

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

Minutes of May 22, 2024

Meeting called for 3:00 PM

In attendance:

Officers: Bill Gigray, President, Bill Mullane, Vice President and Sharon Hubler, Secretary

Directors: Paul Mann, Bob Hay, Gary Payne and Robert Minch

Agency "ex officio": Meg McCarthy, ACHD; Alexa Roitman, COMPASS; Steve Noyes, city of Eagle Pathways (ret'd); Colin Schmidt, city of Garden City Public Works Director; and, Kim Warren, city of Meridian Parks & Recreation Pathways Director

Call to Order

President Bill Gigray

The Meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM.

Approve Agenda – Move to Approve, Additions/Reorder

It was moved to approve the Agenda by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Steve Noyes.

MOTION CARRIED

Officers' Reports

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes of April 24, 2024 Secretary Sharon Hubler
It was moved to approve the Minutes of April 24, 2024 by Gary Payne, seconded by Steve Noyes.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2024 Treasurer Phil Peterson
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Bob Hay to accept the Bank Balance of \$9,335.97 as reported by the Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED

Comment from Bill Gigray: would we want FACTS to be involved in Idaho Gives? Consider this as an Idaho not-for-profit early 2025.

3. President's Report President Bill Gigray
 - a) Ax Yewer's question by the Board of Ada County Commissioners was to qualify for property tax exemption on the FACTS Heron Rookery. Bill G. responded and property tax exemption was granted May 8, 2024.
 - b) Letter of Support (LOS) to APA on behalf of ACHD on program "Livable Streets Performance Measure" went in and now needs ratification. Meg McCarthy said the letter was great. It was c.c.'d to COMPASS for its perusal.
It was moved by Paul Mann to approve the LOS retroactively to May 13, 2024, seconded by Steve Noyes.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Bill G. emailed Dean Johnson, Idaho Dept. of Lands May 2nd regarding the bridge span expense to keep it out of the floodplain and how might the 25-foot riparian easement owned by the State of Idaho figure in a greenbelt route. He will continue to make contact next month.
4. Vice President's Report Vice Pres. Bill Mullane
 - a) Currently, having the greenbelt route on 52nd Street involves lots of driveways. Meg indicated the 52nd Street r-o-w might involve acquisition. Bill will meet with Jenah Thornborrow next week. No question there's encroachment on Randall Acres owned by Shawn McFadden. Development on EXPO also plays a role. How to positively work with neighbors on 52nd Street is needed. Steve suggested that someone drop by Johnson's office at IDOL, person-to-person to get going on easement. Gary P. suggested that we think beyond the 52nd Street Bridge, perhaps a 2nd Option. Robert Minch recently visited St.

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George UT, population 100,000, and marveled at the five long pedestrian bridges across the Virgin River. How were they funded?

Shawn McFadden has an attorney Geoffrey Wardle and the 1997 settlement agreement on real property located at 606 and 608 E 52nd Street, Garden City indicates that his client has the protection as a nonconforming use despite subsequently enacted zoning ordinances.

Eagle Island State Park – Robert Minch will consult with Mayor Brad Pike, city of Eagle, which Bill G. offered to accompany on that visit. Bill is interested in Meridian impact and having discussion with Kim Warren. Steve Noyes mentioned a pre-app on a parcel of unincorporated land to east of Fish Hatchery Road south.

Rails with Trails (Rails to Trails) – are there any renderings? Plan to have a presentation in the next few months. So much employment along this area. Elaine Clegg, Executive Director of Valley Regional Transit is now on the Amtrak Board of Directors and would be familiar with its priority for the city of Meridian. Turning to engineering on .5 mile segment with COMPASS according to Kim Warren. Alexa Roitman as part of the ACTIVE Transportation 2018 plan indicated Union Pacific knows about the Boise cutoff. Moving forward takes imagination, utilizing what is already available and closing gaps. Kim and Alexa are both familiar with the segment along Alpine next to the Boise Depot. Another aspect would be asking developers to create a buffer. Gary Payne asked for at least 15 minutes at the next FACTS meeting be added for this presentation. Alexa will get a quick map together. Here's a web page with info- pursuant to Rails With Trails (RWT) Progress Report Final.pdf

<https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-21>

City of Caldwell – Paul Mann contacted the Canyon County P&Z planner regarding the gravel pit next to Curtis Park, which had been tabled until the hearing on June 20th. June 10th is the last day for public comment and it behooves FACTS to ask that a pathway be included in that approval. It is vitally important in the connection toward the city of Middleton.

It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Sharon Hubler to authorize Paul to author a letter to the Canyon County P&Z.

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City of Kuna – Bill G. will check with Kuna Mayor about getting representation.

Linder Road – Meg McCarthy indicated between Chinden Blvd. and Hwy. 44 segment slated for 2025. Pine & Cherry to Ustick being heard 6/17 at city Council regarding Linder Overpass.

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Uniformity is the name of the game. For instance, on Five-Mile overpass will there be five lanes separated pathways? Indication is that there will be north south, one for Linder and one for Five Mile, not two pathways.

Budget advocacy will be moved to July when there will be more defined information.

Glenwood Bridge – Bob Hay and Gary Payne said there will be changes in striping by ITD on the bridge as there is no place to turn left and a left turn is not needed resulting in a widening bicycle lane.

It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Bob Hay to adjourn the meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary