



# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

## SPECIAL MEETING • MINUTES

### Meridian Parks & Recreation Facilities Tour

Starting Location: Discovery Park

2121 E. Lake Hazel Road, Meridian, Idaho

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 • 5:00 p.m.

*The Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission is a volunteer citizens' group that is created and empowered to advise the City on issues relating to park facilities and recreation programs of the City. Their mission is to gather input from staff and other qualified personnel on issues relating to the creation and design of public parks and open spaces; to listen to public input; and to provide advice and recommendations on parks and recreation related matters to the Mayor and City Council.*

### 1. Roll-Call Attendance

MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

X Mandi Roberts, Chair

O Jennifer Bobo

X Jo Greer

X Elle Hood

O Brienne Sandow

X Dom Gelsomino, Vice Chair

X Terry Dennington

O Alan Helms

X John Nesmith

Others present were: City Council – Luke Cavener, Anne Little Roberts, Brian Whitlock, John Overton, Doug Taylor, Mayor Robert Simison; MPR Department staff - Steve Siddoway, Mike Barton, Garrett White, Roger Norberg, Joey Cordova, Jake Garro, Renee White, Jenna Fletcher, Maggie Combs, Shelly Houston, Cassandra Schiffler, Skyler Cook, Kim Warren, Jenna Haley, Sheena Honey, Jackie Smith, Rachel Myers, Kevin Fipps, Ryan Roberts; Tammy and Jan de Weerd, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Overton, Jill Siddoway, Cody Swander, and Tim Szofran.

### 2. New Business

Participants met at the Parks Shop at Discovery Park at 5 p.m. Dinner was served. MPR Director Steve Siddoway welcomed everyone, and introductions were made. Steve recognized BriCon – this year's dinner sponsor.

#### a. Tour of Meridian Parks & Recreation Facilities – Steve Siddoway

**Tour Sites, Route, Key Topics, & Speakers:**

- 1) Discovery Park (2121 E. Lake Hazel Road) – Topics: Arts & Culture update/highlights; new public art in park; Art Week – presented by Cassandra Schiffler. Grand opening/highlights of Phase 2; community garden – presented by Mike Barton.

While driving by Mary MacPherson Elementary School, topics included: Pathways; Master Plan Update, Mary MacPherson Pathway – presented by Kim Warren.

- 2) Homecourt (936 W. Taylor Avenue) – Topics: Bay 6 Renovation Tour – presented by Garrett White. Homecourt usage update/highlights; floor resurfacing – presented by Jake Garro. Fall Activity Guide & Classes; Camp updates/highlights – presented by Jenna Fletcher.

While driving by art, topic included: Traffic box art – presented by Cassandra Schiffler.

While driving down Ten Mile, topic included: Ten Mile islands – presented by Mike Barton.

While driving to Lakeview Golf Course, topic included: Maintenance update – presented by Roger Norberg.

- 3) Lakeview Golf Course (4200 W. Talamore Blvd.) – Topics: Golf course update; Introduce Kevin Fipps; tour clubhouse & patio – presented by Ryan Roberts.

While driving by Trailhub, topics included: Golden Spike Pathway & Trailhub improvements – presented by Kim Warren.

While driving to Settlers Park, topics included: Special events update; introduction to Jenna Haley; summer events highlights; events coming soon – presented by Renee White.

- 4) Settlers Park (3245 N. Meridian Road) – Topics: Community Center property; splash pad replacement; Adventure Island Playground 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary – presented by Steve Siddoway.

- 5) Tully Park (2500 N. Linder Road) – Topics: Tully Park playground & communication board – presented by Steve Siddoway

While driving to Community Pool, topics included: field reservations & external events update – presented by Skyler Cook.

- 6) Community Pool (213 E. Franklin Road) – Topics: pool improvements; Western Ada Recreation District transfer; pool operations update – presented by Garrett White.

While driving back to Discovery Park, topic included: Sports update – presented by Maggie Combs. Closing remarks; opportunity for Councilman Overton to say a few words – presented by Steve Siddoway.

**3. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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MANDI ROBERTS, CHAIR

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DOM GELSOMINO, VICE CHAIR

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