

Minutes of Foundation for Ada-Canyon Trails System
COMPASS Conference Room
January 21, 2015

Attendance:

Mike Aho, City of Eagle, Park Director
Sabrina Anderson, COMPASS
John Caywood, Citizen
Mike Cusack, Citizen
Tom Dale, Canyon County Board of Commissioners
William F. Gigray, F.A.C.T.S. President
Wendy Howell, City of Kuna
Sharon Hubler, F.A.C.T.S. Treasurer
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Nancy Merrill, F.A.C.T.S. Vice-President
Carl Miller, COMPASS
Gary Payne, Citizen
Gary Segers, Idaho
Charles Trainor, F.A.C.T.S. Secretary
Kristi Watkins, J-U-B/Bike Walk Nampa
Randy Zollinger, Eagle City Parks & Pathways

1. Call to order at 3:00 by President William Gigray. He welcomed Commissioner Tom Dale of Canyon County who would be replacing Commissioner Hanson.
2. Action Items.
 - a. Agenda was modified to include a discussion of a letter of support to the City of Fruitland (3h) and approved.
 - b. Minutes of November 18, 2014 approved upon motion by Nancy Merrill, seconded by Sharon Hubler. Motion carried.
 - c. Bank Account information was presented by Sharon Hubler. She noted the expense of \$6.50 for property tax, leaving a balance of \$12, 307.21. Sharon said the domain name needed to be renewed at a cost of \$25. 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. Potential Park/Water Trail discussion. John Caywood said there was a meeting of the Park/Water Trail group on December 5, 2014. He introduced Wendy Howell, City of Kuna planner. There is a new park plan and map in the approval process in the Kuna area. This will include the German Park concept, which was addressed at the November 2014 meeting.
 - c. Exploratory Maintenance Committee Report. Don Stockton was not present. Sharon Hubler addressed the maintenance issues in terms of the three cities pathway. Part of the issue is the

division between pathways owned by F.A.C.T.S. and portions owned by the City of Boise (near sewer plant). Scott Koberg, Jeanne Barker and Cheyne Weston could have a draft agreement In April 2015. The key players are Scott and Cheyne. John Caywood noted the existence of a reverter clause in the easement agreement if a maintenance agreement cannot be achieved. There was note of an exemption under state law (for liability?) Gary Payne said the pathway was still in good shape but typically asphalt paths need resurfacing every seven years. Bill Gigray said this issue raised the need to consider whether the role of F.A.C.T.S. should be as a facilitator or owner/implementer. He said we may need to meet before the next F.A.C.T.S. meeting to review records on the pathway which are in Sharon Hubler's possession.

- d. Linkage from West Boise Water & Sewer Treatment Plant. Cheyne Weston was not present. Discussion was held on the potential of parking lot/trailhead with a connection to the YMCA from the area around the sewer plant. The pipeline path from Eagle Road to the northwest was discussed. There could be access to Eagle Road from the west side of the north bank of the south channel. Randy Zollinger said he needs to meet with Cheyne to work out some issues for the next meeting.
- e. COMPASS. Tom Law then spoke about the status of COMPASS pathway activities. COMPASS staff is integrating this work with other tasks, including work on bike counts and user demand. The intent is to build a common set of data around the region. One issue raised was the potential of putting the pathways onto Google maps for open access. Tom said this was a possibility but Google has mapping standards that need to be addressed.

He said there was a meeting of the Active Transportation group a week earlier. They discussed a deployment strategy for counters, data from sensors, weekend and weekday data needs, pedestrian and bike data. There is a potential to purchase data maps of the two county area showing usage changes, and he showed a map of the area east of Eagle Road (vicinity of the Three Cities path) depicting usage changes. Several people voice support for this kind of data.

There is a new project development program in process, with the emphasis on closing gaps in the system. Randy said people should take advantage of this process and send their needs to COMPASS.

- f. Discussion of possible fund raisers and a F.A.C.T.S. Spring Event. Bill Gigray noted a spring event of some kind was raised as an issue in December by Jeanne Barker. One of the opportunities is to tie this into the completion of a trail system along the Boise River from Lucky Peak to Eagle Island. This could help with fund raising as well as highlight the next opportunities to expand the trail system west and on-going efforts in other parts of the region. He asked for some ideas. It was noted that the YMCA is doing something similar in May, which might be a tie-in. Randy Zollinger said there is the Great Potato Marathon, while Mike Aho said Eagle would be funding a big event to do run/walk activities with shuttle to/from event locations.
- g. This was an added item and concerned a request for a letter of support to the City of Fruitland for a recreational trails application. Judy Peavey Derr had requested F.A.C.T.S. support the request, and a letter of support signed by Tom Bicak on behalf of Canyon County was handed out. After discussion of the appropriateness of supporting a request outside of Ada and Canyon Counties, it was moved by Gary Payne and seconded by Tom Dale to support a letter. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no nays.

4. Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District (ACHD)

None

- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways

None

- c. Boise Parks and Recreation

None

- d. Boise Public Works

None

- e. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee

None

- f. Canyon County Development Services Dept.

None

- g. Canyon County Parks Recreation & Waterways

Nothing to report according to Tom Bicak

- h. Canyon Highway District #4

None

- i. City of Eagle Parks and Recreation

Mike Aho said Eagle has interviewed a grant writer for an application for a bridge crossing project on the west side of the Boise River crossing on Eagle Road. This project would “hang” a path on the existing bridge. ITD does not object to the proposal, which would seek \$500,000 to complete the 800’ of extension. There is another project in process to pave the path from Merrill Park to Garden City along the north bank of the north channel.

- j. Eagle Parks and Pathways Development Commission

Randy Zollinger noted a project involving an existing bridge belonging to a gravel company across a channel of the Boise River to Eagle. This is complicated by the issues involving the Laguna Pointe trail. He also discussed a path west from Linder Road to Old Valley Road involving shared access to the north channel of the Boise River. This project would include trailhead parking. Bill Gigray concurred with the need for more road-based facilities. Tom Dale said the City of Nampa wants pathway access to Lake Lowell. This is tied in with the recent studies by the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation to allow continued recreational uses of the Lake Lowell area.

- k. Garden City West Bridge

No report.

- l. Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation

No report

- m. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail

No report

- n. Meridian Parks & Pathways

No report

- o. Nampa Parks Department

No report

- p. Web site

No report but the domain name was up for renewal

- q. Other

Sabrina Anderson noted that the City of Meridian had given a report to the COMPASS Regional Technical Advisory Committee regarding the rail-with-trail project. Meridian has been trying to meet with Union Pacific staff. Don Harbeck of UP is based in Omaha Nebraska and had been slated for meetings in late 2014 but was unable to attend. Meridian is putting funding together to move this project forward.

Next meeting was set for February 18, 2015.

The meeting stood adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Trainor, Secretary