

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., November 25, 2020

In attendance:

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 and Lands
Paul Mann	Caldwell City Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Robert Minch	City of Eagle Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission
Bill Mullane	Representative Garden City
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Jennifer Salmonsens	City Council, Star
Gary Segers	Citizen and Trails Advocate
Cody Swander	City of Nampa Parks
Don Stockton	Eagle Citizen and Trails Advocate
Mark Wasdahl	District 3, ITD
Guests:	
Alayne Blickle	Equestrian Group
Karen Coon	Middleton, Equestrian Advocate
Scott Nichols	Back Country Horsemen

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS sixth ZOOM meeting at 3:03 p.m. Note: several had difficulty getting correct Zoom link and there was discrepancy in getting the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions or deletions) Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
Jennifer Salmonsens indicated that under Special *ad hoc* Committee Reports 7.iii the Star Bike & Ped Plan with the assistance of A.C.H.D. has been completed and can be eliminated. Further reporting will be under Agency Reports – City of Star.  
*The Agenda was approved by consensus voice vote.*
3. Election of Directors & Officers Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President  
The November meeting is traditionally the Annual Meeting, the purposes of which is the Election of Directors (3 or more), Officers, including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; and, *ex officio* members. Directors can vote on all matters submitted at meetings.  
*It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Paul Mann to proceed ahead with the Annual Meeting. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*  
Jan Johns asked to be put on *ex officio* status for one year. Jennifer Salmonsens would stay the same or become a Director. If needed Jennifer's status can be clarified at the next meeting.  
Current Directors are: W.F. Gigray, Gary Payne, Sharon Hubler, Phil Peterson, Don Stockton, Gary Segers, Paul Mann, Robert Minch, Mark Eubank, Wm. "Bill" Mullane, Karen Danley and Bob Hay.  
*It was moved by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Karen Danley for the Directors as currently listed absent Jan Johns to be retained. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*  
Current officers have agreed to serve another year consisting of President Bill Gigray, Vice President Gary Payne, Secretary Sharon Hubler, and Treasurer Phil Peterson.  
*It was moved by Mark Eubank, seconded by Karen Danley to retain officers as they are. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*

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President Gigray called out the names of *ex officio* both present and not present who are Liisa Itkonen, Mark Wasdahl, Cody Swander, Alayne Blickle, Scott Nichols, Jan Johns, Karen Coon, Braden Cervetti, Kim Warren, Scott Koberg, Steve Noyes, Trevor Kesner, Liz Paul, Colin Schmidt, Cecilia Arritola, Tom Helmer and Laura Barbour. Note: David Wallace has retired from A.C.H.D. and his replacement is Justin Lucas, Deputy Director, Programs and Projects A.C.H.D.

*It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Mark Eubank to confirm ex officio members as listed above. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*

4. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports

a. Secretary's Report

Sharon Hubler

i. Minutes of October 28, 2020

It was pointed out that the letter from Geoffrey Wardle should state Shawn McFadden, not Shawn Wardle as the client. This correction is located 3 c. ii

*It was moved by Bill Gigray, seconded by Don Stockton that the Minutes of October 28, 2020 be approved as corrected. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*

b. Treasurer's Report

Phil Peterson

Phil was absent.

c. President's Report

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray III

i. Michael S. Talbott, Principal, Vida Properties, LP (invited)

No response for this meeting but further contact will be maintained.

ii. River Crossing – 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge Easement – Bill Gigray and Bill Mullane met on Zoom yesterday 11/24 with the Garden City Parks & Waterways Committee at the invitation of Jenah Thornborrow, Development Services Director for G.C. Present were Susie Vader, Dallas Yergenson and Jenah Thornborrow, Staff. Garden City offered official notice and approval of FACTS efforts and in return Garden City was asked for its support. G.C. has concerns with maintenance and wants no surprises as the project unfolds. Jenah will be the main point of contact with Bill Mullane the liaison to both G.C. and FACTS. Colin Schmidt, Public Works, will be kept in the loop. Jenah did a follow-up email detailing the need for bridge size, size of easement and so forth. FACTS representatives will meet with the Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands at its board meeting January 9, 2021. G.C. has a small staff with lots of responsibility. It cannot take on a major role in this project. Gary Payne, chair of Sub-Committee on River Crossing/Bridge said that it had met virtually 2x since the last FACTS meeting October 28<sup>th</sup> mainly reviewing the J-U-B proposed Scope of Work and seeking clarification on some minor technical concerns with how outside scope of work contracts will be handled in order to allow for FACTS participation. It looks to be standard contract language. Bill and Gary P. will meet with J-U-B in advance of the sub-committee's making recommendation to the FACTS board.

Signatures and recordation from the State Attorney General and Governor's offices have not yet been received on the Idaho Dept. of Lands Easement. Pertinent since the five-year time span begins on the date that the Easement is recorded.

Bob Hay queried as to whether Garden City had expressed any support for funding? There are budget limitations and Bill conceded that the project is in the early stages of getting plans together. Bill thanked Gary P. for his leadership.

iii. Report on Meeting with Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District Board of Commissioners November 12<sup>th</sup> - Gary Segers did a great presentation on Zoom and screen sharing. His takeaway was to suggest that either a District Commissioner or Middleton City Council member join FACTS. Bill Gigray noted that another FACTS

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presentation should be made before the Middleton City Council in furtherance of establishing a pathway system adjacent to the River or in proximity with the River. Tim O’Meara, Exec. Director for the District is a City Council member as well. Bill asked if Mark Wasdahl was aware of applications for development between the River and Hwy. 44 on the east side. Mark was not aware of any having final design approval or where the city of Middleton is on the application(s). Bicandi property on the south side would provide access from Middleton to Caldwell and/or crossing the River from the north side on the old pilings from the Interurban Bridge taken out during World War II could transect the Curtis Park property owned by the city of Caldwell. Land use planning currently does not link into bike path planning and right now Middleton seems more interested in parks than linkages. Don Stockton asked whether we know where the Idaho Dept. of Lands Easements are and there might be some new easements since the information gathered by him and Robert Minch about three or four years ago. Gary Segers thought FACTS should revisit those easements and potential new easements and the jurisdictions involved. Don Stockton will follow-up.

- iv. Formation of Ada/Canyon Pathway Alliance – Bill suggested not spending any time on this today. The fact of having Equestrian representatives and Gary Payne attending the Canal Coalition and money appropriated by the city of Boise toward that effort is encouraging. Also, the city of Caldwell was granted the appurtenances of the Pioneer Irrigation District and this could also have application.
- d. Vice President’s Report Gary Payne
  - i. PayPal Donation Button FACTS webpage – a problem with getting vpn – virtual private networks – donations completed. Robert Minch offered to work on configuration.
  - ii. Possible advertisement on FACTS web site; cf., request from Power Meter City (This was skipped and will be considered at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.)
- 5. Special Presentations Karen Danley

Equestrian Developments in Ada/Canyon County – Alayne Bickle has been instrumental in preparing a grant, which is due 12/1/20 from the Idaho Horse Council. She, Karen and Scott Nichols have been working with Gary Shelley, Manager Eagle Island State Park and Steve Noyes, city of Eagle Trails & Pathways Superintendent. The grant is entitled “Eagle Island Equestrian Trail Training”, the nexus being that having a centralized area in the Valley will accommodate people and their horses north and south of the Boise River in Ada/Canyon Counties. These are low maintenance options such as culverts, crossing logs, opening gates, bridges designed to be an equestrian obstacle course, dispersed and barely noticeable for backcountry training and bonding between horse and rider. On the part of the rider it gratifies Equestrian Skills. For most the course is not designated exclusive to horses. Foothills development is pushing for this kind of availability. The grant award, made 1 February 2021 runs until 31 October 2021 in the amount of \$2500. Bob Hay asked what happens to and would it flood at 8,000 cfs? Scott replied that the course is designed to not affect flow or adversely affect flooding. Concern on identifying public access r-o-w east and west. Don Stockton replied that easements are on the south side/south channel but nothing on the south side/north channel, affording no easements for pathways. Bill Gigray asked if there was any action on the part of FACTS toward fulfillment of this grant. Response was “Letter of Support” submitted by Monday.

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*It was moved by Paul Mann, seconded by Gary Payne, that such a Letter be written toward the advancement of different activities other than bike/ped. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*

6. Agency Reports

- a. Ada County Highway District No report
- b. Ada County Parks & Waterways No report
- c. Boise River Enhancement Network No report
- d. Caldwell Pathways & Bike Routes Committee Paul Mann  
Last Thursday meeting on bicycle project plan approval in near future. Don Kostelec assisted with updates to Caldwell Master Plan and pathway is complete to Vallivue High School.
- e. Canyon County No report
- f. Canyon Highway District No. 4 Tim Richards  
Bill Gigray reported that the FLAP grant the Lake Lowell Pathway project has funding for 2022-2023 through FHWA. Shared use four-foot shoulders on both sides of Roosevelt, and Indiana will get to Orchard. Construction in 2024. This will provide an additional 27 miles.
- g. City of Boise No report
- h. City of Eagle Trails & Pathways Robert Minch  
More FEMA money than anticipated. RTP grant – delay – allocate through different section of trail, if possible.
- i. City of Garden City Bill Mullane  
Concrete pathway east of the Waterfront District is a good improvement and moved away from the Townhouses gate.
- j. City of Kuna No report
- k. City of Meridian Parks & Pathways No report
- l. City of Nampa Parks Department Cody Swander  
Delays on construction of Stoddard Pathway scheduled this fall, now delayed to spring 2021. Contract has been awarded to Asphalt Driveways, LLC; consists of at one mile in length.
- m. City of Star Jennifer Salmonsens  
Pathway committee developing Master Pathway Plan to present to city council in January 2021 sometime for adoption. There's a large development finishing its complete build out in 2021 on north side of Boise River called Heron Subdivision at which point they will deed over property right next to Boise River to city of Star, which should provide greenbelt continuity. City received a fiber grant and one of the first installations will be the 960 South Main "River House", a small community center offering rec classes, river access, ponds, and fishing. Wi-Fi will also be available at City Hall and a large public park. There seems to be good acceptance of public easements talking to various private property owners. Robert Minch asked how close to Hwy. 16 could the public easements expand the greenbelt? West side seems viable and perhaps east side of Hwy. 16 Moon Valley development is amenable. As a council person, Bill pointed out that Jennifer has some leverage. Bill highlights continuity from Eagle Island State Park all the way to Hwy. 16. Jennifer said there is access to BLM land to the north. Where do you cross Hwy.44 in Star? Bill pointed out the traffic is really heavy for late afternoon meetings. To/be/determined. Both Don Stockton and Robert Minch would be glad to work with Star and tie trails together.
- n. COMPASS Liisa Itkonen  
Nothing more for now.
- o. ITD Mark Wasdahl  
Nothing to report from his side. Bill asked about the Hwy. 44 Bypass through Middleton.

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Mark responded it had undergone entire environmental clearance, now; however, undergoing traffic study addendum, moving forward to public meeting and then record of hearing. Mark confirmed it will move Hwy. 44 south. A virtual open house on Karcher Road project 10-foot separated pathways on both sides of Hwy. 55. eventually to Farmway Road. Environmental clearance from Tara Lane to Sunnyslope curve. Project planned for 2025. Paul Mann asked whether an underpass under 55 (with five lanes) to provide bike/ped access to Lake Lowell? Caldwell has annexed area south of Hwy. 55. Question phase is right now and Project Manager is Mark. The project, frankly, lacks feedback. There are a number of water crossings and Boise Project Board of Control and local irrigation district are involved. Mark recalled an underpass/overpass project one-quarter mile east of Eagle Road on Hwy. 44 and the cost estimates were close to \$8 to \$11M. COMPASS has a project development program with a solid engineered basis and good cost accounting that would help to explore this possibility. Meantime, Bill and Paul will ask Jerome Mapp to get underpass concept on Feb.2021 meeting. One further item for now is the Middleton I-84 overpass. Mark confirmed it will be much more pedestrian friendly than the 1960 construction mode.

p. Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation No Report

7. Special Ad Hoc Committee Reports

i. Public Relations Committee -regroup fairly soon

ii. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Project-Bicycle Advisory Committee Gary Segers

Concept design by A.C.H.D. and C.C.D.C. provides for raised bike path; next step is final design. Entire project to be funded by C.C.D.C.

Bill asked about Glenwood Bridge project. Gary S. has been in contact with Cecilia Arritola. Mark said that a group did a public survey along with Center City Development Corp. on State Street. Next month the group will gather and get responses collated.

Bill asked about Bridge on Eagle Road (west side) and Mark found it on page 2. COMPASS T.I.P. that indicates heading for construction on the north channel 2023.

iii. Rails with Trails Liisa Itkonen

Rachel is putting together an Annual Report. Not too much since cost study was developed. Some segments in Meridian and perhaps Boise are more implementable

Notes for upcoming meeting: Gary would like to hear Braden Cervetti's Bump Bike report, which details Conditions of trails. North Meridian A.C.H.D. plan has been approved and it's an important Interface with greenbelt.

Discussion on December meeting:

*It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Don Stockton that the December FACTS cancel and the next FACTS meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of January 2021. No one dissented and the motion carried.*

Everyone wished one another a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year. Bill thanked all the participants for their efforts.

The meeting stood adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary

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