



October 26, 2022 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President

Introductions: Guests

Austin Miller: COMPASS: Oversee the demographics and active transportation

Mac Drzayich: Alta Planning and Design: Based out of Salt Lake. Mac has worked on many local projects including

Approve Agenda

Motion to Approve: 1st Mark Eubanks 2nd Paul Mann All approved

Presentations

Urban Land Institute Advisory Process and Report for Meridian

Kim Warren: City of Meridian

1. Meridian stated three goals
 - a. Placemaking, way finding, and identity
 - b. Improving access and acceleration implementation
 - c. Improving access and equity consideration
2. Main Study Area: Linder Road and 10 Mile
3. ULI reframed the three goals
 - a. Purpose and equity
 - b. User experience and understanding
 - c. Ongoing implementation
4. Panel Recommendations and Key Takeaways
 - a. Placemaking is the vehicle for connecting the community with the pathway system such as social interaction, places to rest, amenities for learning about wildlife, history, and plants, events and activities.
 - b. Focus more on process, less on connection. What is the purpose of the system? Recreation, commuting, social opportunities, improved health etc.
5. Mandalorian Approach: Envision all the "Ways". Examples: PathWAYS, ArtWAYS, NatureWAYS, PlayWAYS, HistoryWAYS, SeniorWAYS, BreakWAYS etc.
6. Waiting can be a valid option.

7. TRAC: Temporary Routing/Alternative Connections
8. Use public art to create identity and anchor people to place.
9. Neighborhood Empowerment
10. Meridian has over 50 miles of pathways (includes detached sidewalks)
11. Next steps include breakaway locations, use of art for the trail hub, etc.
12. More staff is needed to act on ULI recommendations
13. Update Master Plan
14. Final Summary ULI Document expected soon.

Questions and Comments

Mark Eubanks congratulated Meridian on the pollinator garden and suggested park benches.

Bob Hays suggested “SchoolWAYS” for student active transportation.

William Gigray asked about cost and value of ULI report.

a. \$15,000

b. Valuable due to caliber of passionate, experienced, and educated consultants and a fresh perspective.

Paul Mann asked if Meridian has a bike or pathways committee. Answer: Meridian currently does not.

Great Job Kim! Thank you for your report.

Ada County Fairgrounds Update

Scott Koberg: Ada County

Ada County submitted a RFQ in June, 2022 for a Design Competition

88 acres of the 347 acres

Port Architecture and Urbanism won the competition.

Negotiations between Ada County and Port Architecture are in process.

ARPA restrictions apply

Gary Payne asked about the timeline for development. Answer: ARPA requires the funds must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Potential for extensions.

Regarding the 52nd Street Bridge, Scott does not foresee any conflict.²⁵

Design Competition information is still on YouTube. Scott will send URL.

Gary Segers asked Scott to update improvement on the Ada County pathways west of Garden City and near Sunroc. Improvements are coming as soon as this winter. Pathway will be replaced with concrete within a year from now. There are four jurisdictions between Glenwood and Eagle Road. They are Boise, Ada County, Garden City, and Eagle.

William Gigray asked about the 88 acres that were focused on in the RFQ Design Competition.

Answer: The RFQ did focus on the 88 acres only.

Ladybird Park is within these 88 acres. Goal is to create a destination park.

Where is the 88 acres? 88 acres include the old horse track and horse stalls.

Bob Hay inquired about the Greenbelt repair and maintenance west of the penitentiary. Scott mentioned that it may be in the ACHD right of way. Ownership is being determined. Bob suggested fixing two large cracks in this area.

Trevor showed the pathway of the Alta Harris trail in east Boise between Barber Park and Barber dam.

William Gigray asked about Micron’s expansion and how it would effect the pathway planning.

Thank you Scott for your report.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report

Karen Danley

1. Minutes September 28, 2022

1st Gary Payne

2nd William Gigray

All Approved All

2. Silver Ranch: Bismarck, ND: Karen shared her family's Silver Ranch Planned Development and Bismarck Parks Master Plan and Memorandum of Understanding. These two documents jointly prioritize trails, connectivity, parks, and wetlands with emphasis on an active communities. Ped sheds assess which residences are within a 5 minute walk to a park. The MOU states the Silbernagel Family is committed to donating land to provide recreations opportunities and to preserve and enhance the bait for birds, fireflies, monarch and other butterflies, dragonflies, pollinators, and other wildlife within the Silver Ranch development.

William Gigray asked about what stage is Silver Ranch in? Karen stated we are in the 4th phase. Development so far has included over 200 homes, Silver Ranch Elementary School, parks, and a fire station in 2026.

3. Avimore Trail Board: I appreciate Avimore's willingness to incorporate some separated trails for specific users.

Reports

52nd Street Bridge Update: Bill Mullane and Gary Payne

Bill gave a presentation on October 24 to Garden City Council. The city council asked questions and expressed support. The goal is to apply to phase 1 of the federal grant. Grant Application Deadline: December 6.

Motion: FACTS is supportive of Gary Segers, William Gigray and/or Bill Mulane moving forward with actions to submit the federal grant application.

1st Mark Eubanks 2nd Gary Payne All Approved

Bill Mullane suggested we compile a list of organizations who would be interested in writing letter of support. Gary Payne reminded us that we do have template letter that is yet to be approved by a lawyer. Gary will send the letter to William and he will look it over.

Karen Danley video taped the Garden City Council meeting. Bill Mullane gave permission to upload it to YouTube and distribute it to the board.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Peterson, Treasurer

Balance: \$7,677

1st Paul Mann

2nd Bob Hayes

All Approved

Vice President's Report

Gary Segers

1. Canyon County Representation: FACTS needs more representation from Canyon County,

2. Outreach: Mark Eubanks is interested in incorporating the information booth with a park party. Mark stated the need for new brochures.

Discussion: Karen Danley stated that FACTS is beyond the Greenbelt presently. Karen suggested it would be include equestrians in the updated brochures.

Gary Payne asked how much do we mention the fundraising.

William suggested we Gary Payne, Gary Segers, and Mark Eubanks present an updated FACTS brochure draft to the board.

1st Gary Segers 2nd Gary Payne All approved

3. Linder Road Connection to Greenbelt: New design proposed for 2025.

4. Federal Highway Administration is now mandating all states conduct a Vulnerable Road Users Assessment. Gary Segers will update us as it proceeds. It is to be completed by November, 2023. Karen Danley mentioned the young biker who was hit by a semi truck on his way to the Eagle Bike park. Steve Noyes followed up with information on the memorial ride and investigation.

President’s Report

Wm. F. “Bill” Gigray

1. Reminder: Annual Meeting November 30
Election of the directors, ex-officio directors, and officers, etc.
2. Connectivity throughout the entire valley

Fundraising Campaign

Bob Hay, Steve Noyes, Bill Mullane and Mark Eubank met and discussed how to effectively raise funds. Suggestions are to create a fund raising letter, identify likely supportive entities, building relationships, explaining purpose of funds, and then asking for financial support.

The committee suggested that Garden City incorporate counters on their portion of the Greenbelt.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

January 25, 2023

Members Present

FACTS Board Members

Boise

- Karen Danley Secretary, FACTS Equestrian Director
- Mark Eubank Trails Advocate
- 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 joined at 3:45

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- Wm. “Bill” Gigray President

Ex-Officio Members

Meg McCarthy ACHD Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Austin Miller COMPASS
Steve Noyes City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Jennifer Salmonsens Star City Council
Mark Wasdahl ITD Senior Planner, District 3
Colin Schmidt City of Garden City Public Works Director
Trevor Kesner City of Boise Parks Planning Administrator
Canyon Highway District No. 4
Douglas Hanson Kuna Planning and Zoning Director
Scott Koberg Ada County Parks and Waterways
Kim Warren City of Meridian Pathways Project Manager

Guest:

Mack Drzayik Alta Planning: Boise Pathway Plan