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JUNE 22, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. MINUTES

PRESENT

FACTS Board Members

Boise

Karen Danley Secretary, FACTS Equestrian Director, Boise Pathways Plan
Bob Hay Trails Advocate
Gary Payne Trails Advocate

Caldwell

Paul Mann City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes

Garden City

Gary Segers ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee
Bill Mullane Garden City Parks and Waterways Committee

Nampa

Wm. "Bill" Gigray President

Ex-Officio Members

Braden Cervetti COMPASS
Steve Noyes City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Jennifer Salmonsens Star City Council
Douglas Hanson Kuna Planning and Zoning DirectorGuest
Trevor Kesner City of Boise
Kim Warren City of Meridian Parks and Pathways

Guest

Patrice Yancey Guest of Mark Eubanks

CALL TO ORDER

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray President

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Karen Danley

Minutes

Motion to Table May Minutes Approval to July FACTS Meeting

1st: Paul Mann 2nd: Bob Hay Vote: All YES

Reports

1. City of Eagle reached out to me to coordinate a meeting with equestrian representatives. Mayor Jason Pierce, Eagle City Council Charlie Baun, and Trail Superintendent Steve Noyes met with equestrian Karen Danley, Layne Bown, Alaysa West, Carolyn Roberts, and Tammy Bromley.
2. Idaho State Parks and Recreation Department announced new dog policy for Eagle Island.
3. A. James Silbernagel Memorial Park: Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department is dedicating the park in my father's name on June 23, 2020.

President's Report

1. We will welcome budget reports today as well as the July meeting.
2. Irvine, California Pathway Infrastructure Examples
 - a. Tunnels: Lighted
 - b. Pedestrian Bridges: Over seven lanes of traffic.
 - c. Pedestrian Path: Adjacent to railroad tracks as well as a pedestrian bridge over it. These are excellent examples for Rails to Trails connectivity.
 - d. Pathways under transmission lines. Paths are good use of the space under the transmission lines.

Agency Reports

Kim Warren: City of Meridian: Pathways Project Manager

Total Yearly Parks and Recreation Department Budget Request: \$481,500

Meridian Population: Approximately 130,000

How many miles of pathways projects? Approximately 2.5 miles

Projects include:

1. Five Mile Pathway at Ustick and Linder
2. Five Miles Pathway Segment D
3. Linder road - Cayuse Creek to Winco

4. Creson Pathway - Future Crossing
5. Locust Grove - McMillan to Chinden
6. Meridian Road and Victory - Pathway at Ridenbaugh Crossing

Steve Noyes: Eagle currently collects \$330 per lot impact fees for pathways
\$1350 per lot impact fees for parks

William Gigray: Irvine 44 acres per 1,000

Boise approximately 20 acres per 1,000

Kim Warren: More requests from Meridian citizens for pathways

Keeps data to promote pathways

Jennifer Salmonsens: What standard pathway width do you suggest?

Kim Warren: Minimum 10ft

Bob Hayes: Goal 11ft for Greenbelt but not consistent

Steve Noyes: Neighborhood Pathways: 6ft and up

Community Pathways: 8ft and up

Regional Pathways: 10ft and up

Top Pathway Width: Up to 20ft

Paul Mann: Offered to send Lake Lowell Pathway study to Jennifer to consider pathway substructure suggestions.

Jennifer has noted the Boise Pathway plan as an example.

Trevor Kesner: City of Boise Parks Planning Administer

1. What city departments budgets are involved in the appropriations for pathway funding?

- a. Parks and Recreation
- b. Department of Finance Administration
- c. Mayor's office with input from council

2. Sources of Revenue

- a. CIP: Capital Improvement Program includes developer impact fees
- b. Open Space and Clean Water Levy Grants
- c. Mayor's Office has its own budget so those can be used for chosen priority projects.

3. Who is involved in the pathways budget process?

- a. Citizenry
- b. Parks and Recreation
- c. Department of Finance Administration
- d. Ultimately approved by city council

4. Trevor provided a link to city budget Openbook:

Receiving comment on Proposed FY2023 budget through July 23.

5. City of Boise Questica Website: Useful tool for Boise budget information.

6. What are the priorities for determining pathway funding?

a. Boise Pathway Master Pathways Plan states priority projects likely based on need, equity, planning area, etc. Example: Recent development driven project on Franklin near railway the developer was asked to develop a pathway that potentially will hopefully later connect to rails to trails pathway.

7. Priority Pathway for This Year: Goddard Pathway and Linear Park, Tuttle pathway connection from Milwaukee Park, Spaulding Ranch, Capital High School, all connected by Settler's Irrigation District to dedicate parcels to create pathway connection.

8. Statistics

Boise Population: approximately 245,000

Rebuilding Greenbelt Segments Annually: \$1-2 million

History

2019: \$31,000

2020: \$37,000

2021: 1.4 million

2022: \$1.5 million

Rebuilding greenbelt with concrete for durability.

9. Cassia Street Bikeway: Boise has applied for some ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to build a bridge on the north side of canal. Again, working with Settler's irrigation district.

Bob Hays

1. Regarding the greenbelt work at Julia Davis Park, what is the timeline and why is it taking extensive time? It wasn't originally designed for the current drainage so the construction was halted due to reengineering. Progress should resume this week.

2. Regarding the path by the golf course, it has rough spots in it. What is the timeline for repairs and how do you manage the closure since there isn't a good alternative route? It is a priority, however not for this year.

William Gigray

1. How far do you forecast? Yes, Boise has a 5 and 12 year forecast.

2. What did ACHD do with the 8th street project? The school and church sent the project back to the drawing board. There is reconsideration and/or redesigning for this project. New presentation from ACHD staff is forthcoming. No decision made so far.

3. Regarding huge pond on the Greenbelt West of Garden City in Boise, are there plans to create something similar to the Esther Simplot Park? Trevor stated they are part of Joplin Water Renewal Facility and Sunroc. They are public works owned land. No plans for them at the time. Sunroc actually owns the greenbelt property and provide an easement. William encouraged future reclamation and park plans for these ponds. Another example is Quinn's pond, which the city currently owns.

Paul Mann: Caldwell Report

Jerome Mapp answered the following questions.

1. What city departments budgets are involved in the appropriations for pathway funding?

- a. City of Caldwell
- b. Planning and Zoning
- c. Public Works Department

2. Sources of Revenue

- a. Allocating in city budget from the general fund.

3. Who is involved in the pathways budget process?

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Route Committee
- b. Planning and Zoning Director
- c. City Engineer
- d. Public Works Director
- e. Finance Director
- f. Mayor
- g. City Council

4. What are the priorities for determining pathway funding?

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- 5. What process is followed for pathway funding?
 - a. Recommendations come from Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
 - b. Submitted to Planning and Zoning Director in April
 - c. Request reviewed by Finance Director
 - d. P and Z Director places the request in the P and Z Budget
 - e. Request is submitted to city council for approval
- 6. Budget Year: August 1-September 30
- 7. What presentations are made to the public, governing body, and elected officials in support of pathways?
 - a. All route committee meetings are open to the public
- 8. Caldwell Population in 2021: 66,000
- 9. Annual Budget: \$40,000
- 10. How much was requested for this year and what are your priorities?
 - a. \$40,000 from general fund
 - b. First request is funding for a study for pathways in downtown Caldwell
- 11. Other Comments
 - a. Map: Panther Bicycle Path in Caldwell: 7th Day Adventist Church Board approved a pathway along west side. Mayor very enthusiastic about the project.
 - b. Paul will share Irvine tunnel pictures with Jerome Mapp.

Jennifer Salmonson: Star

Budget: Currently there is no specific funding for paths. Discussion on future impact fees specified for pathways.

Population: 16,000

William Gigray: Have you considered establishing a pathways committee?

Karen Silbernagel Danley: What percentage of Star is built out compared to the area of impact? Jennifer is not sure at this point and will ask the mayor.

52nd Street Bridge: Bill Mulane and Gary Payne

Study is complete and the bridge needs to get prioritized.

Suggestion to get the bridge budget in front of Garden City Council because it will likely need to apply for matching grants and the city will need to budget for it.

Garden City: Bill Mulane

Majority of Parks Budget primarily pays for staff

Population: 12,000

Garden City is landlocked. Limited opportunity for new trails. Focus is on maintaining.

Garden City has an URD (Urban Renewal District): Funds are spent on infrastructure including pathways.

William Gigray encourages a final bridge plan that people could make donations to provide funds and/or possible business sponsors such as the "Extra Mile Arena".

8th Street Bicycle Project

Gary Segers will send out a report after tonight's meeting.

May 25 testimony included many people speaking against the project.

11th Street project is moving along and Gary will include it in the update.

Caldwell Tunnel Under Hwy 55

Paul Mann made a motion for William to write a letter of support for the Caldwell Tunnel under Hwy 55

Second: Karen Silbernagel Danley

Approved: All

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: August 24, 2022

Next Agenda: To include Community Infrastructure Districts and HOAs discussion.

2022 PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Eagle Island State Park (Robert Minch, Karen Danley, & Steve Noyes)

52nd Street Bridge Project (Bill Mullane & Gary Payne & COMPASS)

Chinden Blvd. Study (Garden City) Rails with Trails (Braden Cervetti)

FLAP Grants

Hwy. 55 Underpass

New Bridge in Caldwell over Boise River old Hwy. 30

Information Booth (encourage participation; to the west materials)

Nampa Connection to Greenbelt

Kuna projects and Connection to Meridian

Linder Road (Meg McCarthy)

Budget Advocacy on Pathways (March)

Star Road Underpass (Kim Warren)

Federal Infrastructure Funding estimated at \$2.5 billion for Idaho

Middleton Pathways (Tim O'Meara)

Canal Pathway Agreements for cities using Eagle model

ITD/Glenwood Corridor (Gary Segers)