

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., March 24, 2021

In attendance:

Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS, ACTIVE Transportation Planner
Paul Mann	Caldwell City Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Robert Minch	City of Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Commission
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Don Stockton	Eagle Citizen and Trails Advocate
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director
Bill Mullane	Representative Garden City
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works
Judy Peavey-Derr	Vice President, Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
Cecilia Arritola	Idaho Transportation Dept. Scenic Byway and Garden City Planning Liaison
Jace Hellman	City of Kuna Planning and Zoning Director
Bobby Withrow	City of Kuna Parks and Recreation Director
Kim Warren	City of Meridian Pathways Project Manager
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer

Guests: Alayne Bickle – lifelong equestrian and educator

Marc J. Bybee- White Peterson Law Firm, bicyclist *par excellence*

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS ninth ZOOM meeting at 3:05 p.m. Bill introduced Marc Bybee, fellow attorney and bicyclist.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions or edits) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the Agenda. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler
 - i. Minutes of February 24, 2021
It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Gary Payne that the Minutes of February 24, 2021, be approved as read. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson
 - i. Bank Statement-Balance is \$ 6,555.36 as of 2/26/21. No change from previously.
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Gary Payne that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - c. President's Report Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray
 - i. President Gigray gave the floor to Marc Bybee. His background as a racing, competitive bicyclist began five years ago when his interest led him to join SWICA (SW Idaho Cycling Association.) This organization seeks to develop racers, fast riding in Pelotons so he sees a need for safe paths on roadways and, lately, gravel cycling. His riding is not so much recreational. Bill commented that Marc's journey has been an education for him with a focus on interfacing with wider mixed-use roadways in Ada/Canyon Counties. Marc lives in Canyon County and would more than likely utilize the FLAP project around Lake Lowell.

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- ii. President Gigray welcomed Judy Peavey-Derr, past president of FACTS; and, currently she serves as Vice President of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands. She will be meeting with Don Stockton at the Fairgrounds to access the 52nd Street Bridge crossing location at 1:30 pm this Friday. She invited others to join. Judy has a segment of greenbelt named for her on the Three-Cities Pathway on which she contributed so much as FACTS president. She has been a vanguard of the continuation of the greenbelt since 1988 and Bill thanked her for carrying the torch.
- iii. Report on meeting with Michael Talbott, principal, Vida Properties, LP
Property is adjacent to Veteran's Parkway. It was a positive meeting and there's an indication that more development is coming along. He will defer on making a presentation to FACTS because there's a lot of cleanup on the river to rid non-native plants. He will be able to clarify his position on the 52nd Street Bridge project later.
- iv. City of Middleton is a necessary link and Bill wants to get them involved in pathway systems north and south of the Boise River. Middleton City Council has scheduled 10 minutes for FACTS presentation on May 19th at 5:30 pm and material must be delivered five days ahead of time. Bill will ask for Gary Segers' help again.
- v. Update on S.B. 1020 – strengthens I.C. statute § 36-1604 with its limitation on liability for recreational use and broadens the definition of land ownership and interests in land even license agreements. H.B. 131 amends §40-616 as follows:
On sidewalks and side paths outside incorporated city limits on public roads it would allow greater than 8-feet if the commissioners indicate by written order.
- vi. Canyon Highway No. 4 is moving on the old Highway 30 Silver Bridge and working with Riverside Canal Company and the Caldwell Greenbelt Committee to encase 1,000 feet of canal. A new bridge would be constructed on the old pilings and provide a vehicular link to Curtis Park, which is a gateway to Middleton.
- d. Vice President's Report Gary Payne
 - i. Gary and Bill Mullane had an outstandingly successful meeting with Mayor of Garden City. The Mayor expressed concerns and challenges when looking at budgetary things. Bill has worked with the mayor over time. With the help of J-U-B specifically Lisa Bachmann the Mayor offered to apply for a COMPASS grant and also mentioned some potential National funding. The Mayor referenced a need for other resources because G.C. staff is stretched, and the result needs to involve a project manager for the 52nd Street Bridge.
- 4. Combined Discussion on Trail Usage and Etiquette Braden, Bill, Gary P and everyone
 - a. Braden gave an overview on the Bike and Pedestrian Counter Program: A handful of permanent counters are installed. Portable Counters, within a two-week timeframe are more temporary. The Data Bike is used to assess conditions of pathways. It delivers quantifiable data on a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) and represents one of two bikes in the U.S. – or perhaps a few more. Use is conditioned on who will actually deploy the bike and this requires much more training in its usage. All anyone needs to do on the Bike and Pedestrian Counter Program is to make a "counter request" to COMPASS from a member agency.
 - b. Trail Etiquette – SWIMBA is starting to schedule users on some trails such as exploring certain days for pedestrians and bicyclists. There is an audit of increase on how these trails are these days. Scooters may be more significant users as well. Mark Eubanks said that in Europe they do not have shared trails for bike, walking/hiking. Marc Bybee said education has to go along with it. COMPASS will collect the metrics in the Metropolitan Statistical Area

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(MSA) on Planning/Usage and Pathway Maintenance. Steve Noyes said he uses data derived from Eagle's COMPASS counters on a weekly basis. Karen Danley supports a committee working group being established at a subsequent meeting. Braden said that maintenance involves an inventory issue as well. Marc Bybee referred to STRAVA data and its application to heavy "Heat" areas. Here's its definition:

The **Strava dataset** is the largest collection of human-powered transport information in the world. Metro aggregates, de-identifies and contextualizes this dataset to help make cities better for anyone on foot or on a bike.

Marc indicated that the pay wall chilled subscribers but Braden indicated it was used in the COMPASS 2014 planning. Bill mentioned the mapping done by Tom Laws, working now for ACHD, is in place and those in planning can use to update.

5. Agency and not for profit reports (in the order in which called upon by President Gigray)
City of Eagle Steve Noyes

Monthly average at four counters on pace for 600,000...huge spike of 267%. No hesitation in projecting 1 million users. Highway 55/44 Continuous Slow Intersection (CSI) has been scrapped for regular 4-way Stop.

Connecting to Eagle Island State Park – application forwarded to FEMA and letter of map revision will mean change in flood insurance requirements. Easement will be for recreational use on entire parcel. .7 mile at EISP back door could become reality in three years.

BLM Work Group on NW Eagle connected with Eagle Foothills Development Survey to which there have been 900 responses so far. Development called The Moss Creek Subdivision features a trailhead. Middleton Mill Ditch Company is also involved. Steve has been getting together with Star and Middleton so that these alignments will be conducive to individual Master Plans. Though 20 years old the Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District has a formal template with the city of Meridian that can help create these agreements. Karen asked whether equestrians would be allowed to use? Middleton Mill Ditch Company is natural surfaces.

City of Caldwell Paul Mann/Bill Gigray
Caldwell's Planning Director Jerome Mapp sent a letter to ITD supportive of a tunnel under Highway 55 to Lake Lowell. Highway District No. 4 was supportive as well.

City of Nampa Phil Peterson

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee did not meet this month.

FACTS Equestrian Representative Karen Danley

Equestrian Skills Trail grant was awarded and construction was to start at Eagle Island State Park 4/17. There is a last hoop to jump through and a letter was sent to Susan Buxton, Director, Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation detailing location and types of construction involved: Bridges Balance Beam – 40 logs from log pinwheel; Mountain/Pyramid from Alayne's place; Ranch Gate, Pedestal and Springy Bridge. Concern is with Liability Insurance known as Tort Claim Insurance Coverage. Control has a lot to do with liability.

Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary

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