

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
August 16, 2017

Attendance:

Jeanne Barker, Garden City
Mark Eubank, Citizen
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Jace Hellman, City of Kuna
Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS
Paul Mann, Caldwell Bike and Path Committee
Robert Minch, Eagle Citizen
Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks and Recreation
Gary Payne, Citizen
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bike Pedestrian
Gary Segers, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Recreation
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary

1. Call to order at 3:04 PM by President William Gigray.
2. Action Items.
President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Charles Trainor said Gary Segers also had pictures of Greenbelt flood damage. Gary Payne said he would defer to Gary Segers on that item. Charles Trainor moved and Gary Payne seconded to amend the agenda with that minor change. The agenda was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report.
 - a. William Gigray noted the minutes of the July 2017 meeting had been disseminated and he asked if there were any changes. No changes were proposed, and Mark Eubank moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Barker. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - b. Phil Peterson said there were no changes in the bank account from last month and the current bank balance remained \$12,240.28. He noted the fiscal year would end August 31, 2017. A tax return needs to be filed within five months. Upon a motion by Phil Peterson and seconded by Jeanne Barker, the financial report was approved on a voice vote.
 - c. Presidents Report. President Gigray handed out a letter to Matt Stoll, Executive Director of COMPASS, asking for permission to allow representatives of this Board to appear before the COMPASS Board to request that they authorize staff to update to the *2009 Boise River Trails Plan* and to proceed with the development of a joint powers agreement among the member agencies for the planning, designing and maintenance of the trail ways systems in Canyon and Ada Counties. President Gigray said this request would have to be for a future fiscal year beyond 2018. It will go to the COMPASS Executive Committee for consideration. Charles Trainor questioned whether many of the COMPASS Board members were aware of the *2009 Boise River Trails Plan*.

President Gigray handed out two copies of a letter which will be addressed to the City of Boise, City of Eagle, City of Garden City, ACHD, ITD, Foundation for Parks and Lands and Ada County officials

regarding the Plantation Island bridge. He read the letter to the group. This letter seeks a meeting of the key agencies and discusses the importance of this bridge to the pathway system. He reported that it is anticipated to be at least a three-year process to replace the bridge, given the likely location and scope changes. Mark Eubank said it might be good to get the media involved. President Gigray cautioned about not antagonizing key agencies and recommended such a step only be done with involvement of the key agencies. Jeanne Barker said there will be a need for a 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers. She noted there was extensive damage. Steve Noyes said Eagle was interested in reusing the old bridge. He said Jan Johns was aware of their interest. President Gigray said this would be a follow up item next meeting. He said the letters to local agencies regarding easements were still in process.

d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- i. Rails with Trails. Gary Payne said there was nothing to report. Paul Mann said Simplot has not gotten back and that it could take 6-8 weeks to happen.
- ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update. President Gigray said there was no additional information to report beyond the letter discussed earlier.
- iii. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch said there has been some progress. They met with Pioneer Title but there was no new information. The group did meet with Eagle Mayor Ridgeway at City Hall, which included Tim Williams, Don Stockton, Lisa Bachman, Glen Sorenson of Pioneer Title, and Steve Noyes. There was discussion of how to contact the property owners (Newman family). Lisa later told them that her firm had worked with the Newman family on the Mace River Ranch project. Steve Noyes said the pathway along SH 44 would connect to State Street via a tunnel under the highway. There are no plans to go west from this point along SH 44 with the intent of going west through Eagle Island. Steve said the City of Meridian has plans for a park on Eagle Island on the west side of Linder. This could be a route west. President Gigray said there were some developments being considered in Star that could affect pathways. Robert Minch moved to have Gary Segers contact Cathy Ward of Star to find out what their plans are for Eagle Island and possible development. Paul Mann seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- iv. Irrigation District Liaison. Mark Eubank said there was nothing new to report.

4. Special Information Items.

- a. Flood Damage Update. Gary Segers showed photos of various areas affected by the recent flooding. He started near Laguna Point. It was "pretty beat up" but not too bad and could be done with a road bike. Further east along the south channel there is a lot of work needed. Steve Noyes said this section is still closed to public use. Gary said it is in pretty good shape. He asked if something could be done to open it to commuters and allowing them to get to HP via the north/south path. In the section under Ada County management, there is brush all over. Further east by the wastewater treatment it is in good shape. He noted the presence of flood barriers removed to the treatment plant. He thought the pavement is in decent shape under the silt and vegetation. There is some pavement damage however. By the Garden City bridge the channel has been changed by the Control District. He thought it could be opened, but the Corps of Engineers (COE) may need to authorize the removal of barrier fencing. Steve said the Laguna Home Owners Association has been very cooperative. Steve also said the COE is okay with reclaiming soil for use in reconstruction. Steve said portions are primitive trail, meaning there is no pavement allowed. Jeanne Barker noted changes in the river's course and there are more islands and bars. Paul Mann said there was very minor damage in Caldwell. President Gigray said there was some minor damage under the bridge. Jeanne Barker noted some minor damage to the path east of the west bridge.

