

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
January 18, 2017 (Amended)

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Attendance:

Beth Baird, Treasure Valley Coalition Clean Cities  
Jeanne Barker, Garden City  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Brooke Green, ACHD and Land Trust of Treasure Valley  
Paul Mann, Caldwell Path and Bike Committee  
Robert Minch, Citizen  
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President  
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District 4  
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathway Committee  
Gary Segers, Citizen  
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks and Recreation  
Mark Wasdahl, Idaho Transportation Department

1. Call to order at 3:05 PM by President Gigray.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. There were none. The agenda was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items
  - a. Secretary's Report
    - i. President Gigray said the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. There were none, and Tim Richards moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Don Stockton and approved on a voice vote.
  - b. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Bank Account Report. Phil Peterson said there had been 1 expense in the previous month of \$6.50 for an Ada County property tax payment. There was a \$100.00 charitable donation which was deposited. He disseminated a written summary indicating that the current balance is \$12,280.62.
  - c. President's Report
    - i) President Gigray reported that he sent the letter to Kristin Armstrong and had invited her to a future meeting. As of this time, he has not heard back.
    - ii) President Gigray pointed the board's attention to an Idaho Statesman article on a proposed bicycle path along the side of the railroad tracks between Nampa and Boise. Discussion about both this line and the Thunder Mountain line as potential for a pathway was discussed and the task group working on this which will meet next week was referenced.
    - iii) President Gigray said he had contacted Cathy Ward, Star City Clerk and planner, about F.A.C.T.S. Brooke mentioned that she had been active in the development of the Star walking trail and it was mentioned that we need to involve her in future planning of a trail that could connect from Eagle Island Park. There is apparently less than one half mile from where the existing trail west from Eagle Island would join with the Star walking path.

iv) President Gigray said that Trish Nelson would begin to attend FACTS board meetings as an additional representative from Canyon County.

d. Other Officer Reports as Needed.

- i. Gary Payne reported that the web page has been working well but he needs people to email him when there are newsworthy items that should be placed on the FACTS webpage. It was suggested that the meeting notice that is mailed to members should include a link to the site and a reminder about getting news items to Gary for placement on the web page.
- ii. Gary also reported that Scott Koberg was going to suggest changes to the signage design for the Judy Peavey-Derr pathway.

4. Special Information Items

- a. Beth Baird reported that the Treasure Valley Clean Cities is another volunteer organization (receiving DOE funds) that supports projects that reduce petroleum usage. They have about \$15,000 per year to disburse and have participated in the Greenbike program and signage on some sections of the greenbelt in Caldwell.
- b. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch described activities of the group over the past few weeks. They have targeted a specific property through which the desired path alignment would run. The owner is Don Newman but he is out of town during the winter. It appears that contacting him or his representative is crucial to connecting the end of the Mace Ranch trail to Eagle Island. The work group on this topic will proceed to decide how this contact can best be made.
- c. Review 2016 F.A.C.T.S. Projects. Gary Segers led an extended discussion that reviewed the projects and initiatives FACTS had worked on in the previous year. Gary suggested that the group examine each item and discuss: (a) what worked well with the item, (b) what could be done better, and (c) is this a completed item or is there more work to be done.

1. Web Design/Public Engagement

- i. Reliance on a volunteer web developer slowed the project down
- ii. Project is valuable but needs ongoing support to keep updating the site
- iii. We need to discuss the 'static' features and the changing updated information in relation to Facebook and Instagram.

2. Pathway Easements to Ada County

- i. Finished
- ii. Scott's input was critical in getting Ada County to consider

3. Boise River Pathway/Joint Powers Agreement

- i. We have the draft now we need agreement
- ii. Perhaps we need a top down approach with major decision makers?

4. Pathway to Eagle Island

- i. This is an important long term project with a FACTS subgroup headed by Robert Minch
- ii. It was pointed out that the City of Star's pathway is approximately ½ miles away from the west end of Eagle Island State Park. Demonstrates the importance on working with Star on this project (Kathy Ward is the Star POC)

- iii. Eagle's area of impact goes out to Highway 16 with Star west of 16. There is room for a bridge under Highway 16 that will enhance the connection between Eagle State Park and the City of Star.
- iv. Kathy Ward is indeed the contact person in Star for this and item 15
- 5. Compass Pathway/Trails Mapping
  - i. Wonderful project especially as we get data from the counters. The data will help us sell cycling projects
  - ii. Let us continue to support it in any way we can.
  - iii. We need to disseminate the data as it becomes available
- 6. Idaho Community Foundation Grant Application
  - i. While we have not been successful, it is good to keep options open
- 7. Boise River Enhancement Project
  - i. Networking with this initiative sponsored by xxxxx (*Not clear in notes who is sponsor.*) is useful but there may not be ongoing need at all meetings
  - ii. Similar for Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association (SWIMBA); we need to stay close enough to interact when the need is present
- 8. Boise River Easements
  - i. Thanks to the work done by Don Stockton and Robert Minch have been identified as far as Highway 16.
  - ii. Star is an important player in moving beyond this
  - iii. Easements are required to the confluence, and some already have been acquired by the state.
- 9. City of Eagle Master Park Plan
  - i. FACTS letter to the City was sent expressing concerns about public input process.
  - ii. We expect FACTS will have the opportunity to participate in the City's Trail's Master Plan
- 10. Joint Powers Agreement
  - i. See item 3 to get momentum moving on this project
- 11. Pathway Planning and Implementation Practices
  - i. Should tie in with joint powers agreement
- 12. Update 2009 Boise River Trails System Plan
  - i. Considerable discussion about FACTS taking the initiative to coordinate updating this Plan
  - ii. May require a task force of multiple agencies to recreate the breadth of the plan
  - iii. Rails to trails may similarly bring the various government agencies together to do joint planning and perhaps create a joint powers agreement
- 13. Rail with Trails Workgroup
  - i. An active ongoing project that is just starting
  - ii. Perhaps the support of Simplot Corporation would be key since they are the largest customer of Union Pacific
- 14. Public Health Benefits of Bike Lanes
  - i. Important to highlight this to decision makers
  - ii. We need to add economic development now that we are getting data from COMPASS
  - iii. How about the data from Colorado or Wallace on economic impact of bike paths?
- 15. Invite City of Star to join FACTS
  - i. Needs to be done by person with relationship with Star (Kathy Ward is POC)

5. Continuing Business. None.

6. New Business. None.

7. Reports as Time Permits

- a. Ada County Highway District. Brooke reported that a new version of the Ada County Bike Map will soon be released. It includes more detail on the outlying areas. She reported that a bicycle facility audit had been conducted and currently, there are 311 miles of identified bike lanes in the Treasure Valley area. ACHD is also working to establish a 'green bicycle' charging station at their offices. She also indicated that ACHD needed additional construction of an access path from Fairview to the greenbelt near Garden City. *The FACTS board moved that the president should write a letter of support following a motion to this effect made by Don and a seconded by Tim.*
- b. Ada County Parks and Waterways. No report.
- c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways. Paul Mann reported that the City of Caldwell is reviewing the Bike and Pathway Plan and it will be made available when it is approved.
- d. Canyon County Highway District 4. Tim reported that the Canyon Highway District has approved a plan to make the existing Silver Bridge a pedestrian/bike bridge, with the motorized traffic bridge being built north of the existing bridge. This is an \$8 million project—not all funded. The design of the new bridge would be compatible with pathway plans by Caldwell for the area. H also indicated that the Lake Lowell Bike and Pedestrian Plan was adopted and included shared use shoulders on some sections. The 26.2 mile loop when completed would hopefully avoid the state highway on the east side of the lake. He is going to review the plan with their partners in an effort to pursue a future grant application.
- e. Canyon Highway No report.
- f. Idaho Transportation Department. Mark indicated that he had been researching a potential mountain bike route from McCall into the Treasure Valley that would avoid the major highways
- g. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Don said that the city is planning pathways that will provide a stronger tie to Chinden Boulevard.
- h. Garden City. No report.
- i. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- j. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
- k. Meridian Parks & Pathways
- l. Nampa Parks Department. Cody reported that they were in the process of updating their plan. They will be applying for a grant for the Grimes pathway again. Work on repairing the Indian Creek Pathway is expected to begin February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- m. City of Kuna no report
- n. Other.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Next meeting was set for February 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Payne, Acting Secretary

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