



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 • 5:30 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.

Roll-Call Attendance

Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

X Mandi Roberts, Chair
X Jennifer Bobo
X Jo Greer
X Elle Hood
X Brienne Sandow

X Dom Gelsomino, Vice Chair
X Terry Dennington
X Alan Helms
O John Nesmith

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway, Recreation Manager Garrett White, Homecourt Facility Manager Jake Garro, Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston, Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers, and Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane.

Adoption of the Agenda

Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino entertained a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Alan Helms moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brienne Sandow seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes

1. May 8, 2024 Special Meeting – Dom Gelsomino

Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Jo Greer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Alan Helms seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Announcements

2. Welcome New MPR Commissioner Brienne Sandow

Brienne shared that she was born and raised in Boise, living in Meridian since 2007. Worked with St. Luke's Health for the last 22 years. She's a nurse and the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer for the Meridian Hospital and Eagle Medical Plaza.

3. Upcoming Events – Shelly Houston, MPR Marketing Coordinator

- Fall Activity Guide – includes info on Meridian Art Week and other special event ads. Along with our classes, workshops, and camps. Highlights our facilities as well. Next guide will come out the beginning of December.
- Upcoming events flyer (attached to these meeting minutes).
 - Some of our events have suffered this summer with the heat and smoke. Temperatures should be good for our Bri Kleiner Park Live Blues Festival on Friday night.
 - Adventure Island Playground 20th Anniversary – Event from 9 am to 2 pm on August 24th. Ceremony at 12 pm with Steve, Mayor Simison, playground founders and Mayor Tammy speaking. About 25 resource vendors and activities related to being accessible and inclusive.
 - See other events listed on flyer, or refer to community calendar on our website.
 - Pool wrapped up a successful season, swim teams are still holding practices at the pool through beginning of November.
 - Golf course is still open for operation.
 - Saturday Market continues through mid-October on Saturdays from 9 – 2pm.

Commission Feedback:

- **Dom Gelsomino** – Is there anything different for the Trunk or Treat location?
Same as last year, on Broadway and in the City Hall plaza and parking lot.

New Business

4. Meridian Homecourt Update – Jake Garro, MPR Facility Manager

Jake shared that the high temps and smoke brought their patrons inside to Homecourt, they've had really good numbers. Excited to transition to the fall season that will bring other pickleball players back indoors, and when they have agreements with youth sports groups for volleyball and basketball.

Jake shared update for Homecourt via Power Point. Copies of the slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **Alan Helms** – What is a membership, how does the community get access?
Memberships are good for 30 days from purchase. They can be month to month or reoccurring. Meridian Youth & Seniors \$15/mo., Meridian Adults \$20/mo., and Non-Meridian Residents \$25/mo.
- **Terry Dennington** – I understand Homecourt recently held a wedding?

We are not a wedding venue but the couple met at Homecourt and we did allow them to get married at Homecourt.

5. MPR Annual Facilities Tour Planning – Steve Siddoway, MPR Director

Invitation for the September 11th tour should have been received last week. This is a special meeting for our next Commission night. Starting and ending at Discovery Park in south Meridian. Would like to meet at 5:00 instead of 5:30 pm at the picnic shelter closest to the pickleball courts in the new phase. Working on dinner sponsor for our boxed dinners that are included. During the tour you will hear from the Parks staff and Rec staff. Event will be similar to previous years, but will include new projects, renovations and improvements. Will be done and back to Discovery Park by 9 pm.

Commission Feedback:

- **Terry Dennington** – How do you decide what is included in the tour?
We talk internally about highlights from the projects during the last 12 months. We are trying to highlight for both this Commission and the City Council what we are doing with the budgets that City Council grants us, and to the Commission what you help us work on.

Old Business ~ NONE

6. New Meridian Community Center Process Update – Garrett White, MPR Director

Garrett shared we have purchased the property at Settlers Park. We are working with ZGA Architects. We got an agreement with them approved by Council mid-July. Working with them for a first draft floor plan on what the community center will look like based off our current needs. For our October Commission meeting we'd like to move it to the 16th so we can bring the first draft to share for feedback before bringing it to City Council for their feedback. In November, we will invite the neighborhood surrounding the site for their feedback at City Hall. Construction in 2026-27, potentially opening in 2028.

Commission Feedback:

- **Jennifer Bobo** – Will there be an auditorium?
Looking at possibly doing a small stage on the end of a gym, like at an elementary school.

Workshop ~ NONE

7. Staff Reports

Steve Siddoway –

- Completed an extremely successful summer. Lots of summer activities wrapping up as we transition to the next phase of fall activities.
- We have a lot of fantastic accomplishments from the last year to share with everyone on the tour next month.

Mike Barton –

- Working on pathways master plan update. Held our first stakeholder input meeting and gathered a lot of data with about 20 stakeholders plus staff. Once the findings are compiled they will bring it to Commission for feedback on the direction of the plan.

- Locust Grove sidewalk widening, we have the last segment under construction right now. Should be wrapping up in the next week or so.
- Rail with Trail survey is complete. We are at about 30% for design drawings right now. We are analyzing environmental and historical impacts and will be making those submittals soon.
- A lot of projects this last year that are wrapped up with the exception of the two restrooms at the golf course that will be starting as soon as building permits are finalized.
- We are transitioning to next year's projects which include a couple more restrooms at the golf course. We have budgeted for a restroom at the trailhub. We have some road projects. For the medians on Ten Mile Road we have worked out an arrangement with Brighton that they will maintain the landscaping after we renovate it.
- We are taking over Tammy Street Park from Western Ada Recreation District. It's off of Fairview, a piece of grass that is about two-thirds of an acre. There is a group fundraising to possibly donate a playground. If we get to that point we will share the designs with the Commission.

Garrett White -

- Doing a lot of interviews for our Admin I position to replace Kaela.
- A lot of different pool projects. Replacing the shade cloths from the deck and building. We will install the replacements next spring. The existing pool motor is having issues, so we bought a replacement motor, since they have an 8-10 week lead time if it were to go out. If it went out, we would have to close for the summer. The new motor is in and in the next couple weeks they are going to rework the old motor so it would be ready to go as a replacement eventually for the new motor, as backup. We closed the pool to the public August 10th. The next day the circulation pump went out, so it's also being replaced. Replacing chemical tanks and other miscellaneous projects.
- Doing program fee review throughout our whole department. Making sure we are meeting all the cost recovery with all of our fees.
- We just hired Jenna Haley as our Event Specialist working with Renee White.
- This last spring, we turned away 47 volleyball and basketball teams due to not having enough gym space.
- Summer camp is done. We had great reviews from camp. Fall activity guide is out already, working on winter guide.
- Arts & Culture, Cassandra is working on the Linder Road overpass project. Trying to get our public art on a GIS map. Working on Chateau Park public art, and Concerts on Broadway starts August 24th.

Commission Feedback:

- **Jennifer Bobo** – The community loves the new pathway bridge. Foot and bike traffic are picking up on it.
The Golden Spike Bridge – as we drive close to it during the tour, we will talk about it.
- **Alan Helms** – Did those 47 teams have other options to go to?
I don't know for sure. We do a waitlist in the rare case that a team drops out. We refer teams to Boise but typically our registration deadlines are close. Our leagues fill up very fast since we play in some quality places like the schools and Homecourt. We are accommodating more teams than we ever have.

- **Terry Dennington** – Was the motor purchased in the budget? Do you recoup that cost at all?
We did have money in the budget. We had to do it so the pool wouldn't get shut down. We did get money this year from West Ada Recreation District for the renovations we are doing to cover that budget since they knew there was a lot of deferred maintenance. There is some cost recovery but not fully. We are reviewing all of our fees so we anticipate costs going up to help with the cost recovery.

Next meeting September 11, 2024 at 5 p.m. at Discovery Park for our facilities tour.

8. Future Meeting Topics – Dom Gelsomino

- **Mandi Roberts** – One of the Commissioners mentioned presenting some of the community's positive sentiments about the golf course. Presentations from Commissioners on various topics could be a future topic.

Adjourn

Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jo Greer moved to adjourn. Commissioner Brienne Sandow seconded. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

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 MANDI ROBERTS, CHAIR DATE

 DOM GELSOMINO, VICE CHAIR

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Attachments:

- 1) Flyer: Event Dates – Shelly Houston (1 page)
- 2) PowerPoint: Meridian Homecourt Update – Jake Garro (6 pages)



BOISE BLUES SOCIETY
BLUES FESTIVAL

FRIDAY
AUGUST 16

7:00 PM

SAWTOOTH BLUES BAND

7:45 PM

DEB MICHELS GANG

8:30 PM

BILLY BLUES BAND



Kleiner Park Bandshell
Free Outdoor Concerts
meridiandcity.org/kleinerparklive
boiseblues.org



DATES TO PUT ON YOUR RADAR!

Adventure Island Playground 20th Anniversary
August 24

Concerts on Broadway
August 24, September 7, September 21

Meridian Art Week
September 8-14

Community Art Party
September 14

Trunk or Treat
October 24

Veterans Day Ceremony at the Rock of Honor
November 11

Winter Lights Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting
December 6

Children's Winterland Festival
December 14





BAY 6

- SIGN INSTALLED MARCH 2024
- OPENED JUNE 2024
- BAY 6
 - 4 ADDITIONAL ROOMS FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION



LOBBY- BAY 6

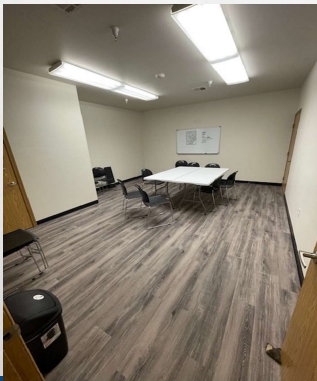


ROOM 1 - JAZZERCISE, LINE DANCING, MARITAL ARTS.....



3 – ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS

ROOM 2



ROOM 3

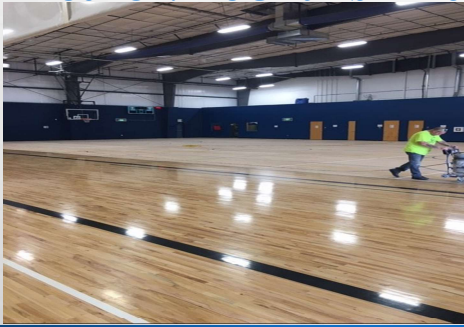


ROOM 4



FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS....

**FLOOR RESURFACING
PROJECT: AUG 26 – SEPT 8**

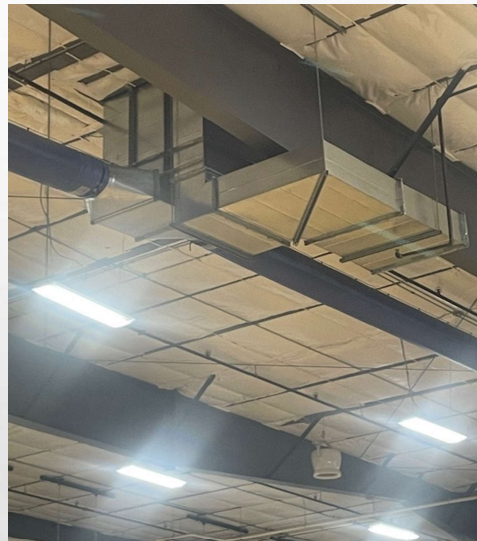


**DOOR REPLACEMENT
PROJECT: TBD**



FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS HVAC

- REPLACE 5 ROOF TOP UNITS
- NOVEMBER – JANUARY:
SYSTEM DESIGN & BID
- MARCH: PLACE OUR ORDER,
SEEING 15 – 25 WEEK LEAD
TIMES
- AUGUST: POTENTIAL INSTALL



FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS LIGHTS

- CURRENT LIGHTS ARE NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION
- CURRENTLY RESEARCHING A POTENTIAL LIGHT REPLACEMENT
- FY2026



FACILITY SCHEDULE



Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pickleball 3 Nets	Pickleball 7am - 11:30am 12 Nets	Pickleball 7am - 3pm 12 Nets	Pickleball 7am - 11:30am 12 Nets	Pickleball 7am - 3pm 12 Nets	Pickleball 7am - 11:30am 12 Nets	Pickleball 3 Nets
Basketball 2 Courts	Basketball 12pm - 3pm 3 Courts		Basketball 12pm - 3pm 3 Courts		Basketball 12pm - 3pm 3 Courts	Basketball 2 Courts
		Basketball 7:30pm - 10pm 2 Courts	Basketball 7:30pm - 10pm 2 Courts		Pickleball 6pm - 10pm 3 Nets	
Volleyball 2 Nets	Basketball 7:30pm - 10pm 3 Courts	Volleyball 6pm - 10pm 7:30pm - 10pm	Pickleball 6pm - 10pm 7:30pm - 10pm	Basketball 7:30pm - 10pm 3 Courts	Basketball 6pm - 10pm 2 Courts	
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ANNUAL EVENTS

- NORTHWEST HOLIDAY HOOP FEST – DECEMBER
- IDAHO SELECT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - FEBRUARY
- IDAHO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL – MARCH
- IDAHO SELECT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – MAY
- IDAHO SENIOR GAMES – VOLLEYBALL – SEPTEMBER
- HOLIDAY CLASSIC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - NOVEMBER

THANK YOU &
QUESTIONS

