

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., October 27, 2021

In attendance:

Alayne Blickle	Advocate and Equestrian Representative
Meg McCarthy	ACHD Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Scott Koberg	Ada County Parks & Waterways Director
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
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Paul Mann	City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	City of Garden City Representative
Jennifer Salmons	Star City Councilwoman
Mark Wasdahl	ITD, Senior Planner, District 3
Tom Helmer	Idaho Department of Parks Non-motorized Trails Manager
Robert Minch	Facts Board and City of Eagle Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission
Kim Warren	Facts Board and Meridian Representative
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Juli McCoy	Canyon County Parks, Cultural and Natural Resources/Outdoor Rec. Planner
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works Director
Cecilia Arritola	Idaho Transportation Representative
Trevor Kesner	City of Boise Parks Planning Administrator

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. Gigray III, President
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS 14th ZOOM meeting at 3:04 pm.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. Gigray III, President
No changes were made.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report Prepared by Sharon Hubler, Secretary
 - i. Minutes of September 22, 2021
Karen Danley had reviewed three changes to the minutes which she will submit separately. She moved that the minutes be approved with the revisions.
It was moved by Karen Danley, seconded by Gary Payne that the Minutes of September 25, 2021 be approved as submitted. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson, Treasurer
Phil Peterson reported that the current balance is \$6,580.81. He moved and Gary Payne seconded and the report was approved via Zoom members attending.
 - c. President's Report Wm. F Gigray III, President
 - i. He indicated the both Sharon Hubler and Gary Payne had signaled that they did not intend to continue in their roles with the Board in the coming year and encouraged other board members to signal interest in either of those positions since the voting will occur at the next meeting. President Gigray indicated that both he and Phil Peterson intend to serve for the coming year if elected. He asked if his move to California was seen by the Board as an impediment? Paul Mann expressed the view that Mr. Gigray's knowledge was vital to the Board and he should remain in his current position even though he was residing in California.

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- ii. Reports on Projects – Corrections or additions will be included as part of progress on any of these projects. Purpose is to organize a little and use for review of strategic planning, vanguard for projects in which FACTS has an interest. These included:
 - Eagle Island State Park**
 - 52nd Street Bridge Project**
 - Chinden Boulevard Study**
 - Glenwood Bridge Project**
 - 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**
- iii. The meeting on Eagle Island has not been held yet. There is a new manager of the park, Matt Cooper. The Board has continued interest in having the meeting even if it is a virtual meeting in order to get to know the new administrator and President Gigray believes that future funding for the park and adjacent trails will require Susan Buxton's advocacy. President Gigray noted that Karen Danley should be identified as one of the persons responsible for the Eagle Island Project. Steve Noyes suggested that the new manager should be invited to attend the next FACTS meeting.
- d. Vice President's Report Gary Payne, Vice President

The 52nd street project is waiting for the identification of a consultant by Compass staff. Bill Mullane and Gary Payne have been identified as representatives from FACTS to COMPASS and Garden City for purposes of furthering the project and awarding the contract.
4. Agency and not for profit reports
 - i. Celia Arritola reported on a long term planning meeting held in August with attendance by agencies and focused on Glenwood corridor. NO citizens or resident participated in the meeting. There is a request for COMPASS funding to gather input on the future of growth along Glenwood. The August agency meeting anticipated that major changes would occur along this corridor over the next 10 to 20 years. The possibility of the move of the Idaho Transportation Department would open up opportunities for expansion was identified. Several board members discussed the need to widen the Glenwood Bridge. Karen Danley compared the 9th street bridge with the Glenwood Bridge to highlight the issues that need to be addressed. Gary Segers stated that "It is critical to include Glenwood Bridge expansion in any plans for improvement of the Glenwood corridor. Robert Hays identified that improvements to the road to Riverside Village should also be included in the discussion of the Glenwood Bridge. Cecilia indicated that there was an interim report that she would send for distribution to the board.

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- ii. Greenbelt Magazine - Mark Eubank reported on his interview with the Greenbelt Magazine reporter, Chelsea Chambers. He indicated that the article will be published in January. Mark said that he had emphasized the FACTS goals for connectivity of pathways, the 52nd street bridge, Eagle Island Park and access to downtown Boise. Mark also emphasized FACTS role with the other communities of Star, Middleton, Kuna, Caldwell and Nampa.
- iii. Idaho Department of Parks – Tom Helmer, the non-motorized trails manager, reported that there may be some small grants available thru the Department of Parks for pathway related projects.
- iv. City of Boise - Trevor Kesner shared the City of Boise Prewinter activities related to trails.

- Leaf blowing and sprinkler clearing

- City workers on mobile vehicles keep the limbs and bushes trimmed

- Twice yearly maintain and repair the surface

- 3 FTE dedicated to the Greenbelt and 3 seasonal workers

- Maintain 148 trash bins

- Annual budget for staff and materials is \$200,000

- Spent \$3 million last year for upgrading pavement from asphalt to cement

- 22 greenbelt volunteers

- Park workers with law enforcement when appropriate address homeless incidents.

Trevor reinforced that staff are very sensitive to homeless persons and do not want to do anything that will cause them to lose their possessions when they respond to incidents.

- v. Ada County Highway District – Meg McCarthy indicated that proposals are open for public comment on projects in the Meridian Area. Gary Segers suggested that his report from the ACHD Bicycle Advisory committee be included with the staff ACHD report. Gary Segers praised the snow clearing effort in Boise that keeps the trails open in winter. He says that the ACHD commissioners are supportive of using equipment to clear snow from the bicycle lanes. They also have some sweepers which can be used to maintain the pathways.
- vi. City of Caldwell – Paul Mann – The trail to Lake Lowell is in the process of being developed.
- vii. City of Boise – Trevor Kesner reported that there is a section of the pathway near Bone that is being repaired.
- viii. City of Eagle – Steve Noyes – Reported that literary, poetic and art works are being added to signage along the Eagle section of the Greenbelt. His trail inventory consists of 25 miles of trails with an additional 18 miles currently under construction. Canals companies continue to be an important partner in trail construction with 30% of the trails associated with canals. He indicated that one development, Bald Eagle Park has added a small amount of trails towards the city of Star. The final agreements for the Eagle Island access continue to be negotiated with the property owners who want to wait until after the current year to sign the papers. Irrigation of property adjacent to the Eagle pathways has been a periodic problem so they will placing 3 foot borders of gravel along the pathways for protection. Steve also showed photos of how the bicycle trails in the hills above Eagle helped to protect the homes during the recent 40 acre fire.

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- ix. City of Meridian – Kim Warren Kim reported that there is a new section of pathway along Fairview Ave. She also indicated that the original Meridian master plan has been outgrown with 130,000 current residents in the Meridian area. She also says that some high traffic pathways in Meridian will be using a yellow dashed line to separate the directions of travel.
- x. City of Nampa– Phil Peterson reported that the Stoddard pathway is completed but does not currently have landscaping. The transition to Second Street is being researched and alternatives are being studied.
- xi. City of Star – Jennifer Salmonsens reported the Star pathway committee has continued to work on a multi-year plan. She said that a Greenbelt on both sides of the river is included within the plan. The plan will include trails on the South side of the river as part of a larger plan for commercial and residential development. There are 3 bridges proposed in the plan to connect the North and South sides of Star.
- xii. ITD District 3 – Mark Wasdahl informed the group that the Ada County Commissioners have started the process to move Lady Bird Park in Garden City from its current position along Chinden to a location closer to the river within the fairgrounds. He also said a bike pedestrian bridge project west of the State Highway 55 (Eagle Road) Bridge over the Boise River North Channel is way past the discussion phase. Mark indicated that now is the time to apply for the grants that Western Federal Lands has available. He also said he was not aware of immediate plans to tunnel under Hwy 55 but the topic comes up for discussion from time to time.
- xiii. FACTS Equestrian – Karen Danley Karen referenced two internet articles that highlight the role of pathways in helping protect houses. She is the owner of one of the homes that was threatened by recent 40-acre fire. She also discussed that there are many places where horses used to be allowed but are increasingly being barred. She asked the board for what advice they might have that would help keep horse access when it has been granted in the past. She was pleased to report that the Canyon county masterplan will be including equestrian access.
- xiv. Karen also indicated that she would be interested in taking on the secretary position that Sharon Hubler will vacate.

Adjournment: The meeting stood adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Payne and Sharon Hubler, Secretary