- b. Bike Fee/Tax. Paul Mann said the damages to the pathway made him wonder if there could be some fund mechanism similar to the fees on snowmobiles. He referenced a bike license approach. President Gigray said this may not be cost effective and thought it would require legislative approval to implement.
- c. Bridge Replacement. President Gigray noted this issue had been discussed earlier.
- d. Funding Opportunities. Paul Mann said United Way had received a grant, which President Gigray said was for a health conditions inventory. Paul said the inventory led to St. Luke's having a funding source tied to health-related approaches. This could include pathways and road design according to President Gigray, e.g. speed limits. The total fund was \$25,000, but it was not known if this was an annual sum. Charles said the packet contained a notice on funding, but the deadline had passed prior to the meeting.
- e. Mapping Update/Official Status. Liisa Itkonen provided the update. The interactive bike/walk map is available on line to the public, along with the regional bike route map. This is part of the plan. It identifies gaps and helps establish priorities for funding. These will be part of COMPASS' long-range regional plan, which is updated every four years. This will make the maps official once the COMPASS Board acts in December 2017. The plan is update every four years. President Gigray asked if there was a point at which the map becomes official. Liisa said the data are from the agencies and the map becomes official when the map is adopted by the COMPASS Board. Charles said there are funds COMPASS oversees and awards to projects consistent with the plan. There was a question about some gaps on the map which are in Canyon County outside the cities areas of impact. President Gigray said this illustrates the need for cities to integrate their plans. This map will be revisited at the November 2017 meeting. Gary Segers said Ada County is also developing a map, one he thought might be easier to use.
- f. E-bike Legislation. Phil Peterson said the group has been in contact with Representative Phylis King. Charles Trainor said Rep. King had referred him to a Boise City attorney who was working on the legislation. He said she was unable to attend the meeting. Possibly August or September meetings would work. Steve Noyes spoke about a session on September 25, 2017 at which Trek Bikes would demonstrates several models of e-bikes. This session would be from noon to 6 PM in Eagle at the Ada/Eagle Sports Complex north of SH 44 on Old Horseshoe Bend Road. He will be sending out more information.

5. Continuing Business. None.

6. New Business. None.

7. Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District. No report.
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. No report.
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
- d. City of Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee. Paul Mann said the City has a Transportation Alternatives Program grant for \$420,000 to connect a pathway from the Boise River to Indian Creek, including two bridges. Studies would be required to meet the regulations, and the estimated cost of

these studies is \$260,000, more than half of the budget. The City is looking at options such as eliminating the bridges. There will be an Indian Creek festival with a training rodeo with free helmets. Paul noted the potential to rehab bikes from Republic Waste that were disposed of. Could maybe do 20-25 bikes. President Gigray said the budget for the Committee was approved. The Committee had a guest speaker from COMPASS, the replacement for Tom Law.

- e. Canyon County Development Services Dept. No report.
- f. City of Boise. No report.
- g. Garden City. Jeanne Barker said they were working on pathway damages, which are not too bad in paved areas. They are dealing with travel changes due to the Plantation bridge removal. The detour route is now signed. She asked if the portable counters from COMPASS would be available and who to contact. There was a question as to whether the City is working on repairs to the pathway going east.
- h. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said they are working on the Trails Master Plan. There will be a workshop on September 19, 2017. The pathway construction specifications are in the approval process. The Dry Creek pathway project is on hold due to bids coming in very high. This project will be rebid in December 2017. He reminded people about the e-bike demonstration on September 25, 2017.
- j. City of Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. Robert Minch said there is a neat mapping review tool available for Eagle. It will allow public input.
- k. City of Kuna. No report.
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department. Phil Peterson said the committee met with Duane Hagen of COMPASS. The City has completed pathway repairs.
- n. COMPASS. No report.
- o. Idaho Transportation Department. No Report.
- p. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. No report.
- q. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- r. Other. Gary Payne said he has received an offer to certify the website for security. He did not think it necessary since we don't handle credit cards or collect personal information. Gary Segers moved to send out contact information for all voting members. After a brief discussion, Mark Eubank seconded. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting was set for September 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary