

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)
COMPASS ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL – 700 N.E. 2nd Street, Meridian, ID 83642
Called for 3:00 P.M., January 27, 2021

In attendance:

Karen Danley	Ada County Equestrians, Equine in Idaho
Justin Lucas	Ada County Highway District
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Paul Mann	Caldwell City Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Trevor Kesner	City of Boise Parks
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Bill Mullane	Representative Garden City
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works
Jennifer Salmonsens	City Council, Star
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Bobby Withrow	City of Kuna Parks
Don Stockton	Eagle Citizen and Trails Advocate
Jan Johns	Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
Cecilia Arritola	District 3, ITD

Guests:

Alayne Blickle	Equestrian Group
Robbie Holmgren	Greenbelt Mapping
Scott Nichols	Back Country Horsemen

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS seventh ZOOM meeting at 3:02 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions or deletions) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the Agenda. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.

Since we had a new person in our Zoom meeting President Bill asked Robbie Holmgren to tell the others what his longstanding interest in bike/ped pathways has led him to do. He mentioned the Weiser River Trail, which he did not do this year. Basically, he likes to make accurate maps and trails by plotting on Google Earth, watching videos, and going to Street View. He also works off Office spreadsheet "just because" – compulsive at place marks, review of restaurants, gyms, washaterias to make the trail experience easier and better. He utilizes shape files known as KMZ files and has extended to Lucky Peak a Google map you can put on your map by going to YouTube. Last fall he spent editing city of Eagle and he alluded to its being "great stuff." He's not getting out quite as much now but he's walked and ridden many, many trails. Alayne Blickle had an additional comment on the Weiser River Trail – that of a triathlon consisting of Bike, Pedestrian and Horses. Right on!

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler
 - i. Minutes of November 25, 2020
It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Phil Peterson that the Minutes of November 25, 2020, be approved as read. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson Bank Statement

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- i. Phil reported that the current balance is \$ 6,314.16 at D.L. Evans Bank. There have been a few donations and a payment of \$ 6.50 in December for the full year property taxes on the land owned by FACTS.
- c. President's Report Wm. "Bill" Gigray
 - i. Michael S. Talbott, principal, Vida Properties LP has been invited and his schedule has proved not conducive to his attendance.
 - ii. River Crossing/52nd Street Bridge Easement recorded October 16, 2020
Found at the AG's office and date of recordation starts the five-years. Thanks so much to Don Stockton for his help on the legal description. A meeting with Garden City Parks & Waterways November 24, 2020 with Gary Payne, Bill Gigray and Bill Mullane sharing a Zoom format was held. Bill Mullane was asked for his comments and he said that the current situation is not ideal. As with most projects it needs a champion. Garden City is most interested but there's the question of adjacency to the urban renewal district. Follow-up meeting with Garden City's Council is in order. The meeting with Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands Board of Directors went well; and an email on official letterhead from its president Brian McDevitt dated 1/19/21 noted a consensus of its board for FACTS to proceed on the 52nd bridge crossing to Plantation Island. Future contact on this project should be made through and to Judy Peavey-Derr and Jan Johns.
Meeting with Chris Pettigrew and Lisa Bachman on J-U-B's proposal for initial planning ~\$23k with a few upfront costs being done without charge. Noted also is the need to keep in communication with Trevor Kesner and city of Boise Parks on the north side Re: Plantation Island and Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks & Waterways, South side in order to monitor EXPO Idaho Advisory Committee. Jennifer Salmonsens is involved in EXPO Idaho Advisory Committee and there is a final meeting tomorrow.
Don Stockton suggested working with J-U-B to get 404 permit done and get started on the engineering for both pathway and bridge. Bill reported for Gary Payne who has spoken with Bob Taunton, The River Club (formerly Plantation Golf Course) consultant and its plans for another island owned by Idaho Dept. of Lands. Justin Lucas, Deputy Director, Planning and Project Management A.C.H.D. was introduced. On the possibility of the 52nd Street Bridge it would have to go to ACHD Commissioners re: funding. Justin has been with A.C.H.D. for 11 years.
 - iii. NEPA Study Highway 55 – Running from Pear Lane to Middleton Road the design comment period launched 1/21/21 and will end 2/10/21. Bill asked Phil Peterson if the Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had responded and Phil said it had not been brought forward. Caldwell has had a long standing interest in an underpass crossing of Highway 55 south to Lake Lowell for safety's sake.
 - iv. Improvement of Linder Road – Concept design was approved by A.C.H.D. Commission in 2019. This section from Hwy. 20 to Hwy. 44 might need a tunnel for access east and west, which, in particular, would provide connectivity from Eagle Island State Park all the way down the Greenbelt. Currently, both sides of Linder will have pathways but other phases are not yet funded by A.C.H.D. Commissioners. Integrated five-year plans are coming in 2021. The watch is on for city of Meridian's interlocking pedestrian facilities with roadway improvement.
 - v. Cassia Street Bikeway – voted two years ago on bridges and connecting elements. Mark Eubank has been watching the construction on bridge and canal work that has

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been underway while there is low water with a timeframe of 8-9 months. Glad to hear from Bobby Withrow that the city of Kuna is working with A.C.H.D. going north toward Meridian.

