

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., July 28, 2021

In attendance:

Meg McCarthy	ACHD Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
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
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director
Don Stockton	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	City of Garden City Representative
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works Director
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Mark Wasdahl	ITD Senior Planner District 3
Jennifer Salmons	City of Star Council Member
Kim Warren	City of Meridian
Lila Klopfenstein	COMPASS
Robert Minch	Advocate and Eagle Committee Member
Alayne Bickle	Advocate and Equestrian Representative

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
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. Gigray III, President
It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the Agenda. 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 Mark Eubank, seconded by Paul Mann 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 canopy expenditure of \$-115.54 and additional donations, the new Bank Balance is \$6,566.97.
It was moved by Phil, seconded by Gary Payne that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - c. President's Report Wm. F. Gigray III, President
 - i. Bill raised the issue of the effectiveness of Zoom vs face-to-face meetings. He asked if COMPASS was anticipating having face-to-face meetings in its conference room and Braden indicated that is not currently an option but that COMPASS could continue to support Zoom meetings. Paul suggested that when face-to-face meetings begin perhaps a larger conference room might be safer from Covid infections? Kim stated that there is a large conference room in the Meridian City Hall which could be made available for face-to-face meetings when they resume. Don suggested that a ratio of zoom and face-to-face meetings (3 to 1) might be

reasonable. Bill Gigray suggested that the annual meeting of the Board might be a good meeting to hold a face-to-face meeting. Many of the Board members expressed that the Zoom meeting format was convenient for them and saved time. Bill stated that this issue will go back to the Executive Board for further review and discussion.

- ii. Bill Gigray reported that he was in the process of purchasing a condominium in Irvine , California that might affect his availability to be physically present at future FACTS meeting. He indicated that the Executive Committee would discuss how this might be managed.
- iii. In anticipation of future planning during the fall meetings, Bill Gigray reviewed the current FACTS involvement in ongoing cycling, pedestrian and equestrian projects. These included:

Eagle Island State Park
52nd Street Bridge Project
Chinden Boulevard Study
Rails with Trails Project
Lake Lowell Pathway Project
Highway 55 improvement underpass project for Caldwell Pathway System
New Bridge in Caldwell over Boise River old Highway 30
Information Booth along the Greenbelt
Nampa Connection to Greenbelt
Kuna projects and Connection to Meridian
Linder Road Developments for Pedestrian and Cycling
Canal Agreements for Cities and pathways
Pathway Budget Advocacy
Federal Infrastructure Bill

- 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.
 - ii. Gary reported that the participation of Paul Mann and himself on the Rails to Trails Committee and Gary Segers and myself on The Active Transportation Committee would be collapsed into a single committee (Active Transportation Committee) based on COMPASS decisions.
4. Continuation of Reports on Agency Process for Setting Budgets
 - Meridian – Kim Warren – The Meridian budget process begins in March with draft budgets and projects submitted by the departments. In June, the parks director makes a presentation to City Council on prioritized parks projects including pathways. The council and mayor decide on the projects for the next year in August. Over the last few budget years, \$350,000 to \$400,000 have typically been allocated for pathway projects mostly from general city funds. This year's request is \$500,000. Kim reported that there is a high degree of cooperation within the departments and high-level support from Meridian's Mayor and City Council. The city has 1 full time staff member devoted to pathways and 2-3 other employees who provide support as part of their jobs. Meridian population is about 130,000.

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- Star – Jennifer Salmonsens – In Star, the mayor works with the departments to develop proposals and hold public hearings in August. There is no specific budget for pathway projects. Currently there is a COMPASS grant request to explore ways the Star River Walk might be enhanced. Park fees and park impact fees are sources of funding. Currently the city is exploring pathway possibilities along the canals. It is expected that Star will have completed a Master Pathway Plan within 6 months.

- Caldwell Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Paul Mann - Caldwell is a city of 65,000. In Canyon County, the cities have control over the highways within their jurisdiction. The city relies on a subcommittee of citizens who allocate \$30 to \$40,000 dollars designated for pathways. The proposals are part of an Integrated 5-year plan. Sometimes, there is also an opportunity to use excess funds from the Streets Department. The budget process starts in the spring. The committee presents to city council a couple of times during the planning process.

5. Mark Eubanks discussion

- a. Mark reported that an organized European trip is likely to be too expensive for our group but if individuals are going to the Netherlands, he has contacts with the Dutch Cycling Association that could be interesting and useful. He recommended a book on The Cycling Community.
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07F1S9KVQ/ref=dp-kindleredirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1
- b. The information booths have provided opportunities to interact with greenbelt users with booths set up on weekend(s). It has resulted in donations to FACTS. It is somewhat easier to interact with pedestrians and cyclists at places where people start or stop their pathway experience. Having dog biscuits for people walking a dog has been effective in getting people to interact. Once people stop, the exchanges have been very positive and informative. August 7 and 28 are scheduled times for the next information booth and any member of the FACTS board is welcome to attend.
- c. Bill Gigray moved and Karen Danley seconded that Mark be allowed to make an expenditure of \$44.00 an easel for up to 2 easels and \$60.00 for a banner. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

6. Agency Reports

Kim reported that Meridian will be proposing a pedestrian underpass on 5-mile road. The board authorized Bill Gigray to draft a letter in support of this development.

Steve Noyes reported that the Eagle Island Connection is near completion and minor legal issues are being resolved. Eagle is developing some large agreements with 2 canal companies that will make it easier for the developers and the city allow pathways along canals. Steve reported that they have 5 canal companies with informal agreements with Eagle. He also said he attended a meeting with the Farmers Union Canal Company and they were very resistant to pathways along their canal but did not understand that their easement agreement with property owners was not exclusive. A recent Idaho Supreme Court decision further clarifies this.

Karen reminded people to participate in the Boise City planning process.

<https://boisepathwaysplan.altago.site/>

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Lila gave the group a heads-up about a proposed development for 2500 homes on the border between Ada and Elmore County.

Adjournment

It was moved by Paul Mann seconded by Gary Payne that the meeting adjourn. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next Zoom meeting will be August 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Payne, Acting Secretary