

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)
COMPASS ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL – 700 N.E. 2nd Street, Meridian, ID 83642
Called for 3:00 P.M., September 23, 2020

In attendance:

Karen Danley	Equine in Idaho, Ada County Equestrians
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Sean Gamble	
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Paul Mann	Caldwell City Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Bill Mullane	Representative Garden City
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Phil Peterson	Treasurer and Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Jennifer Salmons	City of Star Council
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works Director
Mark Wasdahl	ITD District 3 Project Manager

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
Visual roll call and welcome on FACTS fourth ZOOM meeting at 3:09 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
It was moved by Mark Eubanks, seconded by Gary Payne to approve the agenda. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
3. Nomination and Election of Karen Danley
It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Gary Payne to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Karen Danley to the FACTS Board of Directors. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
4. Administrative Action Items and Officers' Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler, Secretary
 - i. Minutes of August 26, 2020 – Note that Phil Peterson was in attendance by phone. Fidel Magana is the name associated with Yanke Machine Shop Fabrication
It was moved by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Karen Danley to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2020 with edits. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson, Secretary
 - i. Report on Bank Account – Balance as of August 31, 2020 is \$ 6,038.84
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Gary Payne to accept the Treasurer's report. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - c. President's Report Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
 - i. Update on Plantation Island/52nd Street Bridge River Crossing sub-committee – Meeting was held yesterday, September 22nd. In attendance were Bill Gigray, Paul Mann, Gary Payne, Gary Segers, Bill Mullane and Don Stockton. Preliminary steps last month were to take proposed site to J-U-B Engineering to consult. The Bridge Easement application through Idaho Dept. of Lands awaits the Governor's signature. After talking with Sean McFadden regarding his concern with impacts on the flood plain or flood way near his property he has requested to be informed. Report should be forthcoming from J-U-B next week or so substantiating: 1) clarify boundaries deducing bridge impact 2) IFP&L, owner of Plantation Island, has it been informed of bridge project 3) Garden City heard about bridge and offered initial

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support, now time to make formal presentation for Garden City's endorsement, and
4) Neighborhood taken into consideration

Does FACTS want to take on the role of construction and funding? The sub-committee will meet again October 13th. This project will require a 404 Permit from US Army Corps of Engineers, what are the preliminary steps for doing this. Gary Segers further amplified the discussion as to whether it should be FACTS taking the initiative on the upfront work, rather than turning it over to the jurisdiction. Bill Gigray noted that once the final approval on the Bridge Easement comes through there is a five-year completion that runs co-terminus with the actual construction. This project does not encroach on McFadden's property, *per se*. Bill will write a letter to Geoffrey Wardle, McFadden's attorney, indicating that FACTS will be mindful of his client's property interest. That begs the question as to within whose boundaries would be the crossing? All property within the city of Garden City and ownership correlates are Idaho Dept. of Lands and Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands. A feasibility study done by The Lands Group for the city of Garden City denotes some of these correlates.

- ii. Reach out to Tim O'Meara, Executive Director, Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District-Its District boundaries include Star. A bypass for city of Middleton on Hwy. 44 needs to be mindful of pedestrian appurtenances and sufficient right-of-way within the bypass to accommodate pedestrian. The whole picture is the linkage with Eagle Island State Park, Eagle and Star. The water table necessitates drainage ponds on the Ada County end, not Canyon County end. Jennifer Salmonsens agreed that Star should work with Middleton. Paul Mann saw how this linkage gets the pathway getting to the other side of Curtis Park. *It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Bill Gigray that FACTS should get an audience before the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*
City of Star has more development with more and more housing. How far is the bypass in planning? Response was the 2016 Environmental Report and project started in 2004. There will be a public hearing next year. Mark Wasdahl indicated that it's on the Idaho Transportation Department Award list as the Hwy. 44 Corridor Study...bottom of page...slight adjustments not on those plats since 2010. Ultimate route might answer how far it is from River Run and is its terminus north of Sawtooth Lakes Subdivision?

d. Vice President's Report

Gary Payne

- i. There's a link to the FACTS donation page <http://factsidaho.org/donate-2/>
Also, a news page has a segment on Scott Koberg's presentation before EXPO Idaho Citizens Advisory Committee <http://factsidaho.org/news>
Discussing possibilities of redoing Plantation Golf Course for which they are asking input, Owner is Will Gustafson. This is mentioned because Plantation Island figures into a significant change in the golf course and that's another thing on the to-do list.

5. Special Presentations

Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS

"Where Do We Grow from Here?"

Population by 2050 in this Metro area is predicted to be 1,075,000. Now, in 2020, it's little more than 700,000 but there has been 156,000 growth in this decade. The results are similar to Tucson AZ Metropolitan Statistical Area averaging 30.9 new people per day.

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Who Did We Reach?

Approximately 3100 responses to survey. The 25 and under cohort is hard to reach, 4.0% underreported for its 13.0% of the population. Similarly, low income is harder to reach. Distribution was good geographically representing every Zip Code.

What Did We Learn?

Divisiveness on Transit, when it comes to Affordability and Density. Quite a few comments came from California even though they were not included on the survey. Looking at values the ranking order would change but it includes Growth Management at the top, Environmental Health, Outdoor Lifestyle and Economic Vitality. Effective Transportation goes with the list for minority population if given more say. In order to have Transportation Options you must have a choice in where you live.

Implementation Strategies:

Open Space Levies]

Fiscal Impact Policies]

Best Five

Adequate Facility Parking]

Transfer of Development Rights]

Urban Growth Boundaries]

Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax]

Location Based Mortgage]

Worst Five

Urban Renewal Districts]

Local Option Sales Tax]

Housing Tax Abatements]

Scenarios:

Let It Be - 22.0%

Penny Lane – 22.0%

Ticket to Ride (Rail) – 63.0%

Come Together requires minimizing cost to local government and stress new development where you already have infrastructure.

2050 Goals will be Updated this Fall 2020. A third survey on High Capacity Transit will come out in early 2021. Fourth survey on Funding is slated for next summer. Thanks to Liisa for a really interesting presentation.

Update on Eagle Greenbelt Ride August 28th Steve Noyes

It was an 18-mile ride involving the Parks & Pathways Recreation Commission. Participating were Robert Minch, Jennifer Salmonsens and Karen Danley from FACTS the purpose of which was to highlight bike/ped planning and to help with A.C.H.D. prioritization. Connecting to Eagle Island State Park seems to be some objective by the Newman family. There is a potential change of the FEMA floodway map. Karl Gebhardt will work on the MD2 form as it applies to the FEMA floodway. Currently do not know where or how much can develop not in floodway but in flood plain. City of Eagle agreed to be applicant on easements and lot line adjustments. Farmers Union Ditch Company and Dry Creek Ditch hold seven easements on canal banks and 10 in the form of agreements on working canals. EISP pathway, working very hard with Donald Newman to find common ground easements to or from or both from Idaho Dept. of Lands. Steve spoke of 2-D LIDAR and helping with application submission to FEMA in early October.

6. Agency Reports

•Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee Paul Mann

Tim Richard and Canyon Highway District #4 are still in process on the new Highway 30 bridge and the conversion of the old steel bridge to bike/ped only. The siting of the Federal Access

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Project under Canyon #4 around Lake Lowell right now at Indiana and Orchard with Design due in 2024. Connectivity from Caldwell to part headed toward the Lake Lowell system

•City of Garden City

Wm. "Bill" Mullane/Colin Schmidt

Nothing else to add

•City of Meridian Parks & Pathways

Ask Kim Warren to attend October FACTS meeting

•City of Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Phil Peterson

Stoddard Trail crossing Iowa Avenue North will start construction in October providing a corridor all the way to downtown Nampa. South of Amity Road it is gravel where the railroad tracks have been pulled up. This section will be closed October 1, 2020 to October 2021 to complete the project.

•City of Star

Jennifer Salmons

She's on the pathway and beautification committee as a city councilor. She so appreciated the opportunity ride along Eagle's Greenbelt ride. Star is looking at Master Pathway Plan. There is the A.C.H.D.'s plan from a couple years ago and this could go beyond A.C.H.D.'s. Jennifer sees the need for having a good list of what's on the ground so Star can look at having good connections routed in its Master Pathway Plan. Steve Noyes responded of the importance of getting this into the Comprehensive Plan and having language in the Master Plan an option to change and to add alignments, given the growth these changes become necessary even between updates.

•Equine in Idaho, Ada County Equestrians

Karen Danley

Even though it's out of our purview it's worth mentioning. Idaho City purchased land from a person that will provide 26 equestrian sites with water helping build a lot of camaraderie.

7. Special Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

i. 8th Street Project Bicycle Advisory Committee Gary Segers

Nothing much there. 11th Street is what should be on the Agenda. There will be a CCDC open house September 24th online regarding this project down through the YMCA to Myrtle and ultimately River Street.

ii. Public Relations Committee – nothing to report today

8. Adjournment

Gary Payne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Mann. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:16 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of October, 10/28.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary