

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., June 23, 2021

In attendance:

Meg McCarthy	ACHD Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Trevor Kesner	City of Boise Parks Planning Administrator
Wm. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Gary Segers	Citizen and ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee Vice Chair
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Paul Mann	City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	City of Garden City Representative
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works Director
Judy Peavey-Derr	Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands Vice President
Jace Hellman	City of Kuna Planning & Zoning Director
Tim O'Meara	City of Middleton City Council
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Cody Swander	City of Nampa Parks Superintendent
Mark Wasdahl	ITD Senior Planner District 3

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. Gigray III, President
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS 12th ZOOM meeting at 3:05 pm. Bill thanked Gary Payne putting together June Agenda and for conducting the meeting in his absence. Bill welcomed Meg McCarthy the new first-ever ACHD Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and Tim O'Meara, Executive Director of the Greater Area Middleton Recreation District.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. Gigray III, President
Addition under President's Report on FACTS Letter of Support re: Chinden Blvd. Planning Grant known officially as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity planning grant application for a design of **Chinden** Boulevard in **Garden City** from Branstetter Street to **Fairview** Avenue. Garden City is partnering with COMPASS.
It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the Agenda with the addition. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler, Secretary
 - i. Minutes of May 26, 2021
It was moved by Karen Danley, seconded by Gary Payne that the Minutes be approved as written. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson, Treasurer
 - i. Report on Bank Account
With a pre-approved canopy expenditure of \$ -115.54 the new Bank Balance is \$6,442.82.
It was moved by Phil, seconded by Gary Payne that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
Mark Eubank was able to purchase the \$150 canopy for the sale price. Mark Eubank is waiting on a call back from Jerry Pugh after Trevor Kramer contacted Jerry for

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volunteer assistance. Jerry directs volunteers for Boise Parks & Recreation. Mark intends to organize “heightened visibility of FACTS” by having Info-Booth along the Greenbelt at various places on several weekends.

c. President’s Report

Wm. F Gigray III, President

- i. Passage of Senate Bill 1020 – thanks to Idaho Water Users’ Association for sponsoring this legislation, which makes recreational liability statute a whole lot better extending to canals/pathways through urban areas. Eagle: Steve Noyes has had successful master agreements lately with different canal companies whose easements are encroached and being used as pathways whether permitted or not. City maintenance along pathways along with signage that espouses going to the “city” for information is mutually beneficial. Nampa-Meridian’s master agreement has been used as a template. Farmers’ Union Canal is coming up.
- ii. Meeting with Susan Buxton, Director Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation. Bill, along with Karen Danley, Steve Noyes and Robert Minch were included from FACTS; Troy Elmore, Operations Administrator and Craig Quintana, Information Officer represented IDPR along with Director Buxton. Subject of discussion was east/west pathway system and intersection with Hwy. 44 Eagle Island State Park. Another topic was rights-of-way along Fish Hatchery Road to Linder Road. To tunnel under Linder, providing an artery to the NW kind of isolated quadrant came up. The meeting went well; Master Plan for EISP is at ground level. Meg McCarthy looked under ACHD schedule and improvements on Linder Road are slated for 2024-25.
- iii. Letter of Support – Chinden Blvd. Planning Grant – Bill Mullane commented that it looks like an aggressive project for a safer and user- friendly thoroughfare through Garden City. FACTS has standing. Tim O’Meara mentioned a need to review a few typos- ; Gary Segers feels some skepticism on the project because of two relatively recent studies in 2016 and 2017 that are gathering dust.

It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Mark Eubank to sign it and send it along. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.

It was good to have Mark Wasdahl’s take on the project going back to the Federal High Administration’s (FHWA) done in 2016. Pedestrian crossing at 43rd & Chinden starting design right now. Sidewalk to be placed south on Chinden from Garrett to Shari’s Restaurant before Glenwood; low area, poor drainage, asphalted over, difficult to transport water to pool detention pond. There are utilities along shoulders with no precise delineation, which will be part of this study. Determine 100-foot wide right turn extent of its right-of-way at Veteran’s Memorial & Chinden and scope sidewalks to edge. Back in 1960s piped water off to canal to south. This study facilitates limited Public Works Engineering. Bill asked to whom the letter should be copied and for sure Garden City and COMPASS should be included.

d. Vice President’s Report

Gary Payne

- i. River Crossing / 52nd Street Bridge – nothing new, waiting to hear what COMPASS Board of Directors’ recommendation will be on acceptance of Project Development grant in August submitted by Garden City.

4. Agency Process for Setting Budgets

- Boise Parks and Recreation – Trevor Kesner – Questions are distributed through officials and committees responsible who work with Dept. of Finance Administration to build the Budget Book with near and far term priorities such as conserving 30.0% of land by 30 years, climate neutrality, city initiatives, etc. In January and February Revenue and Expenditure estimates and

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in March and April, recommended revenue changes. Tentative Budget is released 6/18. Development Impact Fees have an advisory committee for Parks Development and funding capacity for police, fire must be addressed. Capital Funds and Trust Fund are not part of General Fund. Currently on a five- year cycle, working toward ten. Boise P&R broken down by Planning Areas not co-terminus with districts for City Council elections.

- A.C.H.D. – Meg McCarthy – Integrated Five-Year Work Plan with process adopted on annual basis. It was started 5/10 and will continue through August 2021. 2021-2025 \$974m.

Jurisdictions are all Ada County, Cities of Boise, Eagle, Garden City, Kuna and Meridian.

Mentioned this year's projects are Kuna and S. Meridian, Central Bench and Barber Valley, one year following. 100% support local impacts. FACTS promote public comment now occurring between 7/14-8/20.

- A.C.H.D. Bicycle Advisory Committee – Gary Segers - not part of program to build pathways. About a year ago, subcommittee went through Integrated 5-year projects that are important. Neighborhood plans are extensive and coordinated/correlated neighborhood plans end up in the 5-year Integrated Work Plan.

- City of Nampa Parks Department – Cody Swander – maybe a little less formal approach officials and committees in the department; Trails & Pathways are not separated as to where dollars go, and priorities lie. In April-May submission to Finance Director and Mayor. FY 10/1/21 to 9/30/22 formally approved in August or September. Small amount with minimum maintenance requirements is the mantra and can carry forward from year to year. \$30k for easement acquisition. Sources of dollars for pathway extensions by “grant awards” such as being used in the Stoddard Pathway extension. 7.34% covered by city match dedicated to easement and lands acquisition. Other sources are RTP Recreational Trails Program through IDPR and RC&D grants. Capital improvements go toward aging and the repair of failing infrastructure. Re-engineering and reconstructed with new engineering are done on sloughing off areas, tree roots and potholes. Lake Lowell Ave purchased from Nampa School District purchased for trailhead creating impact for new dollars. Current design for new pathways such as Orr Pathway at \$50-60k.

- City of Eagle Trails and Pathways – Steve Noyes – 2021 process is identifying and getting in queue on projects for city council. Capital Budget request includes twenty some projects. Sources are grant funding, partnerships and matches. Capital Maintenance Set Asides are parallel in system. Parks, Pathways, Recreation Commission sort projects by weight, voting totals and average rank. Note: Commission makes its own recommendations independently. City Council approval occurs in August or early September. Budget for lands (acquisition presumably) is found in a couple places. Planning & Zoning Department contact through CJP and CMP. All maintenance goes through Public Works. Projects next year funded in the main by grants, general fund and impact fees (sections having its/their own trails). Through three funds FEMA carry-over this coming budget year, almost \$2m. Capital Improvement Projects scheduled for Phase 2,3 and 4 at Eagle Island State Park. Capital maintenance funding applied rebuilding pathway on north Chinden Blvd. taking responsibility from Dennis Baker. Estimates on bike/ped over north channel alongside Eagle Road at \$2.5m going up and up even more.

- City of Garden City – Colin Schmidt – G.C. maybe the smallest of all groups budgeting for Reg all greenbelts. Funding sources come through urban renewal. Greatest need of all is repair and expanding greenbelt with concrete replacement. G.C. is filled out about as far as it can. Proud of redevelopment along the greenbelt and making concurrent changes for the better. Greenbelt falls under Public Works. Water, Sewer and Environmental do not have an extensive list of

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projects but the coming focus is on maintenance and replacement of greenbelt, mostly due to cottonwood root intrusion.

- Idaho Transportation Department – Mark Wasdahl – Region 3 – not sure how budget shakes out on pathways alone. Headquarters level does video tapes and laser checks each year to determine need for pavement restoration funding. 5-way Intersection improvement on Karcher Road from Middleton Road to Midway Road is an extensive improvement for safety and capacity because of the highest accident numbers in Canyon County. Karcher has a 2023 GARVEE project from Midway to Lake & Indiana under the Transportation Expansion and Congestive Mitigation Funding (TECM). Currently, six projects in District 3, which will be brought forward to the IT Board in June. Design final on SH 55 from Pear Road all the way to Middleton Road. Chinden from US 20/26 from Middleton to Star where Mark mentioned between MP 27-29 and 25-27 as being prepared for an elevated and separated interchange. Also, Sales Tax Anticipation Revenue (STAR) applied to the project on US 20/26 for COSTCO and WinCo. FLAP grant around Lake Lowell in the works and a wildlife “overcrossing” on Hwy. 21 toward Idaho City. Forest Highway Program will help with pathways on both sides of roadway (take up later.)
- Greater Middleton Recreation District – Tim O’Meara – small compared to other budgets with this taxing district running ~\$680k. Safe Routes to Schools grant and one-half to parks improvements and one-half to staffing being the division on expenditures. City of Middleton has an ambitious pathway design going forward.

5. Mark Eubanks discussion

- a. Opportunities to interact with greenbelt users with booths set up on weekend(s)
This coming Saturday at 8:30 am will be set up off Warm Springs on Marden Street for a few hours. Another set-up will be in Garden City on Plantation Island and should be done by noon.

Since the hour was getting late reports from Meridian, Caldwell and Kuna were deferred. Also, Mark Wasdahl will have more information to share under the “take up later.”

Adjournment

It was moved by Paul Mann seconded by Mark Wasdahl that the meeting adjourn. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary