

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)  
COMPASS ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL – 700 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian, ID 83642  
Called for 3:00 P.M., October 28, 2020

In attendance:

Braden Cervetti	COMPASS
Karen Danley	Equine in Idaho, Ada County Equestrians
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Jan Johns	Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands (telephone 3.37 pm)
Trevor Kesner	City of Boise Parks
Scott Koberg	Ada County Parks & Waterways
Paul Mann	Caldwell City Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Robert Minch	City of Eagle Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission
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
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
David Wallace	A.C.H.D. Deputy Director (Plans and Projects)

Guests:

Chris Pettigrew	J-U-B Engineers
Alayne Blickle	Equestrian Group

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
Visual roll call and welcome on FACTS fifth ZOOM meeting at 3:03 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
Jan Johns gave notice that she would be late in joining the meeting and requested Item 3 c. iii. be held until she could join the meeting:  
*It was moved by David Wallace, seconded by Gary Payne, that this item be moved to later in the Agenda and no other additions or deletions were made. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler
    - i. Minutes of September 23, 2020  
*There were no edits and the Minutes of September 23, 2020 were approved as read upon motion by Gary Payne, seconded by Phil Peterson. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*
  - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson
    - i. Report on Bank Account - Balance as of September 30, 2020 is \$ 6,038.84
    - ii. PayPal Donations – Donations of \$270 were subsequently received and a net value of \$ 252.86 achieved with a 2.64% chargeback fee for a new bank balance of \$ 6,301.70. The PayPal amount is wire transferred to the D.L. Evans Bank account. Originally, just the email address was given and now the mailing address appears enabling a better tracking and thank you.  
*It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Paul Mann to accept the Treasurer's Report. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*
  - c. President's Report Wm. "Bill" Gigray
    - i. Michael S. Talbott, principal, Vida Properties LP had to decline but he will try to attend the November meeting.

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- ii. President Bill sent a letter to lawyer Geoffrey Wardle representing Sean Wardle indicating mindfulness of his flood plain and floodway rights 606-608 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. Though the bridge access is not on McFadden's property it was helpful for Don Stockton to meet with McFadden and give him an initial assessment where work on the bridge would be happening. Bill hoped this would reduce negativity. FACTS continues to wait on the Governor, Secretary of State and Idaho Dept. of Lands sign-offs granting the easement so that it can then be recorded.
- iii. Meeting scheduled with greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District Executive Director Tim O'Meara, second Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – District boundaries are NE Canyon County and a portion of city of Star located in Canyon County and all the way past Middleton. Gary Segers will attend meeting along with Bill. Highway 44 bypass provides an opportunity to increase awareness of what FACTS can do on the north side of the Boise River, all the way to Caldwell. South of the Boise River pretty well covered with Eagle, Meridian, Boise, Garden City and Caldwell linkages. Middleton is the missing component on the north side.
- iv. Formation of Ada/Canyon Pathway Alliance – sub group to communicate regularly and co-ordinate efforts. Alliance as part of the name grants equal opportunity without being too specific about jurisdictional boundaries. Bill wondered if there is any interest in pursuing this Alliance identifying through various lists to include Canals Coalition, Rails with Trails to provide a central registry. For instance, the FLAP grant (Federal Lands Access Program) under the Federal Highway Administration awarded to Canyon Highway District No. 4 interfacing with the area around Lake Lowell and the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge could be part of gathering a list of who these groups are. Paul Mann supports the idea and Karen Danley gives it 100.0% support. Gary Payne is familiar with both the Canals and Rails with Trails groups and recognizes their not having too much overlap. Braden could check on the COMPASS list. The 209 Plan was mentioned. Trevor Kesner working with Boise Parks projects indicating a RFP next year, for which scoring has just been finished. This RFP will get to the Boise City neighborhood association level. Another heavily involved group is the Ridge to Rivers and the serial bond levy acquisitions. Contact is Sara Arkle, city of Boise and Foothills Manager. Gary Segers stated that FACTS is the Alliance. Go back and look at the Projects list and update to get these groups identified. Hopefully, the January/February FACTS meeting can be in person vs. remote allowing for a full discussion on the Projects list. Bob Hay mentioned another group SWIMBA (Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association) formed in 1992 to promote socially responsible and environmentally correct cycling in the Boise Front and public lands throughout the region.
- v. Plantation Island Bridge/River crossing; *i.e.*, request for time on Agenda for Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands Board meeting in Boise January 9, 2021 – Jan Johns was happy to hear that the letter was sent October 21, which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee as the Agenda is drawn up for the meeting. Two or three representatives from FACTS would be awesome. The easement being considered would connect with the current pathway on IFPL property, privately owned.
- vi. Sub-committee on Plantation Island Bridge River crossing update – Committee members are Bill Gigray, Bill Mullane, Don Stockton, Gary Segers and chair Gary Payne. Committee received a proposal from J-U-B Engineers Inc. last week. Chris

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Pettigrew joined the conversation and referred to filing the 404 Permit next Tuesday. Initial costs during the six to seven month time frame are approximately \$ 23,000, not including actual bridge construction costs. Chris sent a list of several possible funding sources. So far the scope of work details the project through the concept phase. What's left are design and construction and going out to the community. Bill Mullane, key to the Garden City component said it's too conceptual at this time to know from the Scope of Work what it's going to cost. F.A.C.T.S. has been invited to join Garden City's Parks & Waterways Committee Zoom meeting Tuesday, November 24, at 4:30 p.m. Bill Gigray and Bill Mullane will join in this virtual meeting by invitation from Jenah Thornborrow. Steve Noyes gave his vote of confidence going forward with J-U-B Engineers Inc. Robert Minch indicated he sees the design parameters as fairly tangible for the crossing to Plantation Island. General consensus on board to facilitate approval of the Plantation Island crossing as part of Eagle's traverse and COMPASS Communities in Motion.

**4. Agency Reports**

- a. City of Eagle Trails and Pathways – Steve Noyes - MD2 approval prepared by Karl Gebhardt who was not satisfied that flood maps were table, which could affect how much buildable property city of Eagle has under flood plain administrator's authority. Darren Newman waiting on LIDAR 2-D south and north channels. FEMA funding just awarded to get to Newman levee.
- b. Ada County Equine Association – Karen Danley – American Quarter Horse Association has grants available to provide equestrian involvement in restoration and repair of equestrian trails. Alayne could help write some grants. Karen will be making a presentation at the November FACTS meeting of slides.
- c. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Project Bicycle Advisory Committee – Gary Segers – Low stress bike route. Bicycle Advisory Committee on 10/14/20 asked Kittelson & Associates, Inc. for protected bike lane or raised bike lane all the way to Myrtle to connect with Pioneer Pathway. Agreement between and among ACHD, CCDC, ITD Boards. CCDC will fund most of the improvements during a work session 11-4 through 11-16.
- d. A.C.H.D. – David Wallace – Building on an idea with 11<sup>th</sup> Street raised bike path already raised bike lane. Rolled curb approach instead of square curb. Eagle Road and Locust Grove very busy stretch. Cole/Victory Intersection south 2,000 feet. Discussion on Eagle and Amity before A.C.H.D. Commission at 6 pm.
- e. Ada County Parks & Waterways – Scott Koberg – Citizens Advisory Meeting tonight at EXPO Idaho on You Tube channel and on Facebook listed under Ada County Development Services. Shared use path parallel to Glenwood. Three Citizen Advisory sub-committees: Agriculture and Outdoor Education; Recreation/Events/Sports Complex; and, Mixed Use City Center Group. All share the vision of wanting greenbelt alignment to stay in place. Citizen Advisory group will take as a whole final solid recommendations to Ada County Board of Commissioners. Make up of BOCC may be slightly different after November General Election.
- f. City of Boise Parks – Trevor Kesner – Request for Proposal out on Canal Trails Planning Submissions. Nampa Meridian Irrigation District use our path but how to indemnify inherent risks to canal and ditch companies.
- g. Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee – Paul Mann – no report, did not have meeting.

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**h. Gary Segers would like to ask Cecilia Arritola what the public input was on the Glenwood Corridor study. Survey on 9/22 for two hours disclosed 53 bike riders, pedestrians and wheelchairs' usage.**

**The November FACTS meeting will be the Annual Meeting with election of Officers and Directors. It is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25 at 3 pm by Zoom.**

**The meeting stood adjourned at 5:09 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sharon Hubler, Secretary**