

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trail Systems
COMPASS Conference Room
December 14, 2016
Items in red indicate some follow-up needed

Attendance:

Jay Gibbons, City of Meridian
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Leo Hennessey, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Wendy Howell, City of Kuna
Sharon Hubler, F.A.C.T.S.
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Paul Mann, Caldwell Path and Bike Committee
Robert Minch, Citizen
Steve Noyes, City of Eagle
Phil Peterson, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Don Stockton, Eagle Parks and Pathway Committee
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary

1. Call to order at 3:00 PM by President Gigray. There was a round of introductions.
2. President Gigray asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Paul Mann asked to add the Treasure Valley Clean Cities Communities Coalition as Item 4e. Charles Trainor moved to approve the agenda with that change, and President Gigray seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
3. Administrative Action Items
 - a. Secretary's Report
 - i. President Gigray said the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting had been disseminated, and he asked if there were any changes. There were none, and Charles Trainor moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Phil Peterson and approved on a voice vote.
 - ii. Charles Trainor noted there were some people on the slate of officers who were not present in November. He had been asked to contact these people to determine their willingness to be board officers. Sharon Hubler and Jeanne Barker had agreed to be voting officers, and Judy Peavey-Derr had agreed to be an ex-officio member. He had not heard from Tom Dale or Mike Cusack, so he felt they should be dropped as board members. President Gigray said Tom Dale and Mike Cusack could be left on pending their response. Leo Hennessey said he would be willing to be an ex-officio member. These changes to the board were moved by Don Stockton and seconded by Robert Minch. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Bank Account Report. Phil Peterson said the sole expense for the past month was a \$6.50 property tax bill which has not yet been paid.
 - ii. Phil then requested for people willing to be authorized signers on the checking account The following people were proposed: Phil Peterson, Sharon Hubler, Bill Gigray, Gary Payne, and Charles Trainor. Judy Peavey-Derr would be removed as a signer. Phil Peterson moved to approve this list and to pay the property tax. Motion was seconded by Paul Mann and

approved on a voice vote.

c. President's Report

- i) Letter to Kristin Armstrong. **President Gigray said he signed and sent the congratulatory letter to Kristin Armstrong. He said it would be good to invite her to a future meeting, and he thought the request should come from the board.** Paul Mann moved that the board invite Armstrong. This was seconded by President Gigray. Motion was approved on a voice vote.
- ii) President Gigray said he had contacted Cathy Ward, Star City Clerk and planner, about F.A.C.T.S. Robert Minch noted he had also spoken with her about planning the pathway on Eagle Island.
- iii) President Gigray reported that Tim Richard would not be able to attend this meeting and that we will schedule Tim Richard for a future meeting to discuss the Lake Lowell plan. The Canyon Highway District is seeking funding to begin implementation. He added that the Canyon Highway District No. 4 had approved a plan to make the existing Silver Bridge a pedestrian/bike bridge, with the motorized traffic bridge being built north of the existing bridge. This is an \$8 million project—not all funded. He explained the design of the new bridge would be compatible with pathway plans by Caldwell for the area.
- iv) President Gigray said he did want to pursue the **concept of a joint powers agreement with all the government agencies for pathway maintenance in the coming year.** Also, he expressed a desire to support the rails with trails planning now underway.

d. Other Officer Reports as Needed. None.

4. Special Information Items

- a. COMPASS Pathway Planning. Tom Laws showed the group the draft interactive map. He explained how to open it, how to change the views and contents, and how to make comments. He noted that there was a two-week time frame in which to make comments. He handed out the information on opening the map and navigation, a copy of which had been in the November packet. There were several questions as to how this map functioned. The map has not received broad review outside of the work group COMPASS has set up. President Gigray asked about the linkages between jurisdictions. Tom said in Ada County this has been less of an issue due to Ada County Highway District. Tom said the original schedule had been to open the map to public view in early January 2017. President Gigray asked what the process would be prior to this, i.e. would the COMPASS Board need to approve the map. He felt it was critical to have some official buy-in to this map. In a response to a question by Charles, Tom said local agencies, including Notus and Parma, are okay with the map. President Gigray said this system map needs to be included in the comp plans, including Canyon County. *(As of 1/4/2017 the edit/comment functions were still live.)*
- b. Lake Lowell Plan. Tim Richard was unable to attend.
- c. Eagle Island Pathway. Robert Minch described activities of the group over the past few weeks. They have targeted a specific property through which the desired path alignment would run, but the group is reluctant to contact the owner without some interaction with the City of Eagle. There is some issue with ownership and deeds, including a dissolved corporation. Don Stockton noted the Mayor of Eagle is on board with the concept. Robert did voice a desire to have someone with more experience with property issues involved. This might be a title company or other property expert. There was a suggestion by President Gigray to engage with Meridian and to look at how and where to cross SH 16. Tom said Eagle was interested in a grant to look at connections to Eagle Island State Park.
- d. Review 2016 F.A.C.T.S. Projects. Gary Segers was unable to attend due to the weather.

5. Continuing Business. None.
6. New Business. None.
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. Paul Mann said Caldwell had identified canal easements as potential pathways. The City is working on a new five-year plan to be approved this spring. Paul said the City had acquired all the irrigation ways within the city recently. There had been some litigation that lead to this.
 - d. Canyon County Parks and Recreation. No report.
 - e. Canyon Highway District #4. No report.
 - f. Idaho Transportation Department. No Report.
 - g. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation. No report.
 - h. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission. No report.
 - i. Garden City. No report.
 - j. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Leo Hennessey said the Recreational Trails Program grant deadline was the last Friday in January. The RTP grants can be used for plan development, bridges, pathway construction, maintenance, etc. The lead time to submit is typically about six months. Leo was okay with what was being planned to connect Mace pathway to edge of Eagle Island.
 - k. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail. No report.
 - l. Boise River Enhancement Network. No report.
 - m. Meridian Parks & Pathways. Jay Gibbons said the city was updating its network map that evening, with adoption the next week. There are various projects in design and development. He has a consultant under contract for the rails with trails project near Meridian Road.
 - n. Nampa Parks Department. Phil Peterson said there is some proposed pathway signage around Lloyd Square to 16th.
 - o. City of Kuna. Wendy Howell had left a written update. Downtown revitalization is moving forward with a pedestrian link along Indian Creek. The Kuna Master Parks Plan is two-thirds complete. This will include a pathways element. They will start a new comprehensive plan in 2017 also.
 - p. Other. Paul Mann talked about the Treasure Valley Clean Cities Coalition. Its goal is to reduce petroleum based fuel use. There was a funding change that does not allow rolling over unspent funds. There is about \$30,000 per year. Last year they had to turn back money. Paul thought money could be used for signage or infrastructure related to paths. One use might be for new pedestrian counters. **Paul thought this could be on the next agenda. Paul asked if there was a directory of members with contact information.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m. Next meeting was set for January 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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