

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
April 19, 2017

Attendance:

Jeanne Barker, Garden City
Mark Eubank, Citizen
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Paul Mann, Caldwell Path and Bike Committee
Robert Minch, Citizen
Steve Noyes, City of Eagle
Gary Payne, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Colin Schmidt, Garden City
Gary Segers, Citizen
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathway Committee
Cody Swander, City of Nampa Parks and Recreation
Jennifer Tomlinson, Boise Parks and Recreation
Charles Trainor, Citizen
Mark Wasdahl, Idaho Transportation Department

1. Call to order at 3:00 PM by President Gigray.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Gary Payne moved and Mark Eubank seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items
 - a. Secretary's Report
 - i. President Gigray said the minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. There were none, and Jeanne Barker moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Paul Mann and approved on a voice vote. Charles noted that Idaho Tax Commission was seeking an update to a report regarding the tax status of easements held by F.A.C.T.S.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Bank Account Report. Phil Peterson provided a bank statement indicating that the current balance is \$12,240.28. There was one expense for web site renewal of \$40.34. Phil Peterson moved to approve the Treasurer's report. This was seconded by Don Stockton. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - c. President's Report
 - i) President Gigray reported that he sent a letter to Zach Piepmeyer of Boise City regarding support for the *Fairview and Main Street Local Streets Improvement Plan*, a copy of which letter was included in the packet. He said another letter would be prepared for the State Department of

Lands Director regarding assistance provided on easements. Don Stockton explained some of the assistance provided by the State. President Gigray read the proposed letter. Paul Mann moved to approve the letter, with a second by Robert Minch. Motion was approved on a voice vote. There was a discussion of how the map data were sent and to whom such data should be sent, e.g. agency engineers, planning and zoning staff. Charles Trainor noted COMPASS as a possible keeper of the data, given its GIS staff and pathway role. There was some discussion as to whether Canyon County would be the appropriate agency to receive the data, given the westward direction for the Boise River path. Gary Segers moved with a second by Jeanne Barker to authorize President Gigray to send letters to the various agencies with pathway responsibility.

- ii) Gary Payne handed out a document showing Boise River flows and various impacts of flood stages. There was a question as to how much longer the flood issue would remain. Gary said at least another month. President Gigray said the official flood information agency was the Corps of Engineers.

4. Special Information Items

- a. Pathway Maintenance and Flooding Emergency Declarations. Scott Koberg said flood issues were likely to continue. There is still far more snowpack remaining for the three reservoirs to handle. President Gigray noted the Governor's issuance of an Emergency Declaration and asked if pathways were eligible for assistance under this. There was a discussion about the east bridge removed between Plantation and Garden City, with some concern about whether the bridge could be reinstalled given damage to the bridge footings from the flood according to Jeanne Barker. Colin Schmidt said he had heard Governor Otter on the radio talking about an appeal to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) of the recent denial of federal emergency funding for several Idaho Counties, including Ada. (Note, this appeal was rejected by FEMA on May 2, 2017.) Gary Payne talked about maps on Quadrant Engineering's site of the flood channeling. (<http://www.quadrant.cc/runoff-review.html>)
- b. Review of Priorities. Gary Segers addressed this topic, with the summary of the February 2017 meeting included in the packet. He stressed this is a working document. Gary Segers said some of these priorities involve local governments and others. President Gigray said periodic review, perhaps twice a year, would be reasonable. There was a general review of the status of the priorities. Charles Trainor asked how many current local elected officials are aware of the Boise River pathway plan, since many were not in office when it was approved. Gary Segers, Paul Mann, and Charles Trainor volunteered to reach out to local officials in Canyon County. Gary Payne moved and Jeanne Barker seconded to accept this group to undertake an outreach program. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
- c. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch said he is waiting to contact the property owner until he returns from Arizona. Robert said he has heard the owner is not happy with development or pathway on the property. Much of the land is in the floodplain, and Don Stockton noted there is an issue with lack of a clear title to some of the land. John Wasson said he has spoken with the owner of the property on which the western end of Mace Road lies—the portion now closed. The owner may be amenable to some limited use such as emergency access. Steve Noyes noted there is a possible use by right given its history.

5. Continuing Business. None.

6. New Business. None.

7. Reports.

- a. Ada County Highway District. John Wasson said ACHD has been working with the Corps of Engineers on flood preparation, including reinforcement along the Monroc ponds. Other issues are the status of dam levels and the threat to bridges on the Boise River. He said the Corps did not expect to raise the water level significantly, but it would remain high through mid-June. Warmer weather could change that. Of special concern are the south Eagle Road bridge and the Linder bridges. Given higher river levels one or more of these bridges would have to be closed to traffic, meaning evacuation of residents on the island could be required. Tree falls are a major threat to the bridges, but no preemptive cutting is being considered.
- b. Ada County Parks and Waterways. Scott Koberg said he would focus on the pit capture issue. He said the pathway has been used for flood control by the Corps of Engineers which has installed temporary levees on the path. The pavement has been pulverized by the equipment, which will mean major repairs later. The repairs and removal of the levees will be a major cost to the County. Planned pathway improvements may be deferred.
- c. Caldwell Trails and Pathways. Paul Mann reported that they had presented the 2040 plan to the City Council for approval on April 3, 2017. The presentation and approval included the Lake Lowell plan. Some of their paths are under water.
- d. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways. No report.
- e. Canyon County Highway District 4. No report.
- f. Idaho Transportation Department. Mark Wasdahl said there were some applications for Lake Lowell path funding under the Forest Service funding. He added that State Highway 21 would be a major haul route for logging of the burn areas from last year. This will be about 1.9 million board feet under contract. Both sides of the road would be affected, with traffic limited to one lane in places.
- g. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. Steve Noyes said many paths are under water. The City has basically closed the greenbelt trails. He said they have done some repairs to the Mace path due to water undercutting the pavement. The Laguna path is also under water, but the bridge is still in place. The planned new path to Garden City is also submerged, noting that the river has lowered the ground there under the access bridge.
- h. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
- i. Garden City. Jeanne Barker said the north side of the river is fine with some closures. From Long Lake to the bridge is "pretty well saturated."
- j. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. No report.
- k. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
- l. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
- m. Meridian Parks & Pathways. No report.
- n. Nampa Parks Department. Cody Swander said there has been a delay on some resurfacing projects due to soil moisture. The city is closing some paths to facilitate cottonwood tree removal. Later this year, Nampa will resurface these paths. The city has completed purchase of the old Stoddard rail line from Iowa to Sherman. This involved some property trades of city owned land. The project has been let out for design. Phil Peterson said this opens the possibility of future acquisitions allowing a pathway into downtown Nampa.
- o. City of Kuna. No report.
- p. City of Boise Parks and Recreation. Jennifer Tomlinson reported that the new tunnels at Main and Fairview are still dry, as is the Broadway bridge tunnel. There was a question about the effect of the flooding on races. John Wasson said that some events would move onto the road network where

pathways are closed. In some cases, this is not possible and event organizers are being told that cancelation may be necessary. Traffic control costs for the organizers would be high.

- q. Other. Paul Mann noted there is a great horned owl nest along the new Caldwell path between MP 3.6 and 3.7. Tom Laws handed out a notice of a trails education meeting on May 16-17, 2017. Visit www.compassidaho.org for more information. RSVP to ctorkelson@compassidaho.org or 475-2232

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Next meeting was set for May 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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