

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS, INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)  
COMPASS Board Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 700 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian, ID 83642

Called for 3:00 P.M.

October 24, 2018

In attendance:

Laura Barbour	Canyon County Parks, Idaho/Oregon Snake River Water Trail
Mark Eubank	Citizen
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Jan Johns	Executive Director,IFP&L
Trevor Kesner	Boise Parks
Scott Koberg	Ada County Parks & Waterways Director
Paul Mann	Citizen and Caldwell Bike & Path Committee
Robert Minch	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	Citizen and city of Garden City representative
Patricia Nilsson	Canyon County Planner
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Kathy Parker	COMPASS
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Phil Peterson	Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Colin Schmidt	Garden City
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Don Stockton	Citizen and Eagle Resident
Mark Wasdahl	ITD Senior Planner, District 3

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Gigray at 3:03 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

*It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports

a. Secretary's Report – Sharon Hubler

- i. Gary Segers indicated a correction to the Minutes of September 26, 2018 in which at the bottom of page 2 it states that Gary will bring concerns through the Idaho Pedestrian/Bike Alliance. It should instead state the A.C.H.D. Bicycle Advisory Committee through Brooke Green. No further corrections were forwarded and the minutes stand approved as corrected.

b. Treasurer's Report – Phil Peterson

- i. Report on Bank Account shows a balance of \$ 7,265.85  
*It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Mark Eubank to accept the Treasurer's Report on Bank Account. Motion carried unanimously.*

c. President's Report - William F. "Bill" Gigray

- i. Letter Re: Glenwood State Street Intersection Study – letter was sent
- ii. Discussion progress Scott Koberg's project – nothing to add at this time

Discussion of need to advocate for pathway maintenance – as segue to Gary Payne's pursuit of an appropriate cel-phone app for notifying on maintenance issues. Gary continued with opening up

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discussion on everybody's thought since the greenbelt would need extensive coverage to do an annual audit on maintenance report, say from Lucky Peak to Ballantyne Lane on State Highway 44 not all segments of which are connected. This subject should be deliberated on our Goals & Projects for 2019 and the thought from Don Stockton is that it should include Nampa and Caldwell. Gary Segers sees deterioration on many of our pathways and there would need to be assigned segments. Mark Eubank suggested doing the audit in the spring before flood. Tricia Nilsson said there is a Federal Highway Administration Certification Review done every four years encompassing the COMPASS metro- area. She suggested reading that report (The review starts on page 25 <http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/people/board/2018/agenda10152018.pdf>) and sent the link. It offers commendations and corrective actions on our transit and bike/ped investment. Paul Mann will read and summarize. COMPASS has its work program for this year and map of 400 miles of pathway and this will tie into updating the 2009 Boise River Trail Plan. Bill Gigray would like this information integrated with the Comprehensive Plans in various jurisdictions, cities and counties. Gary Payne continued his part of the discussion saying that A.C.H.D. has integrated categories for bikes already and that its app. Allows for picture taking at locations that give a GPS co-ordinate. The only problem is that it's difficult for the app.to operate outside its jurisdiction. That brings up the functionality of a having a Joint Powers Agreement in Bill Gigray's estimation which would lead to a mutuality of aid and get co-operation with and from highway districts. Tonight there will be the city of Star's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan held at the A.C.H.D. Auditorium, 3775 Adams Street, Garden City. Also, being held is the SW Boise

Don Stockton wanted to give a kudo to President Gigray who wrote a letter to Tate's Rental asking for help to use clearing equipment for construction a couple weeks ago on a potential path to Eagle Island State Park. The letter was sent on behalf of F.A.C.T.S. The president also wrote a letter to Matt Stolle suggesting that COMPASS would be the organization / agency to co-ordinate the 2009 Boise River Trail Plan. Liisa would like F.A.C.T.S. to note what is in the 2009 plan and what is going to be needed in the 2040 plan. Perhaps, Paul Mann's summary of certification review will lead to F.A.C.T.S. working with COMPASS toward the 2040 plan goals; *i.e.*, what needs to be enhanced and get Liisa on an upcoming F.A.C.T.S. agenda. The A.C.H.D. "Reporter" app still is not working on android and has not been updated for four years on android even though a map shows roads and trails as well according to Gary Segers who has talked to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. It is in process, however.

d. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- i. Rails with Trails Update – Paul Mann and Gary Payne attending a meeting 10/16. It was a nice meeting but the bad news is that Union Pacific is more entrenched than ever. Rachel Haukkala, COMPASS, led the meeting and there is interest in the trail going out to Wilder. Issue of leasing vs. buying and needing letter from all the users of the spur and a concept plan of what the trail would look like. RFP for the work group to select a consultant to be ready with cost estimates if and when Union Pacific changes its mind. A general breakdown is that the city of Boise owns 10 miles east of Boise and 26 miles need determination of who owns the easements. Meridian has 2.5 miles and some easements need to be perfected as they are not on track. The trade-off is whether money should be spent on the Interstate with its maintenance or urban transportation systems including buses and bicycle commuters.
- ii. Boise River Trail Plan Update – previously discussed

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- iii. Eagle Island Pathway – Robert Minch gave an update, saying that F.A.C.T.S. and the city of Eagle are coordinating their efforts. This may result in a Memorandum of Understanding for near-term work and utilizing F.A.C.T.S. as grant writers and grantees over the longer term. (Brief interruption as Laura Barbour had to leave early and we apologize for not getting her report early on the agenda.)  
An onsite visit 10/18 including Gary Shelley, Eagle Island State Park Manager, Chris Pettigrew from J-U-B, Josh Liddell from Hart Davis Ditch Company, Steve Noyes from Eagle City, Don Stockton and Robert Minch. Gary Shelley will be reporting on the project tomorrow to the State Parks Board. It is getting close to the critical moment to go to Don Newman family and ask ...will you give us an easement?  
Steve Noyes had high praise for the committee's meeting with the Honorable Stan Ridgeway, mayor of Eagle to secure funding from Eagle to move forward. All present expressed appreciation to the city of Eagle for providing nearly \$25,000 in initial funding for design and survey work to be done by J-U-B Engineering. Steve Noyes also mentioned that there is a large interest in equestrian trails at Eagle Island State Park.
  - iv. Star Neighborhood Bicycle & Ped Plan – Open House tonight at A.C.H.D. shows trails going east from Eagle, which stop short of Linder Road. Robert Minch called Trevor Chadwick, Star Council member and is waiting to hear back.
4. Continuing Business
- a. F.A.C.T.S. Priorities for 2019? Gary Segers will lead discussion at November meeting and a brief resume of some suggested Goals follows:
    - Specific pathway planning centered on Eagle Island (including Newman property)
    - Identify new pathway projects in both Ada and Canyon County
    - Opportunities and barriers – Boise River easements
    - Leverage existing and planned projects to include active transportation
    - Fund raising
    - Common wayfinding signage
    - Early input to pathway projects
    - Update 2009 Boise River Plan (COMPASS lead?)
    - Board recruitment and expansion
    - Identifying central repository for grant opportunities
    - Increase public visibility
  - b. Election of Directors and Officers  
Annual Meeting is November – get your campaign promises and slogans ready to run for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board elects the Directors and can set up the number of board members with a minimum of three.
5. New Business
- a. Plantation Bridge Replacement – Jan Johns, Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands  
IFP&L has applied for permits, which take two weeks, so in early 2019 work should start.  
They are working with engineers and, gratefully, the report is that the pilings do not need to be replaced.
6. Special Presentation – Mark Eubank

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A wonderful slide presentation on Bike Venues and Ideas from Europe. Mark suggests buying a book from Amazon entitled "Building the Cycling City: The Dutch Blueprint for Urban Vitality" authored by Melissa and Chris Bruntlett

7. Reports as Time Permits

- a. Ada County Highway District           no report
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways       no report, Scott Koberg had to leave early
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network       no report
- d. Caldwell Trails and Pathways Committee   nothing further to report
- e. Canyon County                           nothing further to report
- f. City of Boise                           no report, Trevor Kesner had to leave early
- g. City of Garden City                   Bill Mullane  
Sent out a picture story. Temporary dam putting water into diversion, the pounding and pile driving is pretty noise. Heron Park is coming along
- h. Canyon Highway District No. 4           no report
- i. City of Eagle Trails & Pathways Dept.     Steve Noyes  
Dirt work in Laguna is about done; can't keep people out of there. Rip Rap Walls are in. Bio-engineering draft if out and a public survey will be taken before it goes to the council. Solar powered bollard lighting connecting north channel on the greenbelt. Eagle is contributing close to \$ 25k for engineering on the Eagle Island Pathway
- j. City of Eagle Parks & Pathways Development - nothing further to report
- k. City of Kuna                           no report
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways       no report
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department       Phil Peterson  
Cody Swander continued planning is finishing up on the Stoddard Pathway including areas from Union Pacific
- n. COMPASS                               nothing further to report
- o. Idaho Transportation Department       Mark Wasdahl  
Mark would have looked up the Cloverdale overpass since it probably has raised bike lanes featured in Eubanks' presentation. It's the start of the process with construction bids due 10/30.

8. Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary