

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
September 21, 2016

Attendance:

Jay Gibbons, City of Meridian
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Jerry Hastings, Ada County
Leo Hennessey, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Sharon Hubler, F.A.C.T.S.
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Paul Mann, Caldwell Path and Bike Committee
Steve Noyes, City of Eagle
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District No. 4
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathway Committee
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary
John Wasson, Ada County Highway District
Kristi Watkins, JUB Engineers

1. Call to order at 3:02 PM by President Gigray.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Paul Mann proposed to add an item regarding a letter of commendation to Kristin Armstrong. With that change Jerry Hastings moved and Gary Payne seconded to approve the agenda as amended, and it was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items
 - a. Minutes. President Gigray noted the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. There were none, and Gary Payne moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Jerry Hastings and approved on a voice vote.
 - b. Bank Account Report. Sharon Hubler said the balance was unchanged from last report at \$12,187.12. Charles Trainor moved to approve the report, and it was seconded by Don Stockton. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - c. President's Report
 - i) President Gigray handed out a paper describing the officer and board duties and election process. He spoke about the upcoming November meeting at which elections will be held. He explained the difference between a regular board member and an ex-officio member, noting that ex-officio membership allows people to participate in discussions relevant to them or their agencies. Voting is generally done via voice vote without tracking who voted and how.

- ii) President Gigray spoke about the Idaho Community Foundation grant application approved by the Board in June. This grant was to fund informational signage along certain Caldwell paths. There would be a review of the proposals on October 13, 2016 with recommendations going to the Board on November 2, 2016. So we won't know until then.

He then asked Sharon for a status report on the transfer of easement agreements approved by the Board in June 2016. Sharon said the issue was heard in July at a public hearing. She spoke for about three minutes at that hearing. Jerry said the documents accepting the transfer have all been signed, but he wasn't sure if these have been recorded. There was no information on whether the trail would be named after Judy Peavey-Derr. President Gigray said Scott Koberg perhaps could report in October on this.

- d. Other Officer Reports as Needed. Sharon noted the fiscal year ending in August and she may need to file a report. There may not be a report needed, since agencies with less than \$20-25,000 may be exempt. No other reports were made.

4. Special Information Items

- a. Web Design/Public Engagement. Gary Payne said progress on this has stalled since Abisay Herrera is busy with other work. Gary is taking over the update, but Abisay will help him. Sharon asked about the information for renewing the domain name, which is coming up next Spring. Gary said this information has been provided. Charles asked who would do the routine updates, and Gary said he would.
- b. Rail with Trail. Jay Gibbons provided a handout. He explained that a work group has been set up by COMPASS with a variety of agencies—Nampa, Meridian, Boise and Caldwell—with coordination by Tom Laws. This group will address strategies, costs and revenue sources. Jay noted that Union Pacific does not want a pathway along its freight corridor. The group is looking at issues such as common path widths and buffers. It also will develop a list of successful examples of rail with trails. The corridor is now set as the line from the Nampa Depot to the Boise Depot. Eventually there would be a connection to Caldwell and also along the rail to Wilder. COMPASS is involved in this and it has a freight work group that could help address the concerns of freight users along the corridor. Strategies would be developed to address funding and other issues such as easement vs. ownership of the land under the pathway.

Tom Laws said COMPASS has a work group to address rail with trail issues. The first meeting would be October 11, 2016 from 2-4 pm. President Gigray said he thought some representative for Wilder might attend. Tom Laws said there is also a third potential corridor from Nampa to Middleton. This resulted in a discussion as to how much of the rail right of way remains, with the focus on sections through the Rule Steel Manufacturing site south of Middleton. It was not known what the agreements are concerning use of these rail lands. Gary Payne volunteered to be the representative for FACTS with Paul Mann as an alternate. This was moved by Don Stockton and seconded by Jerry Hastings. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

- c. Transfer of Easements. This item had already been addressed earlier in the meeting.
- d. Easement Identification and Mapping. Don Stockton presented on this issue since Robert Minch was unable to attend. Don showed a map of easements on portions of Eagle Island that was

based on information from a variety of sources, including Ada County, the City of Eagle, and COMPASS. The main focus was on the Mace Road pathway. Don noted that in the area east of Eagle Island State Park there is one land owner. This land is now under Ada County jurisdiction. There is approximately a seven-tenth of a mile gap between the end of the Mace Road trail and the boundary of Eagle Island State Park. West of the park there is the issue of how to get to Joplin Road, which is perhaps the logical connection west to Nampa. This could involve the Phyllis Canal. Don pointed out additional issues of how and where to cross State Highway 16. President Gigray wondered about use of Linder Road and noted that use of Hwy 20/26 was out of the question. Don voiced a concern about getting buy-in from the land owners.

President Gigray moved and Jerry Hastings seconded to establish a new ad hoc committee to address these issues. The following people were proposed to be on this committee:

- o Robert Minch, chair
- o Don Stockton, vice chair
- o Gary Payne
- o Jerry Hastings
- o Jay Gibbons
- o Leo Hennessey
- o William Gigray
- o Tom Laws
- o Steve Noyes
- o Someone from Star (President Gigray to contact)

Motion was approved on a voice vote.

- e. Status of Pathway Closures. A memo from Jennifer Tomlinson had been provided in the packet to the members. This was briefly discussed and several people complimented the work done by the City of Boise. President Gigray noted there were still some sections under work. John Wasson said there would always be some closures for a variety of reasons, which resulted in a discussion about how pathway users could find out about these closures. This sometimes affects major events such as group runs. President Gigray asked John Wasson about ACHD's site that posts notices about existing and scheduled closures. John said this is only for roads—sometimes for construction or special events. This could be a role for F.A.C.T.S. and the web site.
- f. COMPASS Pathway Planning. Tom Laws did a brief presentation, showing the draft map which has been reviewed by local agencies. He thought he could bring the map to the F.A.C.T.S. group within the next few weeks. The full version will be interactive on the web, with the ability to turn information on and off, look at different features, etc. Users can see the gaps and click on features to get more information, including the documentation behind the path (e.g. name of the local plan). He hopes volunteers will provide photos and other materials that can be posted. This map is not yet released for public viewing. Charles asked if information on trailheads, parking, etc. would be provided. Tom said this has been done in other regions and could be added later. John Wasson asked if micro paths were shown. Tom said they are. This led to a discussion about the public use status of these micro paths. Some may be posted as not being for the general public.
- g. Confluence of the Snake and Boise River. No information was available since Gary Segers was unable to attend. This item would be deferred until October.

5. Continuing Business. None.
6. New Business. Paul Mann said a letter to Kristin Armstrong commending her for her contributions to cycling would be a great idea. He offered to draft a letter for review at the October meeting. Gary Payne moved and Jerry Hastings seconded to have Paul prepare a letter. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
7. Reports as Time Permits
 - a. Ada County Highway District. John Wasson said his issues have already been covered.
 - b. Ada County Parks and Waterways. No Report.
 - c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways. Paul Mann said the Lake Lowell plan is out for review. Up to seventy people were involved in its preparation. Included in the plan are cost estimates and potential funding sources. Need to get our congressional delegation to support having Lake Lowell designated as a national monument so we can get access to funds. This will be back in October. Caldwell had its Indian Creek festival and provided 200 bike helmets and bike training. He noted a Press Tribune article on bike paths (handout). President Gigray said the Chamber of Commerce supported the extension of the pathway to the Boise River. He recognized Tim Richard's work on the Lake Lowell plan and the Silver Bridge project.
 - d. Canyon County Parks and Recreation. No report.
 - e. Canyon Highway District #4. Tim Richard said the comment period on the Lake Lowell plan is open and said there was a link in the handout but not in the newspaper article. He said the comments on the Silver Bridge are very favorable to using it for bikes and pedestrians. He said there is also a corridor plan out for review that include pedestrian and bike aspects.
 - f. Idaho Transportation Department. No Report.
 - g. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said the trails master plan is on hold pending action on the overall parks plan. He said Eagle was negotiating with Ada County on some land near the waste facility. The city continues to work on paving the path from Edgewood Road to Garden City and is also working on bank stabilization to reduce erosion. The city is working on a new park in Lakemoor with a path to connect from Colchester east to Boise City's path and then down to Chinden. The City is sponsoring a "Day of Caring" with 50 volunteers working to re-establish trail markings and do bank stabilization on the South Channel.
 - h. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
 - i. Garden City. No report.
 - j. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Leo Hennessey said the Department had held three public meetings around the state with 200 people attending. These meetings addressed funding for non-motorized trails. The idea is to present some recommendations to the Legislature for trails. He said this has to come from the public. Applications for federal funding are due the last Friday in January 2017. He said that the local agency in North Idaho now is responsible for maintaining

the path on an abandoned rail line. It may approach IDPR seeking to have the state take over this path.

- k. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- l. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
- m. Meridian Parks & Pathways. Jay Gibbons said they are working on pathway easements around the City, getting a consultant under contract for rail with trail project, and getting funding to build a path along a canal in 2018-19. The City is still looking at Linder as its pathway corridor to the Boise River. Don Stockton said Eagle is committed to a pathway trailhead project at Linder. Jay said Meridian is requiring developments along Chinden to include a ten foot pathway in their design. Chinden will be widened to four lanes around Locust Grove. This raised a question about pedestrian crossing time.
- n. Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander said the City is really appreciating the ped/bike counter and finds that the counter indicates more usage than earlier manual counting indicated. The city will install a HAWK signal at Greenhurst and Stoddard. Phil Peterson said they have been very successful in getting bike lanes by striping. In many cases the existing paved width is adequate.
- o. City of Kuna. No report.
- p. Other.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Next meeting was set for October 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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