

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems  
COMPASS Conference Room  
May 18, 2016

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Attendance:

Mark Eubank, Citizen  
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President  
Paul Mann, Caldwell Path and Bike Committee  
Robert Minch, Citizen  
Steve Noyes, City of Eagle  
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President  
Colin Schneider, Garden City  
Gary Segers, Citizen  
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks  
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary

1. Call to order at 3:05 by President Gigray.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Gary Payne noted there was nothing to report on Web Design and that this item should be deleted. Robert Minch said he had an added item on a project. Gary Payne moved and Gary Segers 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 April 20, 2016 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. Gary Segers said that he was mentioned on Page 3 in regard to a pathway issue in Oklahoma, but he was not present. After some discussion, it was determined to be Steve Noyes who made the comments. Gary Payne moved and Gary Segers seconded a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
  - b. Bank Account Report. Sharon Hubler was unable to attend, and President Gigray said the balance was unchanged from the previous month at \$12,187.12. There was no vote to approve the report.
  - c. President's Report
    - i. Assignment of Easements Progress. President Gigray said there had been no meeting involving him Don Stockton, Jeanne Barker and Sharon Hubler with Ada County officials or staff. He said there had been a series of emails instead, along with phone conversations with Scott Koberg. He said he had prepared five transfer of easement documents containing reversion clauses. The County only returned two documents regarding easements (instrument numbers 590 and 542). He said there was apparently no concern on the part of the F.A.C.T.S. board about lack of a reversion clause, due to a high degree of confidence that the County would not abandon the pathway. He said there was a concern that three easements were not covered. He added that Sharon Hubler wanted to be sure that Kathy Muir of Idaho Parks and Recreation had no issues. President Gigray said he had sent Kathy

the documents and spoken with her. He went on to say he had a phone call with Scott Koberg the day before to let him know the reversion clause was not critical but that three transfer documents were missing. Scott will work with the County surveyor and the County attorneys on these issues. In the meantime, the County is doing the routine maintenance. President Gigray said he told Scott there would likely be a request from F.A.C.T.S. to rename the pathway after Judy Peavey-Derr. Scott did not think this would be an issue. President Gigray said there would be some action regarding this sought at the June 2016 F.A.C.T.S. meeting. Charles asked how much length of easement was being conveyed, but President Gigray said he could not get this from the documents he had without the assistance of a surveyor. He said this transfer would come back to the F.A.C.T.S. Board with a formal resolution approving it and that the County Commissioners would need to authorize accepting the transfer. Charles asked if Boise City and Eagle should be consulted about naming the pathway since portions of it are under their jurisdiction. There was a discussion about whether other portions of the Greenbelt pathway have been named or should be.

- ii. Joint Powers Agreement for agency cooperation on pathways planning and maintenance. President Gigray said there was nothing to report but he skipped ahead to the Idaho Community Foundation grant item. President Gigray spoke about a potential \$5,000 grant for signage along the Greenbelt. He has spoken with Ellie Davis of the ICF. This would be done via the City of Caldwell. He has a proposal from Brian Billingsley of Caldwell. No approval for an on-line submittal has yet been given, and the due date is by the end of May.

d. Other Officer Reports as Needed. None.

#### 4. Special Information Items

- a. Web Design. Gary Payne said there was no report.
- b. Grant Applications – Idaho Community Foundation and Clean Cities Coalition. This was covered earlier in the meeting.
- c. COMPASS Map and Long Range Plan. Tom Laws was not present and no update was available. Paul Mann did report on a meeting of the Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee with the Caldwell, Nampa and highway districts. They are trying to resolve differences between their respective pathway plans. Tim Richard of Canyon Highway District No. 4 was very supportive and provided information on its Lake Lowell plan. Mark Wasdahl was present on behalf of the Idaho Transportation Department District 3 to discuss plans for Hwy 20/26 and proposed continuous flow intersections. There would also be detached pathways. Also present was the mayor of Notus, who expressed interest in pathways. President Gigray complimented the work of Tom Laws. (This item was addressed out of sequence.)
- d. Update on project by Robert Minch. Robert said he wanted to update the group on the easement project he was working on with Don Stockton. He said it was at a point where they had to decide how to progress and whether to turn it over to someone else. He showed three maps on the projector for background. The first map showed easements under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Department of Lands. The map did not show width of easements. He noted there were many gaps. Robert said they went to several agencies, including Ada County, Department of Lands, and real estate agents, to find out about the gaps. He said easements to the different agencies, e.g. the City of Eagle, are not compiled in one system. They may be recorded as part of a plat, but are

not digitized. COMPASS has some data, and he got other information from the City of Eagle.

There are various widths that are not systematized, nor is there information about actual use. Don and Robert did extract some information to prepare the maps. Robert said not all their information has been mapped yet, so there are gaps in their maps. Some of this is due to missing information from the plat maps, when easements are not indicated but may exist. Sometimes a path is shown but no information can be readily found to indicate a public easement. Gary Segers said this be complicated even more if the pathway is overseen by a Homeowners Association (HOA), which may treat it as a private pathway versus a public right of way. Charles Trainor noted this could be a bigger issue in completing the pathways west on the Boise River, with no official or consistent way to document easements. Paul Mann said that Caldwell had started doing this outreach. Robert Minch said the COMPASS mapping process could be a good place to start. There was a discussion of the status of Mace Road as to whether it is private or public. There was extensive discussion of the inadequate documentation of pathway easements, use restrictions placed by HOAs, lack of easily retrievable electronic data, lack of local government staff, and other issues.

President Gigray said he could send letters to the cities and counties to find out what they are doing now in terms of pathway requirements, easements, etc. He also recommended a letter to the various agencies that would outline a more standard process during the subdivision approval and platting to record and document easements. Gary Segers thought this could start with the City of Eagle by going to the planning and zoning people. Robert Minch said he would work with Don Stockton on this and come back in June with a report. President Gigray said he was expecting a letter from Cathy Ward, City Clerk and Planning Director for Star. Her phone number is 286-7247.

5. Continuing Business. None.
6. New Business. President Gigray said the easement strategy could be the new focus for the group. He said he had not been involved. He wondered what the Board desired in terms of easement strategies. Should F.A.C.T.S. approach property owners to seek easements? Gary Segers wondered if that was a proper role for the organization in light of the recent experience with the Three Cities Pathway. Charles Trainor said facilitating acquisition of easements might be good, but not holding the easement permanently. Gary Segers noted the situation of the Plantation Island pathways, where there is no public agency to be responsible for maintenance. President Gigray said there was a question regarding the role of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Land, Inc. It is unclear as to what will happen to this section of the Greenbelt.
7. Reports as Time Permits
  - a. Ada County Highway District. No report.
  - b. Ada County Parks and Waterways. No report.
  - c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways. No report.
  - d. Canyon County Parks and Recreation. No report.
  - e. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
  - f. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. No report.
  - g. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
  - h. Garden City. No report.
  - i. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. No report.

- j. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- k. Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
- l. Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander reported on the status of the Edwards Pathway in west Nampa. It will be paved soon. Another trail is in design in south Nampa near Iowa. Also will have a short pathway near Front Street and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- m. City of Kuna. No report.
- n. Other. Gary Segers spoke about an alternative transportation group hosted by COMPASS. There was a suggestion to name the trail system to give it an identity.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Next meeting was set for June 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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