

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS, INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)

COMPASS Conference Room

April 25, 2018

Called for 3:00 pm

In Attendance:

John Wasson	Ada County Highway District
Scott Koberg	Ada County Parks & Waterways
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and President
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and Secretary
Phil Peterson	Citizen and Treasurer
Gary Payne	Citizen and Vice President
Gary Segers	Citizen
Paul Mann	Citizen and Caldwell Bike & Path Committee
Robert Minch	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Don Stockton	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City
Cody Swander	City of Nampa
Kathy Parker	COMPASS
Duane Wakan	COMPASS
Lisa Bachman	J-U-B Engineers

1. Call to order and introductions – President Gigray called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) – Under Agency Reports Remove Parks and Recreation and insert trails and pathways.
It was moved to approve the agenda as distributed with these changes by Steve Noyes, seconded by Paul Mann. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Report
 - a. Secretary's Report – Sharon Hubler Secretary
Minutes of March 21, 2018 – prepared by Wm. F. Gigray, Acting Secretary
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 21, 2018 as distributed to the Board. Motion unanimously carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Phil Peterson, Treasurer
 - i. Report on Bank Account - \$ 12,265.85 – Accepted and will be placed on file.
It was moved to approve the Treasurer's report by Phil Peterson, seconded by Paul Mann. Motion unanimously carried.
 - c. President's Report – Wm. F. Gigray, President
 - i. Administrative matters – Brooke Green will present "A.C.H.D. Roadways to Bikeways Plan" at the May 23, 2018 meeting. There will be a change in agenda order to move Item 5. "Continuing Business", both a. and b. to follow Officers' Reports.
 - ii. Discussion of Sign-in sheet ACHD meeting – President reminded the Board that F.A.C.T.S. obtained the Sign-in sheet for the A.C.H.D. Roadways to Bikeways Plan public hearing in order to identify persons who may have interest serving on this Board. The Board was encouraged to review the sign-up sheet for persons they know that could be contacted.
 - d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - i. Rails with Trails – nothing new

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- ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update – Gary Segers reported that he had requested that COMPASS serve as the logical agency to take over project and to have the final draft of the 2009 plan incorporated into COMPASS planning. Duane Wakan saw the need for regional co-ordination and commented that the segments so far show growth in bike commuting as a legitimate mode of transportation. He agreed that COMPASS is geared to update plans; *i.e.*, “Communities in Motion” and this 2009 plan could be either a separate plan or included in the next update. There is an ACTIVE transportation work group. Gary Segers followed-up that F.A.C.T.S. can assist, co-ordinate and advocate as before by submitting a letter to Matt Stoll to present the most relevant parts. President Gigray asked what is the scheduling cycle of the COMPASS Executive Committee or its Board of Directors. The Board was advised that the COMPASS Executive Board meeting cycle is an every other month meeting and any request from F.A.C.T.S. would need to be In COMPASS staff’s hands for work-up in advance of any such meeting. This item will be advanced to the May agenda for discussion.
It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Duane Wakan that comments be elicited from the F.A.C.T.S. board re: to receive Gary Segers’ report; for the Executive Board to fashion a specific proposal to be heard at the June 27, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
 - iii. Eagle Island Pathway – Robert Minch, Don Stockton
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 - iv. E-bike legislation – Phil Peterson
Letter to Rep. Phylis King outlined AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) concerns since her constituents were interested. Ada County held open house and passed ordinance amendment on 12 miles of Ada County Class I and II bikepaths for 20 mph or less with license agreements on some. Legislation focuses on local jurisdictions while it seems the state level is insulated from change.
 - v. A.C.H.D. Roadways to Bikeways Plan – Gary Segers
State Street has a number of proposals and Gary represents the Bicycle Advisory Committee in this endeavor. Study area is past Marigold, both east and west. Alternatives presented to public for review. Glenwood is ITD; Gary Lane has ACHD r-o-w and Hwy. 44 West and East is ITD. A letter from F.A.C.T.S. should be drafted to the Study Team consisting of ACHD, ITD and its Consultant along with Valley Regional Transit; the letter should be copied to COMPASS.
4. Continuing Business
- a. Review of 2017 F.A.C.T.S. Goals & Projects – (prepared by Board Member Gary Segers)
Top three projects: Add plural to Pathway(s) to Eagle Island and comment by Bill Gigray that the interconnectivity involves west to Meridian and west to Caldwell. On the update to 2009 Boise River Trails Systems Plan the question is does COMPASS have the ability to act as clearinghouse on information and ask to verify at next F.A.C.T.S. meeting. Without exhaustively going through the 2017 F.A.C.T.S. Goals & Projects listing John Wasson indicated that “Signage on pathways and trails”

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could be color coded with “go-green; red-roadblocks; and yellow-possibility”. Lisa Bachman added that identifying publicly owned lands for the Boise River Trails Systems Plan might help with the thru-situation.

- b. Establish Goals & Projects for 2018 – Gary Segers handed out Article IV Purposes as a prelude to discussion. The charter of F.A.C.T.S. charitable purposes as a §501(c)(3) organization is...to enhance the quality of life throughout the Treasure Valley and to enhance the safety for recreationalists and commuters in the area of non-motorized trail systems for the general public and other nonprofit purposes that advance working with cities, counties, highway districts, state and federal agencies and other public or private agencies to expand and improve existing trail systems, to acquire site for future trail systems...and so forth.

Gary Segers FOR DISCUSSION purposes asked:

- i. What do we do well? Or what are we good at?
- ii. What could we do better? What can be done to make that happen?
 - ✓ Positives include BUILD TRAILS and involving many agencies that participate in the F.A.C.T.S. meetings – Don Stockton
 - ✓ Impressed by way meetings are run
 - ✓ Look to linkage at Eagle Island State Park/Newman property
 - ✓ Identify projects, so-called low hanging fruit and as an alternative, maybe a city of Star project
 - ✓ Advocate, take positions, realizing that certain advocacy is not possible with the F.A.C.T.S. members who represent government or quasi-government agencies
 - ✓ Providing stability and consistency to ACTIVE transportation
 - ✓ Brings to local meetings part of a more global process
 - ✓ Information flow
- iii. Soft spots:
 - ✓ Tangible progress; project completion is lagging a little
 - ✓ §501(c)(3) status could bring funding to the table, much like SWRCD, a conduit for grant funding
 - ✓ F.A.C.T.S. is not streamlined to take dollars in, dollars out – Scott Koberg
 - ✓ Getting our (F.A.C.T.S.) message out – public awareness
 - ✓ Web site is remarkable, thanks to Gary Payne
 - ✓ Concentrate on getting more people on the board who are residents of various cities titled as citizen volunteers
 - ✓ Showing interest in city of Star Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan that had a huge turn-out last Monday – Lisa Bachman
 - ✓ Higher priority on building trails
 - ✓ Get more people from western Ada/Canyon area
 - ✓ More involvement south of I-84 such as Kuna, Marsing
- iv. What can be done to make it happen:
 - ✓ Show & Tell Section of Agenda;
 - ✓ Meetings involve touring of Eagle, Caldwell, field trip to Nampa, think Stoddard rail line walking path – Robert Minch and Gary Segers
 - ✓ Trails along waterways other than Boise River, think New York Canal

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- ✓ City of Meridian has extensive good working relationships with several canal companies, learn from Meridian on how to build relationships and best practices and cite Idaho Code recreational immunity statute
- ✓ Different entities submit a project they would like to have F.A.C.T.S. do – Don Stockton
- ✓ Alternative project(s) Newman link to Eagle Island State Park
- ✓ A.C.H.D. rebuild Linder Road between S.H. 44 and Chinden Blvd.
- ✓ Significant 5 years to 20 years out (online) Unfunded Preliminary Design
- ✓ Way finding and Branding System of Entire Bike Path
- ✓ Membership Recruitment indicative of the ratio that F.A.C.T.S. want to see between citizen advocates and agency folks – Duane Wakan
- ✓ Central repository for grant opportunities and tie-in with COMPASS

Gary Segers will rephrase 2017 and make additions for 2018.

Motion Re: It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Robert Minch that 2017 and 2018 Goals & Projects be placed on the Agenda for the June 27, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all in attendance.

d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- i. Rails with Trails – nothing new
- ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update – discussed under Item 2.
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5. Special Information Items

- a. ITD Long-Range Transportation Plan – Mark Wasdahl , not present
- b. A.C.H.D. Roadways to Bikeways Plan – Brooke Green, forwarded to May F.A.C.T.S. agenda

6. New Business

- a. None for this meeting

7. Reports as Time Permits

- a. Ada County Highway District – John Wasson
Bogus Basin Road, starting at Mile Post 9 for 162 miles will locate a Safety Maintenance and Trailhead Project starting 1 June 2018. There will be a new Trailhead facility.

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- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways – Scott Koberg
Penitentiary Canal Project closed to public entry until, with good weather, it reopens on June 22nd. This project will have six public access points from Diversion Dam to Shakespeare Way. Construction challenges remain. Nearly 1.5 miles of the Pen Canal were piped with assistance of the Bureau of Reclamation and Boise Project Board of Control. Had to hasten the water delivery by March 15 as part of Phase I. The path is 11-foot asphalt and 2-foot dedicated shoulder on either side.
 - c. Boise River Enhancement Network – Liz Paul, no report
 - d. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee – Paul Mann/Bill Gigray
Proudly Caldwell has received \$109k for Safe Routes to Schools around Sacajawea School. Connectivity from Indian Creek Pathway to the Greenbelt project on the Boise River is happening along with repaving pathway around Rotary Park. Volunteer clean-up this coming Saturday.
 - e. Canyon County – Patricia Nilsson, no report
 - f. City of Boise – Trevor Kesner, no report
 - g. City of Garden City – Colin Schmidt, no report
 - h. Canyon Highway District No. 4 – Tim Richard, P.E., no report
 - i. City of Eagle Parks & Recreation – Steve Noyes
Trails Master Plan moving along. Eagle is drafting own first e-bike ordinance, which will be similar to Boise's. No official comment, however on e-bike ordinance at present flows. Lakemoor will have a new pathway substantially aligned with Colchester completed. It will take pressure off Laguna Trail and tie into Chinden Blvd. Garden City and Ada County are co-operators. Dennis Baker, in memory of his sister Pamela Baker, is cost sharing project costs with cities of Eagle and Boise for parking. City of Eagle pays for restroom.
 - j. City of Eagle Parks & Pathways Development – Don Stockton, nothing further
 - k. City of Kuna – Wendy Howell, no report
 - l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways – Kim Warren, no report
 - m. City of Nampa Parks Department – Cody Swander
Nampa was recently awarded several grants, three of the four are TAP. \$ 3.9 million through TAP and \$ 1.6 million earmarked for pathway. Stoddard Pathway, design and construction with a linear park concept is located from east Iowa Avenue north to Sherman Avenue, containing 100 foot r-o-w in most places. The other two awards are Grimes Pathway near McDonagh Soccer Park across Grimes Drain to 11th Avenue N Extension. Phases on these projects are 2020 and 2022. Cody noted that the plan developed in 2011 does not include path to Boise River. Phil Peterson serves on Nampa's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Updates and good input to the Transportation Plan was helped along by Jenah Thornborrow's workshop. Nampa is consulting on street projects, other bike markings and will host the Mayor's Bike Ride in May. It's a good event and focuses on new ways to get around town.
 - n. COMPASS, nothing further
 - o. Idaho Transportation Department – no report
 - p. Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation – no report
8. Adjournment – The meeting stood adjourned at 5:09 pm.
NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 23RD, AT 3:00 pm AT MEETING ROOM B, CITY OF MERIDIAN CITY HALL.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubler, Secretary

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