

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

Minutes of September 25, 2024

Meeting called for 3:00 PM

In attendance:

Officers: Bill Gigray, President and Sharon Hubler, Secretary

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

Agency "ex officio": Meg McCarthy ACHD Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, and Robin Camp, Ada County Parks & Waterways Program and Education Specialist

Guests: Judy Peavey-Derr and Will Anderson

Call to Order

President Bill Gigray

The Meeting was called to order at 3:14 PM.

Approve Agenda – Move to Approve, Additions/Reorder

It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Bob Hay to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

SIGNAGE report, Judy Peavey-Derr with Mark Eubank, Bill Mullane, Robert Minch, Gary Segers and Robin Camp, also involved.

Ribbon-cutting August 5th at 1:30 PM on new concrete path in Garden City behind City Hall. Subsequent meeting with Scott Koeborg on placement of two signs at the end of the concrete path and Garden City area going west. Scott indicated there were some good size signs in storage that could help eliminate huge expenditure. Working with Robert Minch sign depictions will be sent out plus getting additional information. QR code gives more information with less surface graphic on the sign. Scott warranted bearing most of the cost, but FACTS could chip in at least \$500 for its recognition. Players that helped including Don Stockton and Jerry Hastings with the original pathway would be re-recognized. (personal note: Like to see John Caywood's name added)

Robin added that she had measured twice the kiosk, which could be installed in the greenbelt area showing photos before and after the flood, for instance. Mark Eubank said the old bridge signage does not support the current vision and is surplus. Sharon Hubler and others want to hear back from Kathy Stockton regarding the old bridge sign. (pers. Note sign was delivered to Don and Kathy Stockton for their yard)

It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Bob Hay that Judy Peavey-Derr and Robert Minch working with Scott and Robin have authority to defray/contribute up to \$500 for FACTS recognition on the two signs.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on having Estimates and Input from four different sign companies.

Approve Bylaws amended and reformed for FACTS President Bill Gigray

Amends 2021 previous amendments: 1.2 Boise River Trails Foundation, precursor organization; 4.4 Annual Meeting in October rather than November; Special Meetings with seven days' notice as needed.

It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Gary Payne to approve the 2024 Amended and Restated Bylaws.

MOTION CARRIED

Officers' Reports

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes of August 28, 2024 Secretary Sharon Hubler

It was moved to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2024 by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Mark Eubank.

2. Treasurer's Report as of September 27, 2024 Treasurer Phil Peterson

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It was moved to accept the Bank Balance of \$9,686.85 by Bob Hay, seconded by Gary Payne.

MOTION CARRIED

3. President's Report

President Bill Gigray

- a) Greenbelt Civic League of Caldwell, Inc. – Corporation (the “Civic League”) established February 1987. The Civic League hired Jensen-Belts to prepare a Master Plan for the Caldwell Greenbelt along the Boise River. Whittenberger Park is a part of that Master Plan. The Park is located adjacent to W. Chicago Street and Centennial Way in Caldwell. The Park consists of 18-20 acres. The Civic League developed and conveyed the Park to the city of Caldwell subject to several prohibitions such as selling, leasing and so forth. Steven Jenkins, Economic Development Director for Caldwell, contacted Bill and advised that Lexor Investments, Inc. has proposed a 5,000 seat amphitheater and is seeking a site, one of which could be Whittenberger Park. Bill asked Steven to find him a couple new board members for the Civic League. Steven followed up with two suggestions, which were excellent... Bob Carpenter and Shellye Wilson.
- b) Rail with Trail – Best Practices and Lessons Learned is a big document. Concentrating for now on Idaho Center through Meridian and on to Boise. Approach the mayors of Nampa, Meridian and Boise for their support. Bill has set up a meeting with Mayor Debbie Klinger, Nampa for October 31. Until there is official communication from Union Pacific Gary Payne and Paul Mann will hold back their advice. For now, media push such as public radio. Prepare summary presentation suitable for localized community reporters such as Channel 6 and get sign off from influential people.
- c) Look at Master Plan from various cities/counties cohesive to FACTS mission – Land use regulations from city and county, get on their comprehensive plan in order to get away from takings problem.
- d) Glenwood cogent committee – Gary Payne and Bob Hall have been following and it appears that in 2029 northwest between Riverside Village and the Glenwood Bridge where there is a raised sidewalk perhaps the bridge can be widened. Gary P. thought that ITD was starting to implement some of our ideas with restriping and widening all the way to Chinden Blvd. Suggest writing a letter to District 3, ITD.
It was moved by Bob Hay, seconded by Gary Payne that Gary provides the information in an email for a draft letter to District 3, ITD.
- e) 52nd Street Bridge (in absence of Bill Mullane) looking at the west end of Garden City pathway ending at 52nd Street requiring a diversion up to Remington Street. Easement from IDL for five years expires 2025. The original estimate of \$2.5 M for the bridge, upon reviewing the flood plain environmental process came to an estimate of closer to \$8 M. Bill G. has consulted with Dean Johnson, at Idaho Dept. of Lands, to seek an alternative land route because one parcel is blocking the link up with Ada County. The 25-foot easement under IDL control above the Ordinary High Water Mark

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(OHWM) has sometimes been used in sections of the greenbelt. The parcel #499 at the end of the extension of 52nd Street is a linchpin to the connection. Maybe skip the bridge and have an elevated pathway along the IDL easement. Regarding a Section §404 Permit talk to Army Corps and Idaho Dept. of Water Resources Eric (208-287-4041) to find out what's allowed below OHWM.

AGENCY reports

ACHD Meg McCarthy – Adopting 5-year Work plan tonight at 6:00 PM. Corridor Linder from Pine Avenue to Ustick Road, five lane pretty significant r-o-w impacts with bike/ped separated pathway. Owyhee Street on the bench is taking public comments. Intersecting roads on Hwy. 16 shuffled around a few projects in the 5-year Work Plan.

OUTREACH booth – Mark Eubank said seven times this year on the booth. When he was at Marianne Williams area there was an internal combustion motor bike on the trail, which is not allowed. Boise City Council may expend \$15k on signage to denote caution in congested areas. The recent MOU provided by the city attorney at Garden City is cross-jurisdictional mostly alluding to behavior on the non-homogenous greenbelt, according to Bob Hay.

The next meeting on October 23, 2024 will be the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary