the group had been sent the correct minutes via email the week before.)
  - b. Phil Peterson said there were no changes in the bank account from last month and the current bank balance remained \$12,240.28. Upon a motion by Charles Trainor and seconded by Mark Eubank, the financial report was approved on a voice vote.
  - c. President Gigray distributed a letter to Matt Stoll, Executive Director of COMPASS, expressing appreciation for the work of Tom Laws. He also had drafted a letter regarding easements, which would be sent to the various cities and counties to notify them of these easements for pathways. Copies would go to relevant state agencies. Don Stockton reviewed the draft letter and provided his edit comments to President Gigray for the final draft. Gary Segers asked what the purpose of these letters which was responded to by President Gigray. It was then discussed that a letter should be prepared and addressed to the Executive Director and Board of Directors of COMPASS for assistance in the review and updating of the *Boise River Trails System Plan* prepared over 2 years from 2007 to 2009. After a brief discussion, Gary Segers moved to approve the President to draft this letter. Motion was seconded by Mark Eubank and approved on a voice vote.

- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  - i. Rails with Trails. Gary Payne said a letter supporting had been discussed earlier.
  - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update. Gary Segers said the group (Gary, Paul Mann, Charles Trainor, and John Caywood) had met and agreed an update to this plan was needed, but that it would require substantial financial and staff support to complete based on John's experience in the existing plan. The group concurred that the best approach would be to seek COMPASS as the manager, given its facilities, political connections, and staff. Paul said the client group for the area in Canyon is markedly different than was involved in the 2009 plan, and many agencies lack the staff capacity in pathway planning. President Gigray will approach Matt Stoll, COMPASS executive director, on this issue. He noted the need for a joint powers agreement that could formalize the commitment of agencies involved in the plan. Gary Segers emphasized that this plan must be seen also as a Canyon County document in order to gain support of the Canyon County agencies. President Gigray said a real need is to develop the request to COMPASS.
  - iii. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch was not present. Don Stockton said the title company in Eagle may be willing to approach the land owners. He said the Mayor of Eagle and the title company would be needed to meet with the owners.

#### 4. Special Information Items.

- a. Flood Damage Update. President Gigray spoke with Jan Johns regarding the bridge. There had been a meeting on June 12, 2017 to discuss damages due to flooding. They are seeking a grant to repair the damages, which could include the bridge. Other parties include Boise and Eagle. It is likely a new bridge is needed given the erosion around the existing abutments. There is also possible damage to the old bridge from the emergency removal process. President Gigray wondered if the bridge could be installed elsewhere. Steve Noyes might be interested. There is a question about placement of pathways near the river in light of the flood damage. There was also a discussion of whether a government agency might take ownership of this bridge and the island.
- b. Bridge Replacement. The discussion shifted to how far from the old bridge location a new bridge could be. Some felt the new bridge would have to be close.
- c. E-Bike Legislation. (See below.)
- d. Idaho Walk Bike Alliance. President Gigray introduced Cynthia Gibson of the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance (IWBA). Cynthia said they had worked with Rep. Phyllis King on the E-Bike legislation and had asked her to slow down the process. The version Cynthia had seen was from April, much earlier than the version disseminated in the F.A.C.T.S. packet. She agreed some legislation in this regard is needed, but wanted pathway agencies to control uses. She thought the three-class system in the drafted bill was good. Her biggest concern was with Class 3 bikes with speeds of up to 28 mph. President Gigray was concerned about the State preempting local police power to regulate such vehicles. There was also concern about the number of jurisdictions along a stretch of path with perhaps different rules. Cynthia said Rep. King had been meeting with various groups including ITD. She felt it was important to engage bike groups and local entities. After extensive discussion, President Gigray said we had choices: don't get involved or get involved and determine who takes the lead. Members would be Steve Noyes, Cynthia Gibson, Gary Segers, and Phil Peterson. Don Stockton moved to set up an ad-hoc committee which will consist of Steve Noyes, Cynthia Gibson, Gary Segers, and Phil Peterson. Gary Segers seconded the Motion which passed on a voice vote.

Cynthia noted she had a few more items. The first was proposed legislation to ban “rolling coal” exhaust from diesel trucks that emit blasts of smoke.

Another issue is a draft Montana bill that would prohibit bikes on state highways which lack painted shoulders. It was pulled before full consideration. She was concerned that it could be introduced in Idaho. President Gigray asked Cynthia if she had access to information that lead to the Montana being pulled that might be useful here. Cynthia said she could send that.

Cynthia spoke about a Safe Routes to School policy bill which addressed what to do if funds were found. The bill’s purpose is to fund child safety projects. The goal was to appropriate \$2 million for such projects. Due to the lateness in the Session that the bill was approved it is unclear how much money will be provided. She would appreciate advocacy letters.

5. Continuing Business. Follow-up on Contribution to Flood Control District 10 Aerial Photos. There was no information on this, and President Gigray said we needed to contact Liz Paul.
6. New Business. Paul Mann suggested the sharing of contact information for people serving on various working groups of F.A.C.T.S. He recognized the importance of not publishing email addresses broadly, but he felt there is a need to be able to contact fellow members directly. After a brief discussion, Gary Payne moved and Paul seconded to authorize the Secretary to make contact information available. Motion passed on a voice vote.
7. Reports
  - a. Ada County Highway District. No report.
  - b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report.
  - c. Boise Parks and Recreation. No report.
  - d. Boise Public Works. No report.
  - e. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. Paul Mann said the trash collection firm in Caldwell, Republic Services, gets lots of bikes in its collection. The need is to find some agency that could fix these bikes up and give to kids. He said the Committee had not met that month. President Gigray said the Committee has completed its updating of the Master Plan which has been approved by the City Council.
  - f. Canyon County Development Services Dept. No report.
  - g. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways. No report.
  - h. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
  - i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said they are applying for Federal Emergency Management Administration funds to repair damages from the flooding. The rivers flows were still around 4,920 cubic feet per second. Tim Williams and Steve had done an evaluation of the pathways and wanted to reopen some areas, but this must be approved. They indicated the Hwy 44 trail and Merrill Park could be opened. They also will break ground on the Dry Creek Trail in August.
  - j. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
  - k. Garden City West Bridge. No report.
  - l. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
  - m. Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.

- n. Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander said Indian Creek pathway would be reconstructed for about one mile in September. The City is also working on the Stoddard pathway extension along the old Union Pacific rail line acquired by the City. This acquisition involved some land swaps for property owned by the City in the downtown. He anticipates future acquisition of another two miles or so. Most of the City's paths are 8-10 feet wide. Phase 2 of a downtown pathway is nearing completion. The City budget will contain funding to update the Bicycle/Pedestrian Pathway Plan.
- o. Kuna. No report.
- p. Other. Tom Laws noted the public comment process has started for the on-line pathway map.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Next meeting was set for July 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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