

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., August 25, 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
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
Juli McCoy	Canyon County Parks, Cultural and Natural Resources/Outdoor Rec. Planner
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Robert Minch	City of Eagle Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Don Stockton	City of Eagle Citizen and Trails Advocate
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director (joined 3:56 pm)
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	City of Garden City Representative
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works Director
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. Gigray III, President
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS 13th ZOOM meeting at 3:02 pm.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. Gigray III, President
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Don Stockton to approve the Agenda. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report Gary Payne, Acting Secretary
 - i. Minutes of July 28, 2021
It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Gary Segers that the Minutes reflect the inclusion and clarification by Kim Warren of the city of Meridian's process for approval of the budget. No one dissented remotely. The Minutes were approved as amended.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson, Treasurer
 - i. The bank balance stands at \$ 6,464.17. Phil explained there were two expenditures for banners, \$58.30 and \$ 44.50 as part of enhancing the information booth.
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Mark Eubank to accept the Treasurer's Report. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - c. President's Report Wm. F Gigray III, President
 - i. Mostly in the order presented in the Agenda projects were reviewed and given preliminary standing *vis a vis* next year in preparation for Strategic Planning Session in September or October. The President added his comment that he is continually impressed by the benefit of an organization such as FACTS in its mutual support of its members both on the board and *ex officio*.
 - **Eagle Island State Park**-Steve Noyes reported that there had been no follow-up meeting with Susan Buxton, Director, Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation, so far, planned for September or forwarded into October. Not much movement, according to Steve, logjam in legal's approval on easements. Exhibits have been redesigned, resurveyed and reconformed. R-O-W for Newman family has verbal agreement but lacks appraisal suitable for tax deductibility, such as conservation and/or recreation

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easement. Title goes back to 1915 when the river ran through property, now accretion. North easement perfected. Newman has no plans to develop. Paul Mann asked what could be accomplished next year? Steve responded that FEMA repairs are left to do (outstanding) on Sites 1 and 2. Repositioning necessary to connect with Newman property and waiting until fall or winter on bank repair. Myer Family easements cannot be utilized until Newman falls into place. Fish Hatchery Road on the west end of EISP is part of A.C.H.D.'s domain. Could pathway amendments be considered? Don Stockton suggested having a FACTS field day to see this section running from Linder Road to EISP entrance (not primary entrance). Don is aware that there are IDOL easements along the south channel to Linder. Meg McCarthy indicated that Fish Hatchery is described as LPF1 by A.C.H.D. and probably not available for additional pathway easements. Bill wanted to know if the r-o-w would be prescriptive or deeded? Starting these conversations is important considering there is a lot of bike/ped pressure on EISP (count at 50,000). Contact with property owners along south channel who consider this area as their backyards. Tunnel potential under Linder Road is not in the design works at this point; however, there is agreement that EISP is a **central hub**. Committee for this project is Steve Noyes, Robert Minch, Karen Danley and Bill Gigray.

- **52nd Street Bridge Project** – Gary Payne and Bill Mullane are following this project. COMPASS Board on August 6 approved funding for Project Development Services and Destinie Hart will be the liaison. Garden City submitted the grant with help from J-U-B Engineering. FACTS will be involved and remains neutral on identifying engineering firm to do project. Bill Mullane is a key actor and has been involved in several meetings. Paul Mann had not forgotten there is \$1700 in matching funds on the hook for which FACTS might be responsible. Bill Gigray thought about a newspaper article announcing the grant approval and noted that FACTS holds the IDOL easement for the bridge crossing (five years on recorded easement to complete). COMPASS has its own Communication Director who publishes "Keeping up with COMPASS." Gary wondered if the mayor of Garden City would like to announce the grant's approval on TV. Both Colin Schmidt and Bill Mullane will check on this by sitting down with Jenah Thornborrow and the mayor promising to reach out the next day and feel out how Garden City might want to approach it. Bob Hay asked the question "who will own the maintenance on trails on Plantation Island"? Owned by Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands this will need to be ascertained by speaking with Judy Peavey-Derr, Vice President for IFP&L. Gary Segers pointed out that media coverage was not positive with The River Club's ask for expansion of its golf course. A strong rebuttal was delivered by Jonathan Oppenheimer of Idaho Conservation League. Gary thought we should also cover that base. Bob Hay knows Julia Rundberg who is on the staff of ICL as Finance Administrator. She could also be contacted.

