

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trails System
COMPASS Conference Room
February 18, 2015

Attendance:

Mike Aho, City of Eagle, Park Director
John Caywood, Citizen
Mike Cusack, Citizen
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Jerry Hastings, Ada County Development Services
Leo Hennessy, Idaho Parks and Recreation
Wendy Howell, City of Kuna
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Larry Maneely, Ada County
Steve Noyes, Eagle Parks and Recreation
Liz Paul, Idaho Rivers United
Judy Peavey-Derr, Citizen
Gary Payne, Citizen
Gary Segers, Idaho Walk Bike Association
Don Stockton, Eagle
Cody Swander, Nampa Parks Department
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary
John Wasson, Ada County Highway District

1. Call to order at 3:04 by President William Gigray.
2. Action Items.
 - a. There were no changes to the agenda.
 - b. Minutes of January 21, 2015 approved upon motion by Judy Peavey-Derr, seconded by Mike Cusack.
 - c. Charles Trainor relayed bank account information from an email by Sharon Hubler. She noted the there was a balance of \$12, 307.21 at the end of January 2015 following a payment of \$6.55 for property tax. Sharon had paid for a two year domain name renewal at a cost of \$50 on her PayPal account, which would then leave a balance of \$12,257.21. The financial information was approved.
3. Special Information Items.
 - a. F.A.C.T.S. Task Force Updates. There was no update for the F.A.C.T.S. Task Force.
 - b. Proposed legislation regarding eminent domain restrictions. Gary Segers ask Bill Gigray to describe the legislation. He noted Senate Bill 1404 would eliminate pathways not adjacent to roads as eligible for eminent domain by public agencies. He said this exclusion was related to earlier exclusions of eminent domain related to a Providence RI property rights issue where eminent domain was used to obtain land for a private industry. He noted that eminent domain is used rarely in extreme cases. Bill said he had addressed the Senate committee considering the bill, saying he was not there as a

representative of F.A.C.T.S. The bill was passed out of committee and likely to be considered by the full Senate within a few days. There was some discussion about whether F.A.C.T.S. could take a position on the bill given its 501 (c) 3 status. Liz Paul said it was not an issue, noting that Idaho Rivers United is also 501 (c) 3 and provides positions on legislation. Don Stockton moved to oppose the legislation, with a second from Gary Segers. Motion approved on a voice vote. Gary said he would contact the Idaho Conservation league on this.

- c. Potential Park/Water Trail discussion. John Caywood deferred to Wendy Howell and Larry Maneely on this item. Larry handed out a map showing the "German Park" property that had been tagged as a potential park. This property belongs to the federal government (Bureau of Reclamation) which had approved it a number of years ago for a power plant. Larry said staff had met with the BOR, and BOR said the power plant use would eliminate 90% of the site from public use. It remains possible that the creek access use could be addressed separately from the park concept. Safety concerns are critical. Wendy Howell said they need to meet with Tim Page separately. The results of this discussion could be an agenda item in March. Larry said there could be some startup this summer, but Wendy indicated there is no action being considered at this time. Liz Paul said the power plant proposal may trigger a National Environmental Policy Act document since it involves a federally owned parcel.
- d. Exploratory Maintenance Committee Report. Don Stockton said the group last met 2-3 months ago. He had discussed this issue with Scott Koberg. The County has agreed to do the routine maintenance this year, but there is a need for a permanent agreement. Scott agreed. Judy Peavey-Derr moved and Jerry Hastings seconded that F.A.C.T.S. set up a meeting with Ada County and Boise City to discuss a permanent agreement.
- e. Linkage from West Boise Water & Sewer Treatment Plant. No one present to discuss this.
- f. COMPASS. Tom Law said there was a meeting to discuss permanent sites for bike counts, with 20 or so candidate sites. The emphasis is on high accident locations and schools. They hope to get agreement on 8-10 sites for the counters. Among the candidate sites are West Bridge in Garden City, Merrill Park, and Whitewater Park. There will also be portable counters at other locations. Scott Koberg noted the need for information in southeast Boise area. There was a discussion of the change to Warm Springs, with the old bike path no longer on Warm Springs but shifted closer to the river. Tom said the mapping of the pathway system is on-going, with the need to get current information from the local agencies. COMPASS hopes to conclude the basic system by the end of summer.
- g. Discussion of possible fund raisers and a F.A.C.T.S. Spring Event. Mike Aho said Eagle would not be holding a big event this spring but is now looking for next spring. The group discussed the opportunity of the West Garden City bridge slated for opening this spring. Something could be tied in with that, as many people concurred with the need to get more public awareness of F.A.C.T.S. and pathway planning.
- h. Mike Aho had already noted there would not be an event this spring.

4. Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District (ACHD). John Wasson said there is a new bike map booklet out. He noted the upcoming March 5, 2015 Capitol Bikeway meeting along with a concept plan for Federal Way.
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways. Scott Koberg talked about a designation of Ada County as “bike friendly” with a bike station and showers. He added that there is a “bike day” to be held during May in Motion. This would help build awareness of bike commuting. Creation of a bike alliance group with a focus on outreach, routes, equipment, etc. is part of the effort. Larry Maneely added there would be an open house at the end of April with a transportation theme (April 25?). Among the participants would be COMPASS, the Idaho Transportation Department, Valley Regional Transit and ACHD.

Scott said there would be some work done on the pedestrian-only section of the Greenbelt near Wood Duck Island to remediate issues. This work should be done in late February or early March. He also spoke about progress on the Triplett property west of the Shakespeare Festival. There are two old sewage lagoons, and the intent is to create greenbelt connections through the site. Judy Peavey-Derr noted the work would involve planting on the “biosolids” which would eliminate the need to haul off the material. The project sponsors hope to put in amenities such as a bike station with an air pump. This could occur in Summer 2015.

- c. Boise Parks and Recreation - No report
- d. Boise Public Works - No report
- e. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee - No report
- f. Canyon County Development Services Dept. - No report
- g. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways - No report
- h. Canyon Highway District #4 - No report
- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation - Mike Aho said Eagle is in process to pave the path from Merrill Park to Garden City along the north bank of the north channel. He introduced Steve Noyes as the new trails planner for Eagle.
- j. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission – No report
- k. Garden City West Bridge – Bridge work has started and a portion of the pathway is closed off. Work should be completed this spring.
- l. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation - Leo Hennessey said the trails are wet in many areas. He spoke about the Mace Road pathway which has neared the east boundary of Eagle Island State Park. Only a relatively short break exists on private land between the park and the Mace Road pathway.
- m. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail - No report
- n. Meridian Parks & Pathways - No report

- o. Nampa Parks Department – Cody Swander said there were repairs underway on the Indian Creek pathway, resurfacing a 20 year old path at a cost of \$100,000. The Nampa Meridian Irrigation District has to repair eroding banks along the Wilson Drain. This work could enhance access via removal of vegetation and preservation of the adjacent pathway.

No report

- p. Web site - No report

- q. Other – Liz Paul expressed her thanks to F.A.C.T.S. for the work done. She talked about the Boise River Enhancement Project with the need to make the most of the Boise River. Their focus is water quality and riparian habitat. They need more participants and will hold field trips along the Boise River, including one on March 10 at 11:30 am in Star. She noted Idaho Rivers United concern about the water stoppage in early February due to an equipment failure on the diversion dam east of Boise. Water flow dropped to zero, and there was a heavy loss of fish.

Next meeting was set for March 18, 2015.

The meeting stood adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary

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Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trails System Meeting

COMPASS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 700 NE 2nd Street, Meridian

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

3:00 P.M.

1) Call to order and introductions

William F. Gigray, President

2) Action Items

- a) Approve Agenda (call for additions)
- b) Minutes of February 18, 2015
- c) Report on Bank Account

William F. Gigray, President
Charles Trainor, Secretary
Sharon Hubler, Treasurer

3) Special Information Items

- a) F.A.C.T.S. Task Force Updates
- b) Legislation regarding eminent domain restrictions
- c) April 25 Transportation Event
- d) Lake Lowell Recreation Plan
- e) COMPASS Update progress report on mapping
- f) Exploratory Maintenance Committee Report and recommendation
- g) Potential Park/Water Trail discussion
- h) Linkage from West Boise Water & Sewer Treatment Plant

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Tom Dale
Carl Miller/Tom Laws
Don Stockton
John Caywood/Wendy Howell
Toby Norton

4) Reports as time permits

- a) Ada County Highway District (ACHD)
- b) Ada County Parks & Waterways
- c) Boise Parks and Recreation
- d) Boise Public Works
- e) Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee
- f) Canyon County Development Services Dept.
- g) Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways

John Wasson
Scott Koberg
Toby Norton
Mike Sheppard
William F. Gigray
Patricia Nilsson
Kathy Kershner

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| h) Canyon Highway District #4 | Tim Richard P.E. |
| i) City of Eagle Parks and Recreation | Mike Aho |
| j) Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission | Don Stockton & Randy Zollinger |
| k) Garden City West Bridge | Jeanne Barker & Brian Smith |
| l) Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation | Leo Hennessy |
| m) Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail | Tom Bicak |
| n) Meridian Parks & Pathways Project Manager | Jay Gibbons |
| o) Nampa Parks Department | Cody Swander |
| p) City of Kuna | Wendy Howell |
| q) Web site | Jeanne Barker |
| r) Other | |

5) Adjournment

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