- vi. Meeting with Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District Board of Commissioners 11/12/20 – important connectivity with Caldwell on the west and Star on the east. Tim O’Meara is the Executive Director and also elected to the Middleton City Council. Put forward at a virtual meeting of Canyon Hwy. District No. 4 by City of Caldwell’s Public Works Director Brent Orton was an Urban Renewal possibility of that area between Caldwell and Middleton not yet identifying what area, what infrastructure implicit in urban renewal. The old silver bridge crossing of the Boise River, consulting with Tribal interests is moving forward to become a pedestrian only bridge. City of Caldwell owns all the canyon property going north.
- 4. Special Presentation Braden Cervetti
 - a. COMPASS Data Bike Project – Braden mentioned at the beginning the current COMPASS survey on options for high capacity transit with two virtual open houses. COMPASS is asking for feedback.
Data Bike measures pathway roughness under a T-2 federal grant on a few miles of the Greenbelt, the categories of which are Very Smooth, Smooth, Fair, Rough and Very Rough. The Pilot Route was 3.5 miles. Percentage findings were 22.0% Very Smooth, 51.0% Smooth, 4.0% Rough and 2.0% Very Rough. Software challenges include maintaining constant tire pressure and as part of standard operating procedure elaborate on how bike should be set up. Steve Noyes would like to utilize under similar auspices of the counter deployment and will send Braden an email. Bob Hay indicated that to try to hit the bumps, pretty jarring, when operating at 10-14 mph. So far Braden has been the only rider. Ideally, volunteer deployment, but there are liability issues.
Mark Eubank wondered about Fast Rail, could Rails with Trails co-exist? Braden stated there are rolling costs of subscription fees.
- 5. Agency (ex-officio) and not-for-profit Reports
 - a. Ada County Highway District no further report
 - b. Ada County Parks & Waterways no report
 - c. Boise River Enhancement Network no report
 - d. Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee Paul Mann
Meeting tomorrow evening with Amy Luft, COMPASS Communication Coordinator and Jerome Mapp, Caldwell’s Planning & Zoning Director. Caldwell City limits extend all the way to Lake Lowell where the FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) will be going forward 2023-2024 on the initial improvement phase. Bicycle path between Ustick and Homedale Roads now completed up to Vallivue High School.
 - e. Canyon County no report
 - f. Canyon Highway District No. 4
 - g. City of Boise Trevor Kesner
 - 1) Cassia Street Bikeway – 6 to 9 month process east/west through improvements to Cassia Park. Eliminating trees along the canal, no one’s happy with the loss of canopy.
 - 2) Nothing on calendar for canal pathways solid dates on Master Plan. Alta Design is the consultant.
 - 3) GIS communicate and mapping for less than two miles of Bikepath closures this summer on a stretch between Firefighters building to the 9th Street Bridge. Concrete will be

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used. West Park Center Bridge Bikepath washed out in 2017 and now will receive its due attention all the way to Kristen Armstrong Park.

Karen Danley asked if canal pathways could safely incorporate horses? Big stakeholder is Boise Project Board of Control, canal companies and irrigation districts alluding to maintenance and safety liability issues. Trevor indicated that equestrians are part of identifying and including potential network connections.

Trevor mentioned there are maintenance issues on Wood Duck Island.

- h. City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Steve Noyes
Merrill Park count has been phenomenal in 2020, up 44.9% greenbelt usage since 2016 rated in view of a 28.0% population increase. Counts are running 55,781 per month considering four corners of the trail system being Boise at 10k, Merrill Bridge at 23k and Garden City border, 14k. 24 miles are maintained out of 32 public access trails + 7.5 miles where development and maintenance are being paid 100.0% of the expense by the development. Dry Creek Ditch Company working on 1.3 mile stretch between Beacon Light and Floating Feather Roads under a Master Agreement with it. EISP still a go even though flood maps have changed. Newman will give an easement, considerably larger area. 21 developments north and west quadrant.
BLM land plinking is a problem and plan to manage for dedicated mountain bike, hiking and equestrian with dedicated target areas and recreational areas. Linder will run through BLM ground to MP3.
 - i. City of Garden City Bill Mullane and Colin Schmidt
Nothing more for now – Parks & Waterways meets tomorrow.
 - j. City of Star Jennifer Salmonsens
Star pathway committee met last week and heard a presentation by Karen Danley on inclusion of equestrians in its planning.
 - k. City of Kuna Nothing more
 - l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways no report
 - m. City of Nampa Phil Peterson
Working with Braden on new counter sites in Nampa. Ordinance language for e-bikes and scooters for Nampa. Kelsey will be representative to Rails with Trails.
 - n. COMPASS nothing further
 - o. Idaho Transportation Department no report
 - p. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation no report
 - q. Equestrian Karen Danley
Star offered letter of support on the grant for the Equestrian Skills Trail. Next week meeting to determine grant recipients.
6. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- i. Public Relations Committee Mark Eubank, Robert Minch, Jan Johns,
“Heightened Visibility of FACTS” Gary Segers and Paul Mann
Some email exchange on outreach...waiting on vaccination for informational displays. As new projects come forward it’s good to have informational exchange. The Bowmont Area where the railroad and Kuna Butte interface Nampa has no plans to extend south. It’s noted that all the way south of Locust Lane there is coming more development, which may call for further exchange since the railroad grade is there, essentially abandoned.

Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:05 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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