

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)  
COMPASS ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL – 700 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian, ID 83642  
Called for 3:00 P.M., June 24, 2020

In attendance:

Cecilia Auwusie	ITD, District 3 Headquarters
Karen Danley	Equine in Idaho, Ada County Equestrians
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Jan Johns	Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands
Trevor Kesner	Boise City Parks
Scott Koberg	Ada County Parks and Waterways
Paul Mann	Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Robert Minch	Citizen and Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Commission
Bill Mullane	Representative Garden City
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Department
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Phil Peterson	Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Jennifer Salmonsens	Councilwoman, City of Star
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Kim Warren	Meridian Pathways Project Manager

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1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
Visual roll call and welcome on FACTS first Zoom meeting.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
Time permitting Gary Segers called for additional Agenda item under Old Business  
*It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Gary Segers to approve the Agenda as published.  
Motion carried.*
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler, Secretary  
In Secretary's absence Minutes of February 26, 2020 were taken by Phil Peterson. Noting that page 2 and 3 repeated at the top and a thank you note for the presentation before the COMPASS Board was received from Victor Rodriguez, Nampa City Council Seat #1 and COMPASS Board member the Minutes were in good standing with minor corrections.  
*It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Liisa Itkonen, that the Minutes of February 26, 2020 should be approved with minor corrections. Motion carried.*
  - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson, Treasurer  
No net activity in bank balance occurred with the Withdrawal for PayPal verification. The bank balance is \$ 6,038.84.  
*It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Jennifer Salmonsens to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - c. President's Report Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President
    - i. Michael S. Talbott, President, VIDA Properties, LP, project in Garden City may include a 300 apartment unit complex. Bill has spoken with Erstad Architects and hopes to make another invite to Mr. Talbott. His advocacy on a bridge connection to Plantation Island would be conducive. Garden City approves this major amenity in principal but it is a matter of money.

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- ii. Update on application for Bridge Easement/River Crossing to Plantation Island from 52<sup>nd</sup> Street delivered to Idaho Dept. of Lands.  
Bill says it was mailed to the right player but has not heard back.
- iii. Authorize letter to Ada County BOCC thanking for the refurbishment of EXPO Idaho Pathway. Kudos voiced all around to Scott Koeborg for getting this line item into the Capital Account, most especially from bicyclists Mark Eubank, Jan Johns and Bob Hay; and, as Bob Hay explained the use of the greenbelt is way, literally being loved to death.  
*It was moved by Jan Johns, seconded by Bob Hay to authorize the president to write a letter of thanks and commendation to the Ada County BOCC. Motion carried.*
- iv. Letter to A.C.H.D. Director Bruce Wong  
Initially heard cannot involve staff time attending F.A.C.T.S. Gary Segers offered to poke around, see if there is some interest as a form of community outreach. Gary would speak with Kristy Inselman, Sr. Transportation Planner and staff Advisor to A.C.H.D. Bicycle Advisory Committee. Another linkage with A.C.H.D. is Edinson Bautista who co-ordinates American Disabilities Act (ADA) program. Kim Warren expressed her appreciation for the partnership that A.C.H.D. provides for Meridian City and its open door on projects, which have included working with Edinson.
- v. Northwest part of Meridian – Bill reached out to Kim Warren, which lies north of Highway 20/undergoing widening of Highway 20. Public Information Officer indicates lots of growth going on.
- vi. Canyon Hwy. District #4 and city of Caldwell – this is a big budget project that includes the old Highway 30 silver bridge. Native American artifacts reconnaissance supported in part by urban renewal funds. Bill would like to send a letter expressing public support of the project to District #4, Mayor and Council, city of Caldwell.  
*It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Gary Payne that the President be authorized to send a letter of support as outlined. Motion carried.*
- d. Vice-President's report Gary Payne, Vice President
  - i. FACTS Web page – starting to implement PayPal payments link within the next few weeks. This will allow Contributions by other credit cards as well.
  - ii. Enhance Facebook presence –Comments can be posted ascribed to FACTS. The Facebook web page managers would report back at FACTS meeting what posts had been made and attributed to FACTS.
  - iii. Trevor Kesner mentioned that city of Boise has pretty active media accounts and possibly FACTS information could be interpolated for greater messaging of FACTS.
- 4. Special Presentation Survey “Where Do WE Grow from Here?” Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS  
Current COMPASS survey through July 11<sup>th</sup>. COMPASS is a forum for regional collaboration in Ada and Canyon Counties; it is a metropolitan planning organization that plans for long term well being of the valley. There are four regional roles: Plan, Implement, Provide technical expertise and Facilitate. We are familiar with “Communities in Motion” 2040 2.0, which has a 20 year horizon going forward to 2050 by which time the expectation is for 1.075,000 population in the two counties. Obviously, unfunded needs require input and feedback. Back in the Fall of 2019 surveyed “How You See Your Lives Changing” and 3700 participated. This survey posits “What If” transportation Scenarios:  
Let it Be – maintaining existing system, widening some corridors (State Street Transportation Route)

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Ticket to Ride – high capacity Caldwell to Boise, new funding source

Penny Lane – affordability of housing; smaller homes and lots near jobs; *i.e.*, increased walking and biking

Come Together – growth where there is already existing infrastructure, scenarios for preserving farmland, walking, biking and transit systems

The outcome hopes to achieve identifying possible funding sources for the 1.022,000 population forecast for 2040. The plan is updated every four years.

Liisa said there will be no “in person” meetings @COMPASS during Stage 3.

Rails with Trails – Rachel Haukkala has provided information delineating whether right-of-way is owned or easements. Union Pacific owns the land and would seem to be the one landowner from Bill’s perspective. She sought and sees the potential for 25 funding sources.

11<sup>th</sup> Street Project from Heron Street to River Street

Gary Segers

A.C.H.D. changed study area to State Street using 11<sup>th</sup> downtown all the way to River Street getting input from ITD, city of Boise, CCDC and Bicycle Advisory Committee. This will be a low-stress bikeway. CCDC (Capital City Development Corporation) is taking a lead hiring Kittelson & Associates, Inc. Transportation Consultants. Gary sits on the Interagency Advisory Team, in progress 5/14/20 to 7/21/20 interviewing local businesses. “Protected” Access concerns Myrtle and Front Streets. Chamber, hoteliers, should get on board with this project going to the greenbelt. 8<sup>th</sup> Street approach may get further attention. Trevor Kesner is following the project along the existing Pioneer Pathway. Trevor mentioned a good connection along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street providing access to Julia Davis Park, Capitol Blvd. and BSU from the foothills. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is next to the Courthouse and has “protected” crossings (signalization) on Front & Myrtle, past Zoo Boise crossing Boise River over Friendship Bridge. Trevor acknowledged Idaho Central Credit Union combined with Ball – Ahlquist Ventures being instrumental as well. As to 8<sup>th</sup> Street it is owned by Boise, with the rest owned by A.C.H.D.

5. Agency Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District no report
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways Scott Koberg  
Scott’s happy to have EXPO Idaho done before Memorial Day despite rain delays. Path is widened, took down power poles. Currently EXPO Advisory Committee put on hold. Subject matter experts work with staff; there is no direct County involvement.
- c. Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee Paul Mann  
Paul mentioned a continuum of projects, one involving pathway from Caldwell YMCA to Vallivue High School. Bicycle meeting last Thursday with social distancing. Clean Cities Coalition, Indian Creek Festival. Old Trolley Car stations, silver light-duty bridge part of the old Interurban Railroad going as far as Curtis Park, then east to Middleton and Star.
- d. Canyon Highway District #4 no report
- e. Canyon County is doing a revision of comprehensive plan.
- f. City of Boise Trevor Kesner  
Had to leave for another meeting
- g. City of Eagle Trails & Pathways Steve Noyes  
Steve gave an update on the EISP project; disclaimer to IDOL in process to obtain delineation of easements kept by Newman family. Newman levee ideal place

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to get to it; have to go through forested wetlands, which may require a boardwalk of sorts. Two easements from Mace River Ranch. FEMA helped pay for mitigation, no Bikepath facility into or out of EISP. EISP project has helped open a couple connections Highway s 55 and 44, which will be a combination of concrete and asphalt; *i.e.*, Riverwalk Trail, subdivision, restroom, coming off Linder Road with a nice parking area. City of Boise has a line item for staff+ for Master Canals Plan. Thank you, Trevor, for all your hard work. The North Channel Eagle Road bridge improvement slated for 2023. Reference to Parking lot built by Back Country Sportsmen. Equestrian pathways either divert from greenbelt or side-by-side, perhaps? It would be beneficial to schedule meeting with Tom Helmer, State Parks, on the equestrian pathway going through Eagle Island State Park and State Parks Board could be involved hearing a presentation on bridle path.

- h. City of Meridian Kim Warren  
Kim was excited to host a pathways tour for the mayor and council liaison and Park and Recreation commissioners. It was a six mile ride focusing on 2021 projects including 31 Square miles of impact area and 12 projects put into Kim’s budget request. Kim concentrates on connectivity and these will open up further pathway mileage, do-able. Five Mile Creek continues to be a priority pathway. Five contiguous miles Eagle Road Interchange to McDermott. Connection from Black Cat to Ten Mile and Water Treatment Plant. Trail Head from Black Cat eventually to Nampa along Ten Mile.
- i. City of Nampa Phil Peterson  
The Bike/Ped Advisory Committee has been put on hiatus after January. Stoddard Pathway way south of town, near Belmont, stopped at Iowa Avenue historically; Trade with Union Pacific now can go to downtown Nampa. Project at bidding Stage, pre-bid meetings have been held. Work has begun finishing Grimes Pathway North of town. City Council July 6 acted on several pathways, stressing connections. With Braden Cervetti’s help Nampa will get additional counters. E –bike policy almost in place. In June new HAWK (High Intensity Cross Walk Signal) at Blaine and Midland.
- j. City of Star Jennifer Salmonsens  
City of Star has property located on Star Road. City has renovated some buildings to provide recreation programs location of which backs up to Heron River subdivision. Deed over property to the city, which includes two beaches lakes, to be stocked by Fish & Game. Paddleboard rentals will be included. City participated trash clean-up along river Eagle, Middleton and Caldwell liaisons to local pathway and beautification committee. A.C.H.D. helped to develop pathway document and expand system.

Since the ZOOM meeting ran past the time of 5:00 pm the balance of agenda items were moved to the next meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary

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