- **Chinden Blvd. Study (Garden City)**- nothing new; no activity next year.
- **Rails with Trails**- Paul reported that two groups have combined into ACTIVE Transportation committee
- **FLAP Grant and Hwy. 55 Underpass**- Canyon Hwy. District No. 4 plans improvements within the next two or three years on Orchard. Karcher Road has five lanes planned and the main part of city of Caldwell is growing south toward Lake Lowell. ITD funding is moving along and Caldwell RFD serves south of Karcher Road.

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- **New Silver Bridge old Hwy. 30 crossing Boise River in Caldwell**- moved back to 2026. Plymouth Road contiguity important to Caldwell greenbelt. An essential component when the bridge is replaced on the old piers is as a reliever for traffic jam on nearby Interstate 84 (freeway.)
 - **Information Booth**- Indian Creek Festival planned in Caldwell September 18, Saturday, and it would behoove FACTS to have a booth in place. Unfortunately, Mark Eubanks is unavailable, but table, canopy and banners can be picked up in advance and used. All we have is Boise stuff and there's a need to show low level detail map of the connections between Canyon and Ada Counties. Braden Cervetti's counter data would also be helpful and COMPASS should still have Tom Laws constellation map. Gary Payne pointed out that the FACTS web site has a series of interactive maps. Need a group to work with Braden and Robert offered to help as well as Mark will talk with Braden. Jan Johns may have the digital file on the FACTS brochure, which needs to be updated. Phil Peterson is interested, and a Zoom meeting called by Braden would include Mark, Phil, Robert, and Gary Segers. The booth needs to be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Braden could do a poll at the booth for getting information from the locals on what they think of the proposed Canyon/Ada connection.
 - **Downtown Boise**- Gary Segers as vice chair of Bicycle Advisory Committee for A.C.H.D. said need to recognize there are lots of things to be done. Thanks go to CCDC (Capital City Development Corporation.) The 11th Street Bikeway Project is in the preconstruction phase, with streetscapes and a potential waterway emerging along 11th Street from State Street. Completion is contemplated for summer 2022.
 - **Nampa Connection to Greenbelt**- The bypass through city of Nampa for Hwy. 45 will free up and make more pedestrian friendly. Beet trucks, in particular, come right through downtown making it hazardous to both bicyclists and pedestrians. Connection to Boise River is getting closer.
Skip discussion on Meridian and Kuna for now....
 - **Linder Road**- Meg McCarthy 2024-25 in the DRAFT Plan for starting design Plan is on agenda for adoption at tonight's Commission meeting involving 20/26 r-o-w design changes on the southern section, knocking out three bridges, Phyllis Canal being one, Artisan Road stops a little further. It will be placed onto the Integrated Five- Year Work Plan after its adoption.
 - **Canal Pathway Agreements** – cities or not-for-profit organizations can hold easements for the underlying fee property owner. Here's a link to seeing the Linder road – Chinden Blvd. to State Street: <https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects> This may involve an .aspx extension on the file.
- Under consideration is adding Ada County Fairgrounds to get more information and to ask Scott Koberg for a report at the September 22, 2021 meeting.**
- **Star Road Underpass** -Kim Warren has information on this project , which is on the west side of roadway between Otter & State Street.
 - **Federal Infrastructure Bill**- Senators Risch and Crapo have voted in favor on this legislation, which could assist pathway development along with improvements and maintenance. Broadband is also included. Governor Little's office may also play a role. Karen Danley will speak to Idaho State Senate *pro tem* Chuck Winder. Bill will talk to U.S. Senator Jim Risch and Sharon, Mike Crapo.

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Several more things to talk about Sept. 22 meeting: Trevor Kesner on Boise's Pathway Survey. Idaho Horse Council has offered to pick up insurance liability. Steve will attend Canals Connect Communities Coalition and make recommendation tomorrow night on Ditch Company property, which is isolated, and HOA.

FACTS Equestrian Report- Karen Danley stated that Idaho Horse Council strongly supports the Eagle Island Equestrian Skills Trail and offered to sponsor it through carrying the insurance. The Idaho Horse Board grant for the skills trail is available and needs to be used by November 2021.

Boise Pathway Committee: Karen served on this committee, which wrapped up August 12. Boise has proposed pathway plans to connect neighborhoods with schools, trails, greenbelt, libraries and commercial areas. The suggested pathways also included Spoils Bank in NW Boise, which is not an irrigation canal but a natural spring with water in it year round. The pathway would connect Shadow Hills, Riverglen, commercial areas and the greenbelt. She looks forward to seeing these plans coming to fruition and it was an honor to serve on this committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary