

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., January 23, 2019

In attendance:

Mark Eubank	Citizen
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Austin Hopkins	Idaho Conservation League
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Jan Johns	Executive Director, IFP&L
Paul Mann	Citizen and Caldwell Bike & Path Committee
Robert Minch	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	Citizen and city of Garden City representative
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Phil Peterson	Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Crystal Rain	Conservation Voters for Idaho
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Gigray at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approve agenda

Additional item is an invitation to speak before Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission explaining the purpose of the F.A.C.T.S. coalition. Crystal Rain and Austin Hopkins were introduced as guests. Austin is affiliated with Idaho Conservation League and Crystal, Conservation Voters for Idaho. Under Item 4 Gary Segers and Robert Minch asked for a consensus vote on the 2019 F.A.C.T.S. Proposed Projects.

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report

a. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes of November 28, 2018

It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Phil Peterson that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report

i. Report on Bank Account

The November bank balance includes a donation of \$100 leaving a balance of \$ 7,359.35.

It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Mark Eubank that the Treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried unanimously.

c. President's Report

i. Letter re: Glenwood/State Street Intersection Study – Gary Segers talked to Mark Wasdahl, ITD, asking about the section of study area on improvement for bicyclists and pedestrians; the final report is not out but it has more than 3,000 pages. A.C.H.D. website has the concept study available. Gary will ask Mark what steps next after the concept study.

Note: I-84 Corridor open house in Caldwell at Best Western tonight from 4-7. A couple of key points are how big is the tunnel under I-84 at Linden Street and a concern re: the overpass at Middleton & Ustick. Canyon No. 4 Highway District is involved in these key questions.

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., January 23, 2019

- ii. A.C.H.D. is currently developing plans to upgrade Linder Road from Chinden Boulevard to Highway 44. As this project is connective with 1000 feet of pedestrian access to Eagle Island State Park F.A.C.T.S. has a role to play. President Gigray had been previously asked to write a letter of support for a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Phase I grant application on behalf of the city of Eagle due 1/18/19. *It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Robert Minch to ratify the action taken by the president to write a letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - iii. President Gigray introduced Crystal Rain, Conservation Voters for Idaho and Austin Hopkins with Idaho Conservation League who are advocating for utilizing space along canals seeing it as an alternative transportation issue. They would like to formalize use of canals' right-of-ways as pathways. They have met with Boise, Meridian and Nampa and espouse having canal r-o-w's dedicated in the platting process for use as pathways, as long as unreasonable interference could be avoided. They want to have as many contacts with the ACTIVE transportation work group headed by COMPASS.
 - iv. Kim Warren, city of Meridian Pathways Project Manager, has extended an invitation on behalf of the Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission to make a presentation on either Wednesday, February 13, or Wednesday, March 13. Meetings begin at 5:30 at the Meridian City Hall. This would someone involved from Meridian on a more regular attendance basis. The choice was made for Wednesday, March 13 with Bill Gigray, Gary Segers and Jan Johns volunteering to assist with the presentation.
- d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- i. Rails with Trails Update – a scoring meeting was held with the planner from ALTA Engineering Inc. being selected. They will take work already done, including cross sections, look along entire corridor, at a fairly high level and deduce what kind of design work goes where. This is a 35 mile corridor all the way from College of Western Idaho in Nampa to Motive Power on Federal Way in east Boise.
 - ii. 2009 Boise River Plan Update – Liisa Itkonen will lead discussion at February F.A.C.T.S. meeting
 - iii. Eagle Island Pathway – Robert Minch indicates things are going scarily (rather) well. Meeting lined up with property owners tomorrow. First phase of 500 feet will require three easements aligning with embankment. Discussion with David Langhorst, Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Director and Gary Shelley, manager, Eagle Island State Park.
 - iv. Star Neighborhood & Bicycle Plan – Nothing new at this time. Gary Segers
4. Continuing Business – Review 2019 Goals – Gary Segers relinquished his time to hear about progress on Plantation Island Bridge Restoration.
5. New Business – Jan Johns, Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands reported that all of the permits had been approved and it was going out to bid by January 31, 2019. Two weeks approximately for the installation. Bids close on February 14.
- Gary Segers has asked to have as an agenda item for February discussion of a periodic audit on new pathway projects. He has been reading "Pathway of Dreams" by David Proctor from which he gleaned the story of the Boise River Greenbelt beginning with a 1966 Ordinance # 3240 declaring that no building would take place within 50 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark. He mentioned the pioneers of this dream including Earl Reynolds, CH2MHill and others like Bill

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., January 23, 2019

Onweiler, Boise City Council and Realtor / Appraiser. Gary proposes to pick it back up with the assignment of 2019 F.A.C.T.S. Proposed Projects at the February meeting.

6. Reports as Time Permits

Not many to report except for Caldwell Trails and Pathways...Paul Mann stated that at the last meeting the city ran into a roadblock with Union Pacific on the needed crossing to Centennial Way. Bill Mullane, Garden City representative said that Heron Park was coming along. Liisa Itkonen suggested going online to look at the plan adopted December 24th.

7. Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary