

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., September 25, 2019

In attendance:

Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Rachel Haukkala	COMPASS
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Paul Mann	Citizen and Caldwell Pathways & Bike Routes Committee
Robert Minch	Citizen and Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Commission
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	Citizen and city of Garden City representative
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Phil Peterson	Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Don Stockton	Eagle Citizen and Trails Advocate
Cecilia Awusie	ITD District 3, Transportation Planner, SR
Guests:	Nannette Nelson and Jim Allen, Boise Greenbelt.app Eric Willadsen, Idaho Sierra Club

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
The meeting was called to order by President Bill Gigray at 3:01 p.m. who asked for introductions around the table. Rachel Haukkala, representing COMPASS will report on the Rails with Trails project.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
Gary Segers asked that an update on Plantation Island be added and it will be handled under "ad hoc" committee reports. Added under New Business should be A.C.H.D. participation with F.A.C.T.S. Also added under New Business will be the Williamson Ranch Bridge and Pathway. *It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the Agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.*
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report
 - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler, Secretary
 - i. Minutes of August 28, 2019
It was moved by Don Stockton, seconded by Robert Minch to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson, Treasurer
The bank account had expenditures related to Marketing such as badges, map poster, banner and brochures. The balance of 8/30/19 of \$ 7,361.68 has outstanding checks written (accounts payable) of \$ 1,093.17 lowering the balance to \$ 6,268.51. There was a cash donation received of \$15.00.
It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Mark Eubank to approve the expenditures as outlined of \$ 1,093.17. Motion carried unanimously
It was moved by Steve Noyes, seconded by Gary Segers to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. President's and Vice President's Report
 - i. Feedback on A.C.H.D. Linder Road Widening Project citing importance to cities of Eagle and Meridian – Gary Payne attended the hearing before the A.C.H.D. commission, a concept plan with at least seven feet in width on the bike/ped portion and planning for an overpass or underpass under Linder

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Road, east and West. Bill Gigray wants to watch and wait for the final plan certain aspects of which do not seem to be pedestrian friendly. There is so much growth going west. This with a 2 to 2 vote with the chair breaking the tie in favor of going forward will get the project on schedule for funding ASAP. Parks and Rec Commissions of both Eagle and Meridian, city councils and mayors need to evidence their support of this A.C.H.D. project, *which has regional importance. It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Mark Eubank to have F.A.C.T.S. review a draft letter circulated by e-mail and also to include Caldwell and Nampa regarding this project. Motion carried unanimously.*

Steve Noyes reminded F.A.C.T.S. of the connection to Moon Valley Road.

b. New A.C.H.D. "app" , hearing from its creator –

Nannette Nelson – Boise Greenbelt.app pathway system. Her intention and her partner Jim Allen's intention was to make an app. for the user of the greenbelt, more useable. She came back to Boise from Ketchum in 2014 and started a mobile "app" for navigating Harris Ranch and then expanding as a navigational/connectivity tool for three cities and a major university, family commuters and recreationists. Gary Payne commented on the interest areas featured and not having to be just map savvy. You can save and share your favorites and post need for repair. Boise and the surrounding area have an ecosystem built around the greenbelt. Tell people about the "app." Meantime Nannette and Jim are invited back to any of our meetings.

c. Sierra Club petition re: trails along canals -

Eric Willadsen, Sierra Club, Idaho Chapter, started in April of this year. He also is a member of Land Trust of the Treasure Valley. A combination of Idaho Conservation League, Conservation Voters of Idaho, Nampa Bicycle Project, Boise Bicycle Project and Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance are working toward a Treasure Valleywide Plan to be adopted by municipalities, which can constitute a big ask for federal funds. Such goals as everyone being within one mile of a pathway populate the energy of this alliance. Mark Eubank asked about using canals. Right now, this alliance is meeting twice a month for an hour in Boise leading up to a Summit. Eric will send the schedule to Gary Payne and Bill Gigray. Steve Noyes would like to be involved and Gary Segers along with Bill Mullane would like to interface with this group.

d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports

i. Rails with Trails

Rachel Haukkala

Final plan was received at the beginning of September incorporating what alignments are best on this approximately 12-foot pathway running alongside the rail for a future end point at the Lake Hazel crossing. At this point the project requires investments of \$ 45 million in capital and for rights-of-way, \$ 4 million. A work group meets October 10

ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update Gary Segers

Presented to ACTIVE Transportation group in October

iii. Update on Third Plantation Bridge Gary Segers

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Karl Gebhardt and Eric Gerke indicate that ACOE wants to be supportive of third bridge; next move will be to apply for 404 permit, according to Don Stockton. Bill Mullane has been talking to couple of Garden City councilors.

- iv. Eagle Island State Park Connector – Newman family attorney has put forward five suggestions. Attorney to attorney talk between city of Eagle attorney and Newman family attorney on this .7 mile.
- v. Ped-Bike Bridge S.H. 44 – Nicole Baird-Spencer, Planner III, city of Eagle is working on the S.H. 44 crossing with costs varying from \$10 million to \$20 million. The Eagle Road Bridge is estimated at \$ 2.4 million.
- vi. Star Neighborhood and Bicycle Plan Trevor Chadwick – Plans to attend next meeting
- vii. Consideration of adding F.A.C.T.S. board member.
It was moved by Robert Minch, seconded by Mark Eubank to approve Bob Hay as a new F.A.C.T.S. board member. Motion carried unanimously.
Bob has been on Idaho Shakespeare Festival board for 15 years. He sees the greenbelt as a huge asset to the community.

4. New Business

- a. Public Relations Committee – Mark Eubank, Robert Minch, Jan Johns. Gary Segers and Paul Mann

President Gigray gave a big thank you to the Public Relations Committee.

- i. Debrief on Greenbelt 50th Anniversary on Booth, materials, logo and banner
Mark Eubank was a spark according to the rest of the committee. 17 signed up
He sees that F.A.C.T.S. can do more booths such as Potato Marathon, Goathead Festival and individual cities' celebration; in other words, select our spots for outreach, like the aforementioned. He suggests that F.A.C.T.S. buys its own canopy and tables, rather than having to borrow them; he also suggests getting favors such as bike lights, which help to gather signatures. Right now, the marketing group activities are not listing a contact phone #. Nannette likes news with Instagram and Facebook. Steve Noyes says city of Eagle acknowledges "Detroit" rip rap consisting of 20 cars along the river bank. Marketing Visibility plan may be ready for October meeting.
 - ii. Ryan Head, A.C.H.D. was contacted as to having a new member representing A.C.H.D. on F.A.C.T.S. He indicated there may be occasions when they would like to have representation, but no permanent member is available.
 - iii. Matt Stoll COMPASS Executive Director is going forward with doing Transportation Improvement Plan (T.I.P.)
 - iv. Williamson Pathway Project – located off South channel, W. Boise Water Treatment Plant and Boise Watershed Environmental Center.
 - v. Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail – Laura Barbour
She will be able to attend F.A.C.T.S. on a quarterly basis but will continue to send along her reports.
5. Reports as Time Permits
- a. Ada County Highway District not represented, no report
 - b. Ada County Parks & Waterways no report
 - c. Boise River Enhancement Project no report

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- d. Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee Paul Mann
Caldwell had its Indian Creek Festival.
 - e. Canyon County no report
 - f. Canyon Highway District No. 4 no report
 - g. City of Boise no report
 - h. City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Steve Noyes
FEMA grant for \$250,000, construction costs out of control came in at \$ 400,000.
Working with A.C.H.D. on bike / ped plan. Three traffic counters installed by COMPASS.
 - i. City of Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Comm. Robert Minch , nothing further
 - j. City of Garden City Bill Mullane, nothing further
 - k. City of Kuna no report
 - l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways no report
 - m. City of Nampa Parks Department Phil Peterson
Received draft of long range bike/ped plan. Final should be out in October.
 - n. City of Star no report
 - o. COMPASS Rachel Haukkala
Braden Cervetti trying another software next week for data bike.
 - p. Idaho Transportation Department Cecilia Awusie
Standing in for Mark Wasdahl and feels it's important to be here. She is working out of both District 3 and headquarters on Garden City and related projects. She is working with Jenah Thornborrow on Garden City corridor at Glenwood and S.H. 44. She can give more information on the State Street to Chinden Blvd. project within the next month or so.
 - q. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation no report
 - r. Other – The Idaho Transportation Policy Conference will be held October 28th.
6. Adjournment
The meeting stood adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary