

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
April 15, 2015

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Attendance:

Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary  
Tom Laws, COMPASS  
Gary Payne, Citizen  
Robert Minch, Citizen  
Tom Dale, Canyon County  
Jeanne Barker, Garden City  
Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks and Recreation  
Don Stockton, Eagle  
Leo Hennessy, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks  
Brian Billingsley, City of Caldwell  
Sharon Hubler, F.A.C.T.S. Treasurer  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Mike Cusack, Garden City  
John Wasson, Ada County Highway District  
Judy Peavey Derr, F.A.C.T.S. Past President  
Jennifer Tomlinson, City of Boise

1. Call to order at 3:02 by President William Gigray.
2. Action Items.
  - a. William Gigray proposed the following additions to the agenda:
    - i. Appoint an ad hoc committee to address the Laguna Pointe issue, a group to address ITD and bike pathway planning, and the recent legislation under SB 1044 concerning eminent domain for recreational pathways. Gary Payne moved and Tom Dale seconded to add these items to the agenda. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
  - b. The following changes to the minutes were proposed: the first was to change the Idaho Walk Bike Association to the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance, the second was to flesh out a motion re the Caldwell trails discussion, to clarify the downtown plaza discussion was not a Canyon highway district issue, and to note there is no \$100,000 cap on Idaho Parks and Recreation grants. There was no one to provide clarification as to the motion re the Caldwell trails. President Gigray noted this motion should be revisited at the next meeting. There was discussion that the \$100,000 cap issue was more related to the need for ITD to continue funding recreational trails and that a letter to ITD should be prepared. No letter had been sent. Minutes of March 18, 2015 with changes discussed were approved upon motion by Gary Payne and seconded by (unknown).
  - c. President Gigray said there had been no recent financial activity so the balance remained at \$12,267.21. Charles Trainor said he had bought a recorder for \$63.59 upon authorization from Sharon Hubler. He provided the receipt to Sharon. Upon a request from President Gigray, Tom Dale moved to approve a reimbursement to Charles, which was seconded by Jeanne Barker. Motion was

approved. T.S. The financial information was approved upon a motion by Sharon Hubler and seconded by Gary Payne.

### 3. Special Information Items.

- a. New item proposed by President Gigray re Laguna Pointe. Don Stockton said the City of Eagle has constructed a nice path but the Laguna Pointe Association is not doing their part. A committee is needed to work out a solution. Robert Minch and Gary Segers are willing to serve on such a committee. President Gigray said we need be comfortable as F.A.C.T.S. in what we are saying, need to research the facts, make a recommendation as to what should be done, and to report it back to this committee (the full F.A.C.T.S. group). He said the public needs to be confident that what is recommended is based on reasonable research. Mike Cusack also volunteered to participate. Don Stockton moved to form the committee. There was a question as to whether the survey on the pathway and fencing was accurate given the close proximity of the barbed wire fence to the pathway. Don said there was a glitch regarding the bridge and no easement was recorded. Mike Cusack noted there are also some signs stating "No loitering" Don said there are only four lots near the trail. Don said the condemnation threat may have brought them (Laguna Pointe Association) to the table. Motion was seconded by Judy Peavey-Derr. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
- b. New item. This item was suggested by President Gigray to address protocols for how pathways are considered during the planning and design of state highway improvements. President Gigray said that these can be great barriers to bicyclists and pedestrians. He asked who would be part of a point group. ITD needs to be totally aware of the planning being done by F.A.C.T.S. and local governments. It was noted that Brian Shea is the new ITD staffer in charge of bike/pedestrian planning. President Gigray noted that State Highway 16 is a great example of a barrier with the fencing along it. He also noted the work of COMPASS via Tom Law. President Gigray said it was important also to work with the head person at District 3 as well and the state office. Charles Trainor described the planning process for SH 16 that included an environment impact study about 12 years ago. He said that ITD has to consider local planning for pathways in these environmental reviews. Volunteers to sit on this group included Judy Peavey-Derr, President Gigray, and Tom Laws. Don Stockton moved to approve establishing this group, with a second by Judy Peavey-Derr. Motion approved on a voice vote.
- c. New item. This item concerns follow-up actions in response to SB 1044 which excludes recreational paths not adjacent to public roads as eligible for condemnation of private land. The suggestion had been to contact the Boise Weekly on this issue. President Gigray referenced the letter he had sent to the Senate committee. He said there are several options: 1. contact the legislators, 2. work on new legislation to fix the problem areas, 3. do nothing. Sharon Hubler said this bill ties directly to the Idaho Farm Bureau, with eminent domain being used in a way that was adverse to people in the McCammon area. President Gigray said there had not been any issue of abuse. John Wasson asked if there was any issue with fixing the law. Jeanne Barker asked what is the goal of going to the public. President Gigray thought it was important to let the public know about how important eminent domain can be in pathways. Charles Trainor wondered if going to the legislators, especially those who voted against the bill might not be a better option. Tom Dale recommended going to the upcoming conferences of the Idaho Association of Counties and the Association of Idaho Cities. Following extensive comments, Tom Dale moved and Judy Peavey-Derr seconded to get with these groups perhaps to have special workshops. School districts were also noted as potential groups along with the highway districts. Specific people were noted for the contacts: Brian Billingsley (AIC), Tom Dale (IAC), Bill Gigray/Steve Price (AIHD). Motion was approved on voice vote.

- d. Original item 3a. Done under new item 3c.
- e. Original item 3b. May in Motion/public outreach. Not discussed.
- f. Original item 3c. F.A.C.T.S. Fund-raising and web site. Deferred to June. Need to have a clear mission defined for the group—implementing, funding, education, and/or coordination.
- g. Original item 3d. COMPASS activity. Tom Laws briefly recapped status of work. COMPASS is about done with mapping update and is meeting with local agencies to proof map. Charles Trainor asked if there were any holes in the planned system, referring back to the earlier discussion about ITD and the need to ensure the planned state system provides for pathway access. There was a question about the accuracy of the planned system, and Tom said some of the planned pathways don't work when looked at in detail-sometimes going right through barns. This is an area where COMPASS could help refine the system. Tom also noted that COMPASS is finished with site visits on the 10 locations for permanent counters. In response to a question about how the counters can detect pedestrians, Tom said these are infrared detectors. He said there was a notice that Riverside RV Park has set up a bike air/repair station on the Greenbelt. President Gigray said F.A.C.T.S. should send a letter of congratulations to the park for doing this.
- h. Original item 3e. Exploratory Maintenance Committee. Don Stockton said they were done with the field work. By their next meeting they should have something ready for an agreement.
- i. Original item 3f. Linkage from West Boise Water & Sewer Treatment Plant. Toby Norton was not present. This item deferred.

#### 4. Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District (ACHD). John Wasson said there was not much to report. President Gigray asked who we should contact on issues like pathway coordination. John said Dave Wallace should be a contact. He said the pathway planner position is in process of being filled, but nothing yet final.
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report
- c. Boise Parks and Recreation - No report
- d. Boise Public Works - No report
- e. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. Brian Billingsley said the Streets Department is in Phase 3 of a path resurfacing project. Should be on the other side of the river next year by Wittenberger Park. He has a five-year work program for pathways in Caldwell with 13,500 feet to build in six projects with materials cost of \$143,000 and use of city forces. There are two bridges over Indian Creek and one over the Boise River. The Boise River Bridge would cost \$600,000. President Gigray noted the need for a "central registry" of grants to pay for these kinds of projects. He said COMPASS might be a source.
- f. Canyon County Development Services Dept. - No report
- g. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways – Tom Dale noted road improvements along the Snake River by Idaho Power. These will help by deterring "self-made" roads by users.

- h. Canyon Highway District #4 – No report
- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation – Steve Noyes said Eagle is waiting for Boise to take some action by Boise to make some decisions on a pathway. There are some complications on paving the pathway on the north side of the North Channel. President Gigray asked if this project would complete pathway connections to Eagle Road. Steve said yes with the new bridge by Laguna Pointe. President Gigray said this then shifts the focus to Linder Road connections with eventual tie to Caldwell. There was some discussion of parking around Lakemoor Park.
- j. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission - No report
- k. Garden City West Bridge – Jeanne Barker said Knife River Construction had hosted a tour of the project. There is some question as to when the bridge structure can be dropped in, possibly by the middle of May but the abutments are done. There was a discussion about hunting on Eagle Island, which is under the control of the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley. The County Commissioners may have a role in this. The hunting creates a safety issue. Judy said we should contact the homeowners and wondered what the homeowners association was on the south side in Garden City.
- l. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation - Leo Hennessey said the current grant cycle is in process with 23 requests for the \$1 million available. There is no limit, but very large requests (e.g., \$400,000) create concern.
- m. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail - No report
- n. Meridian Parks & Pathways - No report
- o. Nampa Parks Department – Cody Swander said they are one of the agencies seeking a grant from Idaho Parks and Recreation. There is a public meeting coming up on April 30, 2015 regarding the Wilson Creek path. Nampa Meridian Irrigation District will be talking about their construction schedule. There is a pathway project along the Edwards Lateral, and a meeting with the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District has been set for April 21, 2015. The issue is that this would be along a supply lateral and not a drainage lateral, which will require an exception from the normal policy for the district. There has been one exception in the past.
- p. Kuna – No report
- q. Web site - No report

Gary Payne asked about the mission statement as to whether it was really amended and adopted. He asked if a new subcommittee is needed. President Gigray said it might be simpler for the existing committee review it and bring it to the Board for action. Gary said he was willing to do so. It would be back for consideration in May. This was approved by voice vote sans an official motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.  
Next meeting was set for May 20, 2015.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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