

## Foundation for Ada/Canyon Trail Systems (F.A.C.T.S.)

Minutes of October 25, 2023

Meeting called for 3:00 PM

In attendance:

Officers: Bill Gigray, President; Bill Mullane, Vice President

Directors: Paul Mann, Bob Hay, Robert Minch, Sharon Hubler, Gary Segers, Mark Eubank and Gary Payne  
Agency "ex officio": Meg McCarthy, ACHD, Colin Schmidt, Garden City; Kim Warren, city of Meridian; Austin Miller, COMPASS; Doug Hanson, city of Kuna (P&Z); Dane Hoskins, city of Boise Pathways Program Manager; Steve Noyes, city of Eagle Pathways (ret'd), living in McCall (208-761-9580)

**Call to Order** – President Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray called the ZOOM meeting to order shortly after 3:00 PM explaining he was on deadline for another meeting. He announced this F.A.C.T.S. meeting would be devoted to Agency Reports.

**Approve Agenda** - Agenda was approved minus additions or deletions, seconded by Paul Mann. Kudos by Gary Segers to COMPASS for two weeks' traffic data by counters collected on Glenwood Bridge, "impressive work".

**Treasurer's Report** - Same as last month's. *Moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Paul Mann to accept the Treasurer's report, consisting of F.A.C.T.S. bank balance. Motion carried.*

**President's Report – Annual Meeting** scheduled November 29, 2023 for the election of Officers, Directors and *ex officio* agency representatives. Bill will stand for President for another year unless anyone else would like to be nominated. Bill Mullane, Vice President and Phil Peterson, Treasurer have agreed to another year. Sharon Hubler agreed to run for Secretary. Agency rep's Mark Wasdahl contacted Bill that he had a conflict with a Design Review Meeting; and, Julie McCoy was involved with Parks Master Plan. The first meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission, to which Paul Mann has been appointed, will be November 20<sup>th</sup>.

F.A.C.T.S. will have time on the November 29<sup>th</sup> Agenda to set Goals for 2024.

Don Kostelec comments on the Linder Road Overpass is that it should have a 14-foot sidewalk on both sides rather than the contemplated 10' 6" width. This is both an ITD and ACHD collaborative project and design components are subject to inputs from both ITD and ACHD. Meg McCarthy suggested to Bill that F.A.C.T.S. can address comments by email to [Projects@achdidaho.org](mailto:Projects@achdidaho.org), 3775 Adams Street, Garden City, ID 83714 to the attention of Brian McCarthy. Comments must be received by November 2<sup>nd</sup> and further information is available at <https://engage.achdidaho.org/linder-road-overpass-franklin-road-to-overland-road>. Furthermore, talking to ACHD Commissioner Kent Goldthorpe would be advisable. Bill has spoken with Joe Stear, mayor of Kuna and Doug Hanson, P&Z Director. Ordinance 252, city of Kuna, may not be an adequate safety standard. F.A.C.T.S. Mission Statement needs to be rewritten, perhaps an *ad hoc* committee could start on a new one.

**Vice President's Report** - 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Report. Representing F.A.C.T.S. Bill Mullane has sent out an initial draft to bring together a coalition, under the auspices of being a facilitator rather than a funder. Garden City would need to activate an annual \$20k during the first two years because the major portion of match funds becomes due FY '28. Bill Gigray will be applying for an extension of the Idaho Dept. of Lands Easement, which now carries a termination date of 2030. As Gary Segers explained the access point for Southeast Garden City use of the greenbelt without detours onto roadways provides access to the north side of the Boise River. Lot 99, though a private pathway, was designated as public access to the greenbelt for 30 years through the good will of adjacent 12-14 residences. Meg McCarthy reported that ACHD has tacitly agreed that Lot 99 is private, and has begun changes to the bikeway, including removing signage, changing the sharrows, and removing the bikeway designation from the ACHD bike map. Here's what it looks in the photo. <https://lot99.org>. Peter Snowden represents the HoA and access to the east end of Plantation Island bridge and bikeway will no longer be available. They are unhappy with trash, electric bikes and using golf carts for this purpose. Alternatively, bicyclists and walkers are encouraged to access upstream (east) at N. Lake Harbor Lane and, if driving, use Public Parking (west) downstream at Glenwood St. and W. Marigold. Sharrows are white [pavement markings](#) showing a bicycle symbol with two chevrons on top

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

City of Meridian – Kim Warren working with Steve Siddoway, Parks Director on the McDermott Road and Five Mile Pedestrian Bridge, will have a pathway going under S.H. 16. Meridian is advertising for a consultant on the master plan. Miranda Harshman consultant on bridge has 77.0% of the plans completed.

City of Kuna – Doug Hanson mentioned doing S.H. 69 corridor study. Two crossings in town at grade, which are fairly close together.

City of Boise – Dane Hoskins said city has hired contracting consultant on Broadway/Federal Way connection. Leadville pathway on Franklin Road is another. Spaulding on the Bench south of Goddard and Glenwood. Micro-connections on Harding Street. What is the status of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street improvements? In January 2024 start on A.D.A. improvements, pulling cut curbs and replacing with bollards. Mark Eubank asked about E Grove Street project? Dane said that would be a CCDC project in the Basque Block. Ridenbaugh Canal is also on the radar.

Ada County Highway District – Meg McCarthy reported that the Bannock Street Bikeway (West Phase) would be up for adoption tonight. ACHD can require a 10-foot pathway. Other bikeway projects are Shamrock Park north of Fairview and the Dona Larsen Park on the east side of Broadway.

City of Eagle – Robert Minch has called Bill Bond, Planner III but not heard back. Eagle has not filled trail type person whom we know as Steve Noyes. Steve might be interested in a contract basis to do development review. Planners themselves deal with pre-applications. Will the Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission (PPRC) help with review. F.A.C.T.S. could engage in meetings. Public Works and Recreation Director are involved. EISP (Eagle Island State Park) waiting on Newmans on the NW quadrant. Avimor alone will more than double the size of the city.

City of Caldwell – Paul Mann talked about the S.H. 55 project. He recently spoke with Robb McDonald, city Engineer, and right-of-way acquisitions. Nice that the developer is one and the same on both sides

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of the highway. Canyon County will have a pathway all the way to Lake Lowell when the tunnel is finished. Bill said that the predecessor organization Greenbelt Civic League of Caldwell should assign easements and license agreements over to the city of Caldwell.

**Next Meeting** – Scheduled for November 29, 2023. Let Bill know of topics since we are going forward with Goals at this meeting.

**Adjourn** – Moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Bob Hay to adjourn the meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Acting Secretary