

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS, INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)
COMPASS Board Room 2nd Floor, 700 N.E. 2nd Street, Meridian, ID 83642
Called for 3:00 P.M., February 27, 2019

In attendance:

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| Braden Cervetti | COMPASS |
| Mark Eubank | Boise Citizen |
| Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray | Citizen and FACTS President |
| Sharon Hubler | Citizen and FACTS Secretary |
| Kim Ingraham | City of Star |
| Liisa Itkonen | COMPASS |
| Jan Johns | Executive Director, IFP&L |
| Trevor Kesner | Boise Parks |
| Brian McDevitt | Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands Director |
| Paul Mann | Citizen and Caldwell Bike & Path Committee |
| Robert Minch | Eagle Citizen |
| Wm. "Bill" Mullane | Citizen and city of Garden City representative |
| Liz Paul | Boise River Enhancement Network |
| Steve Noyes | City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department |
| Gary Payne | Citizen and FACTS Vice President |
| Phil Peterson | Citizen and FACTS Treasurer |
| Gary Segers | Citizen and Trails Advocate |
| Don Stockton | Citizen and Eagle Resident |
| Mark Wasdahl | ITD Senior Planner, Region 3 |
| Kim Warren | City of Meridian Pathways Project Manager |

1. Call to order and introductions

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

President Gigray introduced Brian McDevitt who is Project Manager for the Plantation Bridge.

2. Approve Agenda

It was moved by Jan Johns, seconded by Gary Payne that the agenda be approved without additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Continued confirmation of *ex officio* agency members.

3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports

a. Secretary's Report – Sharon Hubler

i. Minutes of January 23, 2019

It was moved by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Phil Peterson to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report – Phil Peterson

i. Phil reported that he has submitted request for property tax exemption to Ada County. The bank balance is holding steady at \$ 7,359.35

It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Jan Johns to accept the Treasurer's report and bank balance. Motion carried unanimously.

c. President's Report – Wm. "Bill" Gigray

i. Glenwood/State Street Intersection Study – Gary Segers has studied the concept study released in December 2018. The impact area south of the Glenwood Bridge did not address approaches to the bridge and it is thought that approaches should be included as part of the bike/ped improvement. Response is that design improvement has been delayed due to funding. Don Stockton would like for

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F.A.C.T.S. to contact Judy DeLorenzo, Region 3 representative on the Idaho Transportation board and Amy Revis, District 3 (head) engineer to advocate for needed improvements on the Glenwood Bridge. Paul Mann expressed the need to nail down the funding. Mark Wasdahl said no funding is available this cycle but could be included in the next cycle.

Bill Gigray added an Option B to the discussion. Contact District 3 and ferret out what's gone on and see what's of concern to Garden City? It's a really busy bridge, non-walkable. There are issues separate from design such as the counter (contra) flow and lack of bike/ped co-ordination on what is right now a funnel. Bill would suggest checking on other bridges and see how traffic is separated by direction of the trail.

It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to authorize Bill Mullane and Gary Segers to work together and advocate with key people, to go over concerns and contact operational staff regarding the Glenwood Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission – invitation to present F.A.C.T.S. overview, what we are, what we do at its upcoming meeting March 13 at 5:30 pm being given 30 minutes at the top of the agenda to new and continuing members on the Parks Commission. Representing F.A.C.T.S. will be Jan Johns, Gary Payne and Bill Gigray. Bill thought handing out the Articles of Incorporation would also be illustrative of what we are and what we do.
- iii. Discussion of need to advocate for periodic needed pathway maintenance and submit to appropriate jurisdiction – Gary Payne will continue work.
- iv. Garden City pathway link proximate to Expo Idaho horse barns – keep on track for advocating improving the condition of this segment. Bill would like for F.A.C.T.S. to keep involved early on for the Linder Road study between Chinden Blvd. and State Street by keeping in contact with A.C.H.D.'s David Corcoran and Ryan Head. Bill said that the South Channel Bridge needs to be built high enough for bicycle passage; Don Stockton commented that he would push for “protected” bike lane on Linder. Another key study is a bridge replacement concept study west of Eagle.
- d. Special Ad-Hoc Committee Reports
 - i. Rails with Trails – Liisa Itkonen indicated that ALTA has been selected as the consultant and additional money under consideration by the COMPASS board for revision in contract. The April COMPASS meeting will also include a field visit.
 - ii. 2009 Boise River Trail Plan Update - Liisa introduced Braden Cervetti, assistant planner and bike/ped co-ordinator for COMPASS. Braden has duties with the ACTIVE Transportation Work Group, specifically the 2050 Bikeways and Pathways Plan that involves two counties and nine cities. The Boise River plan will also include development and maintenance. Liz Paul had double booked commitments, needed to leave, and representing Boise River Enhancement Network remarked that BREN had been active in the 2009 Boise River Plan, now being updated. She commented that there are 400 miles of both on street, off street pathways and that within one mile 80+ are for getting to work. She is the delegated individual to keep track of this.
Continuing on Gary Segers wants cities, counties and highway district involvement. Bill Gigray sees the repository value in having COMPASS' developing an

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implementation plan to go with and to keep it updated. Don Stockton inquired whether this updated plan would have copies of all easements along the river? Paul Mann saw value in having other waterways as part of the updated 2009 Boise River plan. Bill Gigray would like to see an itinerary of how to move forward. Braden responded that the format included what aspects are going to be built, as well as those already scheduled. Liisa followed up noting that work will be starting soon, ideally the fall of 2020.

iii. Eagle Island Pathway – Robert Minch

There are three easements. Steve Noyes complimented White Peterson law firm that has taken on the challenge of starting on a great template to get a co-operative agreement with Hart Davis Ditch Company. One of these parcels is on a timeline since it converts from the developer to HOA fairly soon. It's getting more real everyday getting to Eagle Island State Park, according to Robert. 500 feet of the pathway that floods every year will be relocated.

iv. Star Neighborhood Bicycle and Ped Plan – Kim Ingraham

Good to hear that a State Park to State Park RTP grant is in the works.

