

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
November 15, 2017

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Attendance:

Mark Eubank, Citizen  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Paul Mann, Caldwell Bike and Path Committee  
Robert Minch, Eagle Citizen  
Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks, Pathways and Recreation  
Gary Payne, Citizen  
Gary Segers, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance  
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathways  
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks  
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary

1. Call to order at 3:03 PM by President Gigray. There was a round of introductions.

2. Action Items.

President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Gary Segers said he is no longer affiliated with the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance and is simply a citizen. This change would go under the item of minutes. Mark Eubank said he would like to add an item on putting someone from the realtors/developers on the Board. Gary Payne moved to approve the agenda, and Robert Minch seconded. With no opposition, this was approved on a voice vote.

3. Annual Meeting

a. Nominations and Election of Board Members. (Self-nomination for some)

Named for Board membership were:

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| • Jeanne Barker     | • Gary Payne      |
| • Mark Eubank       | • Philip Peterson |
| • William F. Gigray | • Gary Segers     |
| • Sharon Hubler     | • Don Stockton    |
| • Paul Mann         | • Charles Trainor |
| • Robert Minch      |                   |

b. Nominations and Election of Ex-Officio Members.

Named for Ex-officio membership were:

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| • Leo Hennessey    | • Cody Swanson       |
| • Wendy Howell     | • Jennifer Tomlinson |
| • Scott Koberg     | • Duane Wakan        |
| • Patricia Nilsson | • Mark Wasdahl       |
| • Steve Noyes      | • John Wasson        |
| • Tim Richards     | • Tim Williams       |
| • Colin Schmidt    |                      |

The above names for Board and Ex-officio positions were approved on a voice vote upon a call by President Gigray.

c. Nominations and Election of Board Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. Gary Segers moved that all current officers be retained for the coming year. Mark Eubank seconded. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays.

d. Set regular meeting schedule until the next annual meeting. Gary Segers moved to keep the meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. This was seconded by Mark Eubank and approved on a voice vote with no nays. 0:17:16

4. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report.

a. President Gigray noted the minutes of the October 2017 meeting had been disseminated and he asked if there were any changes. Gary Segers said he should be noted as a citizen since he is no longer associated with the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance. With those changes noted, Gary Segers moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Don Stockton. Motion was approved on a voice vote. 0:19:00

b. In the absence of Phil Peterson, Charles Trainor said the report had been sent by Phil Peterson but not distributed to members. Charles said there were no changes in the bank account from last month and the current bank balance remained \$12,240.28. There will be property tax charge coming due for \$6.25 for property along the Three Cities pathway. This amount reflects exemption for all but a drainage district tax. Don Stockton described the property location and its connection to a heron rookery. It is 0.85 acres of land. Upon a motion by Gary Segers and seconded by Don Stockton, this report was approved on a voice vote. 0:21:49

c. Presidents Report. President Gigray said he had sent letters to agencies regarding the Idaho Department of Lands easements. He said letters went to Notus, Star, Parma, Notus, Caldwell, and Middleton. He said he would follow up to see that these letters have been received and understood. He noted the Notus Mayor indicated his citizens are not very interested in pathways, to which President Gigray noted the need to retain residents with such amenities. President Gigray also spoke about the transfer of Pioneer Irrigation District to the City of Caldwell. There is a comment period through January 5, 2018 with the US Bureau of Reclamation. This could open additional pathway routes. He said the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District is friendlier to pathways. He said he had sent an email to Jay Gibbons, whose position is now filled in Meridian by Kim Warren. Jay is now in private practice. President Gigray asked if there was a newer Urbanized Area map than the 2007 version. 0:30:52

d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports

i. Rails with Trails. No meeting held. Gary Payne said there has been research into other areas' experience, which might be a good topic at a future meeting.

ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update. No report.

iii. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch said there were two meetings held with the Newman family. At the first meeting the Newmans said a pathway could go through on a location along the river. At the second meeting they looked at different alignments, noting that the alignment cannot be along the river given experience in 2017 flooding. The only feasible route is along the existing levee. The owners expressed interest in getting two nearby properties in exchange for allowing use of a feasible pathway alignment, but the cost of these properties is high. More discussion and research on this is needed. One issue is where

the new high-water mark will be set as a result of the 2017 flooding. Upon a suggestion by President Gigray a motion was made by Robert Minch to authorize the committee to pursue the Newman family request to negotiate for these two properties with the intention of trading them to the Newman family in exchange for an easement along the levee and connection to the existing path to the east subject to the FACTS budget. This was seconded by Mark Eubank. Motion was approved on a voice vote. 0:51.22

iv. E-bike Legislation. No report. This will likely need an update in January.

5. Special Information Items.

- a. City of Star Pathways. Cathy Ward was unable to attend. She invited FACTS members to come to Star, and Gary Segers, Robert Minch, and President Gigray volunteered. Gary will coordinate this meeting. President Gigray said the noon hour worked best for him. There was discussion of some of the issues: big homes, possible resistance to public pathways, and the need for connections to other agencies pathways, both planned and existing. Gary Segers will coordinate this meeting. Middleton was also noted as needing to be involved. 1:05:05
- b. Report on the Stoddard Pathway Public Meeting. Cody Swander showed some graphics on the screen of the design concept for the Stoddard Pathway. This portion will run from E. Amity south to Iowa. In some areas, the path would involve areas under Homeowners Association. There would be a trailhead with parking south of Amity. In response to a concern about proximity of trees shown on the concept to the pathway, Cody said this is not specific design. There would be play structures and restrooms. The estimate value of this property belonging to Union Pacific was \$700,000. Some of the crossings have special HAWK signals, and others are simple marked crossings. There is some environmental remediation needed, but it was not a mainline, so contamination is minimal. The City owns the route all the way to Deer Flat Road. The existing corridor is not well maintained, so the proposal will likely benefit adjacent housing. There will not be lighting in Phase 1, and pathways are closed after dark. This might be an issue in the future. Gary Segers said there aren't set standards for easements or design, for example night-time usage. Encroachment on the easement has also been an issue. Steve Noyes noted some of the issues Eagle has faced, such as irrigation pipes. President Gigray said easements can be drafted to include provisions that establish the easement rights standards which can be legally enforced if necessary. He noted the process of the development of uniform standards for easements could be accomplished by the participating agencies through a joint powers agreement. Gary Segers said there could be checklists and standards for developers concerning pathways and easements. This could be something for FACTS to work on. 1:38:23

6. Continuing Business. Review of Progress on the following items voted on by the Board as goals and projects at the February 15, 2017 meeting.

Top three projects:

- i. Pathway to Eagle Island – In progress
- ii. Update 2009 Boise River Trails Systems Plan – Need to put together a points paper for Matt Stoll of COMPASS. FACTS must keep working on this. Note there are new people such as a new Canyon Parks director to inform. Pathways should be part of Communities in Motion plan.
- iii. Boise River Easements – Done

It was decided to continue this discussion in January upon a recommendation by Gary Segers. Gary Payne moved and Robert Minch seconded to make this a major part of the January meeting. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

7. New Business. Mark Eubank said he had seen all the amenities being put along the pathway in Harris Ranch. He said this is how paths should be done and wanted to have the Harris Ranch developers or other developers come to a FACTS meeting to provide their perspective. He recommended getting someone from the development community on FACTS, such as the SW Homebuilders Association. It was also recommended that Scott Koberg and someone from Boise City discuss their standards for pathways and related issues. There was extensive discussion as to whom to contact—the Mayor or staff. Gary Segers suggested a letter from President Gigray to senior officials and others to encourage their participation. President Gigray suggested a presentation to the senior officials. 2:06:22

#### 8. Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District. No report.
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report.
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
- d. City of Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. No report.
- e. Canyon County Development Services Dept. No report.
- f. City of Boise. No report.
- g. Garden City. No report.
- h. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said there would be a Health Impact Assessment for pathways at St. Luke's Hospital-Eagle on November 16, 2017 from 8 am to noon. There would be two follow up meetings on this topic. He said Boise is ready to adopt an e-bike ordinance. Eagle would likely follow suit.
- j. City of Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
- k. City of Kuna. No report.
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department. No report.
- n. COMPASS. No report.
- o. Idaho Transportation Department. No report.
- p. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. No report.
- q. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- r. Other. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting was set for January 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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