



The **F**oundation for **A**da / **C**anyon **T**rail **S**ystems

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JANUARY 25, 2023 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Call to Order

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President

Introductions: Guests

John Ottenhoff	Boise Bicycle Project
	City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Commission
Erin Sorenson	Canals Connect Community Coalition

Approve Agenda

President Gigray added election of John Ottenhoff and John McAllister to the FACTS Board.
[Motion to Approve 1st Paul Mann 2nd Gary Payne ALL APPROVED](#)

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report

Karen Danley

October and November Minutes
[Motion to Approve: 1st Paul Mann 2nd Gary Segers ALL APPROVED](#)

Treasurer's Report: \$7,945.44

Phil Peterson, Treasurer

[Motion to Approve: 1st Gary Payne 2nd Paul Mann ALL APPROVED](#)

Vice President's Report

Bill Mullane

President's Report

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray

Motion to nominate and elect both John Ottenhoff and John McAllister
[Motion to Approve: President Gigray 2nd Sharon Hubler ALL APPROVED](#)

Nomination and election of ex officio directors

Kim Warren for City of Boise

Cecilia Arritola ITD

[Motion to Approve: 1st Paul Mann 2nd Don Stockton ALL APPROVED](#)

REPORTS

1. 52nd Street Bridge in Garden City:Community in Motion Grant: Bill Mullane

Phase 1 Application was successful
Phase 2 Application was submitted on January 19 and now in an approval process.
End of March: Projects that are selected for funding is announced.
Fund Raising Update: \$142K needed
Two entities have committed funds.

Garden City: \$20k

Treasure Valley Clean Cities Coalition: \$10k

Erin Sorenson emphasized the 52nd Street Bridge will connect Garden City to Foothills through Pierce Park. Glenwood Bridge is the other option which is not bike/ped friendly. Erin Sorenson suggested using LIDAR Consortium as a solid data resource to extract high water mark information. <https://www.idaholidar.org/existing-lidar-data/> Tom Ruby, of JUB, is a good contact.

Don Stockton had concerns about the high water mark and if the land for the bridge has been surveyed. He expressed it needs to be done asap to facilitate the possible quick timeline. Gary Segers, Bill Mullane, and President Gigray confirmed to Don the 52nd Street Bridge first proposed location is the one we are pursuing. Karen Silbernagel Danley confirmed that there were four locations vetted all all under the 52nd bridge "umbrella". FACTS voted unanimously to stay with the first proposed location where we already have the easements. Gary Segers offered to give Don Stockton a call to help clarify any further questions.

JUB 52nd St. Bridge Report: https://compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/projdev/FinalCOMPASS-52ndStBridgeReport_June2022.pdf

Fund Raising Option: Karen Silbernagel Danley provided an example of a pledge form as a way to collect financial support contingent on the grant coming to fruition.

2. Caldwell Tunnel: Paul Mann

City of Caldwell has approved \$3 million for the Caldwell tunnel under Hwy 55.

Passed Caldwell City Council 5 to 1

Sharon Hubler stated that Judy Peavey-Derr is now the director of the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands.

Caldwell has a new Parks, Recreation, and Facilities director, Juli McCoy. John Ottenhoff suggested lobbying for a position responsible for pathways and bike routes. He also is advocating for a subcommittee with the newly formed Caldwell Parks and Recreation Committee. President Gigray noted that FACTS still needs a consistent Caldwell representative.

3. Steve Noyes: City of Eagle Trail and Pathways Superintendent

Subject: Avimor Annexation into the City of Eagle Regarding Trails and Pathways

January 17, 2023: Planning and Zoning meeting for Avimor annexation.

Avimor Annexation includes 18,000 acres

9,000 acres open space

10,000 homes

Steve suggested Eagle does not permit Avimor to have their own pathway code but rather align with city of Eagle code.

Avimor is asking for a separate code due to soil composition.

Steve's primary reason to recommend the same path code is potential long term maintenance costs if Avimor is successfully annexed into the city of Eagle.

Avimor is asking for all 18,000 acres to be annexed at one time.

Steve's recommendations include:

1. Eagle's pathways code be referenced in Avimor's pathways code.
2. Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission be represented on any trail projects in the land to be potentially annexed.
3. Eagle to be granted the right to connect trails or pathways to any easements that borders Avimor.

4. Existing trail and pathways easements must be amended or replaced to provide the City right to primary control of public access, maintenance, and event programming within the annexed areas and Avimor Phases 1, 2, and 3.
5. Root Barriers: Steve recommends root barriers on the pathways.

Erin Sorenson asked about what we can do to encourage widely adopted design guidelines throughout Ada and Canyon County. Steve offered to share the work he has done to develop Eagle pathway standards to assist Erin specifically in Caldwell.

Bob Hay inquired if a radius standard exists for pathways for safety and/or maintenance? Steve responded that there is an industry radius standard. Steve explained that a meandering pathway can facilitate the asphalt contracting and expanding. In addition, the meandering pathways facilitate safety sight lines and speed control points. Finally, it is more aesthetically pleasing to use.

President Gigray suggested gathering pathway standards throughout all the cities with the goal to promote uniform standards.

Bob Hay reiterated that it is not optimal for HOA's to maintain pathways due to finances and lack of expertise.

4. Gary Payne and Gary Segers: FACTS and Canals Connected Community Coalition (CCCC)

Both Gary Payne and Gary Segers encourage cooperation with CCCC and welcome Erin Sorenson and John Ottenhoff. John Ottenhoff shared Nina Pienaar is the first full time advocacy director for the Boise Bicycle Project. John also noted that the CCCC has divided into subcommittees infrastructure, engagement, and policies. Gary Payne and Gary Segers will continue to attend CCCC meetings.

Mark Eubanks and John McAllister will be working on new FACTS brochure. Information from Canyon County is welcome.

MOTION to table 2023 FACTS Goals to the February meeting

1st Paul Mann 2nd Karen Danley ALL APPROVED

President Gigray asked Kim Warren and/or Steve Noyes to collect all the Ada and Canyon County pathway and maintenance standards in efforts to unify standards.

Meeting Adjourned

2023 FACTS GOALS

1. Eagle Island State Park (Robert Minch, Karen Danley, & Steve Noyes)
2. 52nd Street Bridge Project (Bill Mullane)
3. COMPASS Chinden Blvd. Study (Garden City) Rails with Trails (Austin Miller)
4. FLAP Grant and Hwy. 55 Underpass
5. New Bridge in Caldwell over Boise River old Hwy. 30
6. Public Relations Committee (Mark Eubank, Robert Minch, and Paul Mann)
7. Downtown Boise (Gary Segers)
8. Nampa Connection to Greenbelt
9. Kuna Projects and Connection to Meridian
10. Linder Road (Meg McCarthy)
11. Budget Advocacy on Pathways (March)

12. Star Road Underpass (Kim Warren)
13. Federal infrastructure funding estimated at \$2.5 billion for Idaho
14. Middleton Pathways (Tim O'Meara)
15. Canal Pathway Agreements for cities using Eagle model
16. ITD/Glenwood Corridor (Gary Segers)

Next Meeting

February 22, 2023

Agenda Submittal Due: February 15, 2023

Adjournment

January 25, 2023 Attendance

Boise

Karen Silbernagel Danley	Secretary, FACTS Equestrian Director
Mark Eubank	Trails Advocate
Bob Hay	Trails Advocate
Gary Payne	Trails Advocate
John McAllister	Trails Advocate

Caldwell

Paul Mann	City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Commission
Sharon Hubler	City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Commission
John Ottenhoff	Chair of the Boise Bicycle Project Board of Directors
	City of Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Commission

Eagle

Robert Minch	Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Commission (joined at 3:50)
Don Stockton	Trails Advocate

Garden City

Gary Segers	ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee
Bill Mullane	Vice President, Garden City Parks & Waterways Committee

Nampa

Wm. "Bill" Gigray	President
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2023 Agency and Non Profit Ex Officio Members

ACHD/BAC	Meg McCarthy
City of Boise	Kim Warren
City of Eagle Trails & Pathways	Steve Noyes
City of Star	Jennifer Salmonsens
COMPASS	Austin Miller
ITD Sr. Transportation Planner	Cecilia Arritola

2023 FACTS MEETING DATES

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

November 29 Note: This is the fifth Wednesday of the month rather than the fourth. The FACTS November and December meetings are combined into one meeting. This is the last 2023 meeting.