4. Continuing Business – Review 2019 Goals

- Specific pathway planning centered on Eagle Island State Park
- Identify new pathway projects, such as Williamson Ranch Pathway (Eagle), Plantation Island Bridge (Garden City) Eagle Road Path (north of South Channel) and Locust Grove(Eagle Island State Park Connector)
- FACTS Board recruitment and expansion
- Increase public visibility of FACTS
- Conduct periodic audit of needed pathway maintenance and submit to appropriate jurisdiction

Other goals were identified that may be acted on during the calendar year include:

- Leverage existing and planned projects in Ada/Canyon counties to assure inclusion of ACTIVE transportation components
- Fund raising (including grants)

Discussion was continued on the review of the 2019 Goals. Suggestion on second bullet was adding some other projects. Suggestion on fourth bullet would be to contact Steve Stuebner. On the fifth bullet, Gary Payne will continue to discuss how to do pathway maintenance audits and get quite a lot of information through COMPASS. Braden Cervetti said that data on pathways can include a bunch of cameras collecting photos to determine very bad to good trail conditions. Grants were received and the program could be built and running by this summer. The request page is the same as the counter program.

5. New Business

- a. Plantation Bridge Replacement Update
Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands

Brian McDevitt

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The bridge was removed in 2017 due to the 10,000 CFS running in the river. A FEMA grant was approved last fall and the contract let 2/1/19 with a targeted completion date of April 6, 2019. The Bureau of Reclamation decided today to begin to raise the level of water because of the 124% of normal snowpack. Beginning March 6th, BOR will raise the Boise River by 500 CFS per day for three days. By Friday, March 8th the Boise River will be 1,750 CFS at the Glenwood Bridge. (good news is that the bridge was hoisted, swung and reinstalled Monday, March 18th despite the water release)

470 cu. Yard of fill material and 200 cu. Yard of rip-rap plus armoring on top of 50 tons of 4-foot boulders will increase bridge stability for the future. The pathway will be closed for a week after the bridge is reinstalled. The grant provides for 100 feet upstream from the bridge and perhaps restoration can be completed for the rest of the pathway. Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands raised \$ 117,000 and with the FEMA grant \$ 200,000 is being spent on the project. The 4-foot boulders cost an additional sum of \$ 10,000.

6. Reports as Time Permits

- a. Ada County Highway District no report
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways no report
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network Liz Paul, under 3.d ii
- d. Caldwell Trails & Pathways Committee Paul Mann
Paul went to ITD meeting a month ago concerning five –foot bike/ped lane under Linden, which will be closed to extend airport.
- e. Canyon County no report
- f. City of Boise Trevor Kesner
Finished with all of Boise River bank repairs. Terraced stair access at two of three points. Whitewater Park Phase II right now consisting of in-river work.
- g. City of Garden City Bill Mullane
Update onsite visit with Gary Segers, Robert Minch and Don Stockton to look at 52nd Street detour requiring a little channel crossing to get to Plantation Island. (Third access) resulting in agreement to “support any efforts to make this happen.”
- h. Canyon Highway District No. 4 no report
- i. City of Eagle Trails & Pathway Dept. Steve Noyes
Interesting as always, talking about two rest rooms, trailheads and trail counter at Lakemoor and Linder Roads. Counter shows one-third bicycle transit. Development at Belvoir Estates between Floating Feather and Highway 16 alongside Beacon Light.
- j. City of Eagle Parks & Pathways Development Robert Minch
Robert has been appointed as the new Parks & Recreation Commissioner for city of Eagle.
- k. City of Kuna no report
- l. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways Kim Warren
Finished G.I.S. layers on where does Meridian need connections; it has been approved by Parks Commission and now goes to Meridian City Council. Ten Mile & Black Cat from Wastewater Treatment Plant secured some T.A.P. funding, declined for now in favor of 2021 Locust Grove to Linder widening. Kim is pleased to have F.A.C.T.S. present at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting third Wednesday, March 13th.
- m. City of Nampa Parks Department Cody Swander, Phil Peterson
Phil indicated that an updated bike/ped plan will go before Nampa City Council March 4th. Bicycle Advisory Committee concerned with puncture weed as a priority and a task force will work on this. Restriping will occur on streets in Zone D, downtown Nampa and south.

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| o. COMPASS | Liisa Itkonen, Braden Cervetti |
| p. Idaho Transportation Department | Mark Wasdahl |
| Lardo Bridge in McCall artwork done on one-half scale; sounds wonderful. | |
| q. Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation | no report |
| r. Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail | Laura Barbour, busy with upcoming Task force meeting in Glens Ferry |

7. Adjournment

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary