



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 • 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 President Keith Bevan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m.
MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

<u>X</u> Keith Bevan, President	<u>X</u> Elle Hood
<u>X</u> Mandi Roberts, Vice President	<u>X</u> Mike Medellin
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bobo	<u>O</u> John Nesmith
<u>X</u> Dom Gelsomino	<u>X</u> Brandon Simpson
<u>X</u> Jo Greer	

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Director Steve Siddoway, Recreation Manager Garrett White, Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston, Recreation Coordinators Maggie Combs and Skyler Cook; and Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane.

Adoption of the Agenda

Commission President Keith Bevan entertained a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the agenda. Commission Vice President Mandi Roberts seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes

1. January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting – Keith Bevan

Commission President Keith Bevan entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the minutes. Commission Vice President Mandi Roberts seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Announcements

2. Upcoming Events – Shelly Houston

MPR Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston provided two City of Meridian recruitment flyers. She also made some announcements. Three documents are attached to these meeting minutes.

New Business

3. Meridian Parks & Recreation Department Adult Sports Update - Maggie Combs & Skyler Cook

MPR staff members Maggie Combs and Skyler Cook provided an update about the various adult sports programs via a PowerPoint. Copies of their slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **Mandi Roberts** – Given the challenges that MPR staff raised during the PowerPoint presentation, are there some potential ideas about how to increase gym space or lighted field space? *Regarding gym space, MPR staff will work with the school district to explore the potential expansion of the program. Discovery Park Phase 2 will open up some field space as well.*
- **Mike Medellin** – Are there any plans to expand the MPR Department's current adult sports offerings, in terms of Pickleball; i.e., leagues and tournaments? *Not at this time, but staff is open to explore the idea.*

4. Meridian Parks & Recreation Department Pool Update - Garrett White

MPR Recreation Manager Garrett White presented a PowerPoint about the community pool. Copies of his slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **Jennifer Bobo** – Regarding the new wristband system that was implemented in terms of skill level, did pool staff get a lot of pushback concerning which tier the children should have been placed in? Was it difficult getting participants to do the swim tests? *Yes, at first, they did receive some negative feedback. After further educating parents and explaining to them on how kids could get to the next level and in keeping them safe, they then understood.*
- **Keith Bevan** – What are the prospects in getting a higher number of lifeguards? *MPR staff members are looking at raising wages to stay competitive within the Treasure Valley. Seasonal staff will also get paid to be trained. Staff will attend upcoming job fairs for recruitment opportunities.*
- **Mandi Roberts** – What is the minimum age for lifeguards? *15.*
- **Mike Medellin** – With all the various pools in the area, is there an opportunity to maybe share lifeguards? *Yes, and it would be difficult because it depends on the classification of the lifeguards. The YMCA has their own classification; Nampa, Caldwell, and Boise have an American Red Cross classification; and the City of Meridian and Roaring Springs have an Ellis classification. Example: If a YMCA lifeguard wants to go on and work in Meridian, they would have to obtain an Ellis certification classification. MPR staff members are weighing the pros and cons.*
- **Keith Bevan** – He thanked the pool staff for all that they do. He also appreciates the swim tests that are being conducted.

5. University of Idaho Landscape Architecture Student Project Update - Mandi Roberts

MPRC Vice President Mandi Roberts gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission to update members about a landscape architecture project by students from the University of Idaho concerning the undeveloped West Meridian Regional Park (Borup/Bottles Properties) and the undeveloped Margaret Aldape Park. Copies of her slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **Keith Bevan** – Where is the Margaret Aldape Park located? *The two crossings of the Boise River are at Linder going to Eagle Island and then at Highway 16 near McDermott. The future park is halfway in between Ten Mile and Black Cat, due north.*

Old Business ~ NONE

Workshop ~ NONE

Staff Reports

6. MPR Staff

Director Steve Siddoway reported on the following:

- MPR Master Plan – The Meridian Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update was adopted by resolution at last night's City Council meeting (February 7, 2023). MPR staff members are working with the BerryDunn consultant to get the final deliverables. This effort has been a year-and-a-half-long project.
- Lakeview Golf Course – There has been a lot of work with taking on the new golf course, including the staffing transition and updating the fees. There is a new Fee Schedule for the golf course that is going back to City Council next week after a few changes that were initially made to the schedule.
- Discovery Park Phase 2 – Staff members continue to work on the skate park design. Construction documents are being finalized on this so that the crew can begin construction later this spring. Regarding the bike park, the design has not changed much. Steve asked the consultant to take another look at the pump track element in terms of widening the distance between the section for the little kids and the other section for the teenagers so it doesn't look like one big pump track.
- Lions Club Rodeo – There will be a new agreement on an upcoming Council agenda. The Rodeo Board is separating from the current Lions Club Board and creating a new Treasure Valley Lions Club. Therefore, the City had to amend the existing agreement but with no changes to the logistics of the agreement.
- Kleiner Park – The areas where the disc golf tees off now have tee boxes with synthetic turf. In addition, the Senior Center welcomed new patio furniture through a grant and assembled by the Parks crew.

Recreation Manager Garrett White reported on the following:

- Special Events – Staff is planning, gathering sponsors, and signing contracts for some of the events happening this spring/summer. A sponsor is confirmed for Kleiner Park Live.
- Classes & Camps – Staff organized a trip for active adults 50+ to attend the McCall Winter Carnival. They are planning for summer camp and getting Activity Guide content.
- Sports – The Commission received an update earlier that evening.

- Arts & Culture – Staff is working on Discovery Park art, Initial Point Gallery openings, budgets for FY2024, the pool art mural, Concerts on Broadway contracts, etc.
- Homecourt – Because the building is heavily used, staff is figuring out what the best schedule is at this facility for public use during the evenings.
- Lakeview Golf Course – Staff has been completing various tasks concerning golf operations and budgets.
- Pool - Staff is hiring lifeguards, working on budgets, inventory, certifications, and scheduling the summer with swim teams, and contracts. He has been working on pool contracts with various local businesses for the next season concerning fire monitoring, fire/sprinklers, etc.
- Community Center – He has been working on tasks related to the new community center RFQ that went out. ZGA Architects was selected. Staff is working with these consultants to come up with a scope of work as well as a fee proposal.
- Main Street Market – The contract was approved last night at Council from the consent agenda. The market will run April 15 through October 14 on Saturdays at Meridian City Hall.
- FY2024 Budget – He has many tasks regarding the development of the FY2024 budget.

Adjourn

Commission President Keith Bevan entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to adjourn. Commission Vice President Mandi Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m.

(AUDIO & VIDEO ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

APPROVED:

KEITH BEVAN, PRESIDENT

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DATE

MANDI ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT

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Attachment:

- 1) Flyers: Announcements and Recruitment (3 pages)
- 2) PowerPoint: MPR Adult Sports (6 pages)
- 3) PowerPoint: MPR Pool (5 pages)
- 4) PowerPoint: University of Idaho Landscape Architecture Student Project (5 pages)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the end of January we took a large chartered bus of 52 seniors (50+) up to the McCall Winter Carnival for a day trip. They played BINGO along the way and enjoyed lunch, shopping and sightseeing. Nobody got hurt but one cell phone did get dropped down the loo on the bus.

We're entering our most active job recruiting period as we seek applicants for a variety of our seasonal and part-time jobs that ramp up during the warm weather months. We have positions for both adults and teens (15/16+).

We'll be recruiting for Lakeview Golf Course positions at this weekend's Idaho Golf Show at Expo Idaho and for our teen and young adult positions (camp counselors, lifeguards, sports scorekeepers, etc.) at a West Ada School District Job Fair next week at Rocky Mountain High School.

Details regarding all the City of Meridian job openings can be found at online at meridiancity.org/jobs.

The City of Meridian has a brand new website with a new look and more user-friendly interface. It also has a back-end that makes it easier for us to administrate without always having to call on our IT Department for assistance. meridiancity.org

Our special events will return this spring with Unplug and Be Outside. It will kick off on May 13 with an event in Kleiner Park to be following by a week filled with free activities.

We'll be doing something new this year to serve a broader audience on Friday nights. We'll be alternating our usual Sparklight Movie Night movies in Settlers Park with free live concerts in the Kleiner Park Bandshell. We'll have 6 movies and 6 concerts in total. The concert series will be called Kleiner Park Live and will be sponsored by Bri at the Village.

Last but not least, our staff has been continuing its tradition of being 100% CPR & AED Certified and we've been taking our instruction from facilitators from the Meridian Fire Department.



Lakeview Golf Club

NOW HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM!

The City of Meridian's Lakeview Golf Club is seeking team members who are highly motivated and committed to helping us provide best-in-class service to our golfing community.

To find current current job openings and application instructions, please visit:

meridiacity.org/jobs



For food & beverage
job opportunities,
please contact
Rooster's at
208-888-4080.

Lakeview Golf Club
4200 W. Talamore Blvd.
Meridian, ID 83646
lakeview-golf.com

Current Openings Include:

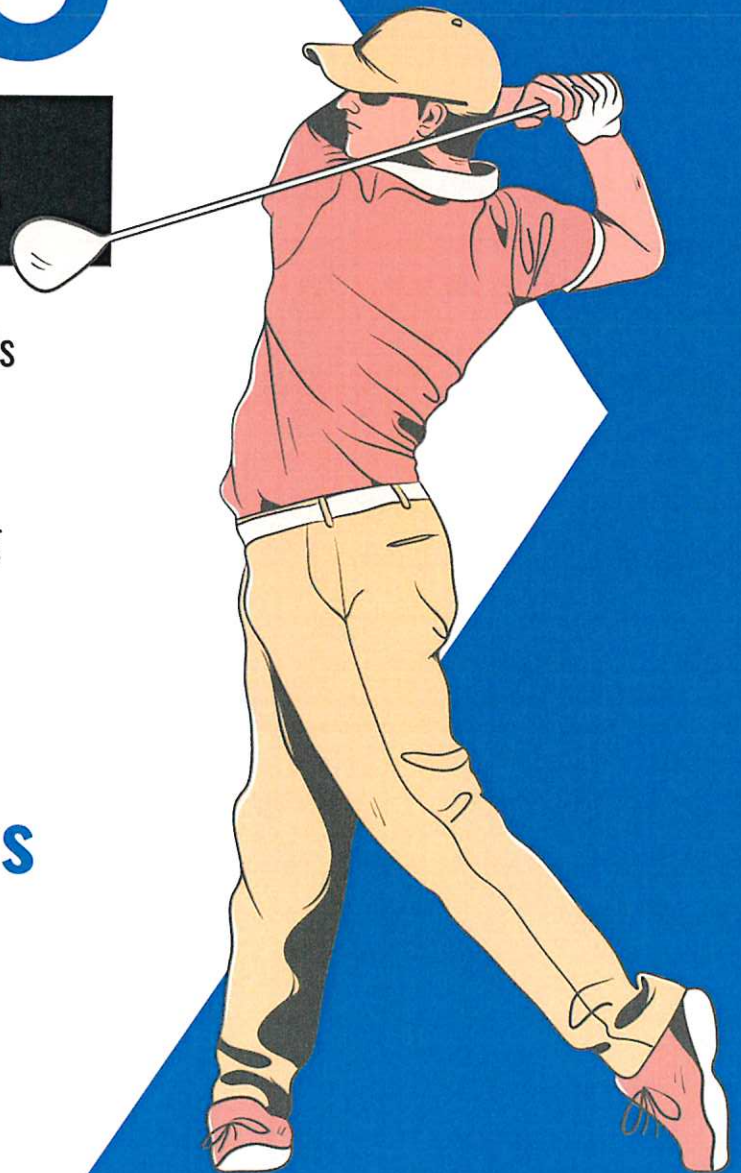
Golf Shop Attendant

Player Assistant

Seasonal Maintenance

Golf Maintenance Technician

Cart Staff



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The City of Meridian is seeking team members who are highly motivated and committed to helping us provide top-notch services to our community.

We offer full-time, part-time, and seasonal jobs for teens and adults.

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Recruiting Teens for:

Meridian Pool Lifeguards

Summer Camp Counselors

Golf Course Cart Attendants

Seasonal Groundskeepers

Sports Scorekeepers



Meridian Parks and Recreation – Adult Sports

February 2023



2022 Year in Review

- Volleyball Leagues
 - Winter – 130 teams (increase last year we played by 6 teams)
 - Spring – 109 teams (increased by 22 teams)
 - Summer – 17 teams (brought back)
 - Fall – 122 teams (increased by 6 teams)



- Holiday Classic Tournament
 - Volleyball Tournament (Saturday)
 - 36 teams



- Cornhole Tournament (Saturday)
 - 30 people attended

2022 Year in Review

- Softball Leagues
 - Spring/Summer – 105 teams
 - Summer/Fall – 83 teams
 - We saw a little down turn in numbers
- Youth Summer Fun Fast Pitch Tournament
 - 41 teams
 - Idaho Teams – 36
 - Meridian – 9
 - Boise – 9
 - Nampa – 4
 - Idaho Falls – 4
 - Eagle – 4
 - Caldwell – 2
 - Star – 1
 - Melba – 1
 - Blackfoot – 1
 - Oregon Teams – 3
 - Washington Teams – 1
 - Utah – 1

2022 Year in Review

- Flag Football Leagues
 - Fall – 15 teams (increased 2 team; no coed league)
- Basketball League
 - Winter – 46 teams (increased by 15 teams from last time hosted)
 - Summer 3v3 – 12 teams
- Cornhole League
 - Spring – 65 players
 - Summer – 67 players (increased 5 players)
 - Fall – 69 players

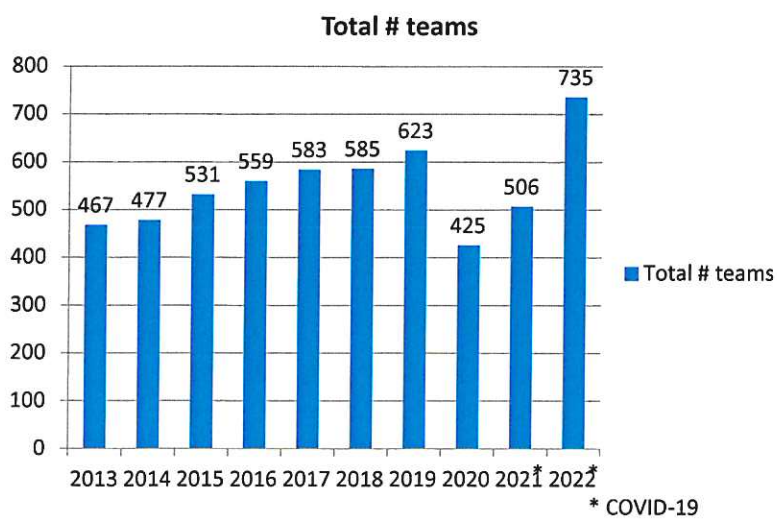
2022 Year in Review

- Cornhole Tournament
 - Dairy Days Tournament
 - 17 Teams

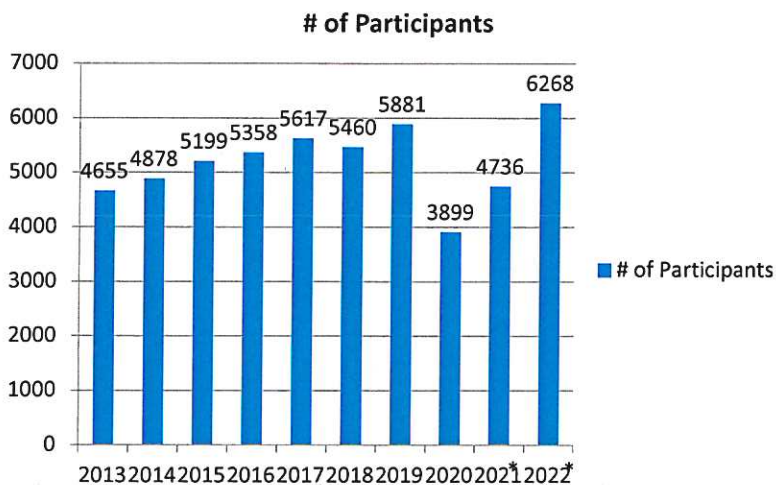
- Disc Golf
 - Halloween Tournament
 - 21 players
 - Youth Players – 6 players
 - Adult Players – 15 players



Program Statistics



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* COVID-19

Sponsorship Overview

- Volleyball and Cornhole Tournament Donations
 - Wahooz – 2 Classic Unlimited Fun Passes
 - D & B Supply - \$100 Gift Card
 - RAGERS SMASH N AXE – Rage room for 2 & 1 hour of axe throwing
 - Chipotle – 2 Dinner for two cards
 - Vertical View Climbing Gym – 4 day passes, 4 rentals, and 4 stickers
 - Zoo Boise – Family Four Pack
 - Boise Hawks Basket – 4 reserved tickets for 2023 and memorabilia
 - Tito’s Basket – 2 copper mugs, sign, hat, bar mat, pins, sunglasses, 25th anniversary topper, bar key, bandana, and koozie
 - Utah Jazz – Autographed Mike Conley Photo
 - Applebee’s - \$25 Gift Card
 - Uncle Bob’s Pizza – 4 \$25 gift cards
 - A round of Gold at Lakeview Golf Course – 2 chances to win
 - Jump Time – 2-one free hour and 2-free second hour
 - YOUR TOY Link – 3 baskets of toys, stuff animals, legos, POP Figures, stress items
 - Dutch Bros – Gift basket with coffee REBEL, stickers, gift card, and mug
 - Buffalo Wild Wings – 4 packets of 3 sauce packets with coupons
 - AJ’s Sol Crecido Salsa – 3 packets with a bag of chips and 3 containers of salsa
 - Purium Packet – Protein mix, glass shaker, measuring spoon and \$50 gift card
 - Texas Roadhouse – Gift certificates for 1st place teams
- Disc Golf Tournament Donations
 - Texas Roadhouse



Challenges

- 2022 Challenges
 - Gym Space
 - If we keep growing we are playing on Friday's not just makeup games
 - Field Space with lights
 - If we keep growing we will have to play on Friday's, which will limit the amount of weather make-ups.
 - Not just for leagues but outside requests
 - Officials – lack of due to the number of games required in a night/week
- 2023 Challenges
 - Officials
 - Gym Space
 - Staffing

Fun Facts of Adult Sports

- The Holiday Classic raised approximately \$4,517. This helped purchase 300+ gifts for 37 children from the Meridian Head Start Program.
- Funds were raised from team fees, donations, raffles, and officials working for a reduced rate
- Fourteen kids from the Meridian Head Start Program were purchased for by others from the tournament. Along with Blankets and toothpaste.



Fun Facts of Adult Sports

- *During the Softball season, **30,882** total runs were scored this year in the **114** days of softball or **270** runs per night on average.*
- *The 4 seasons of Volleyball Leagues combined scored **80,195** points, averaging **501** points scored per night on average over the **160** night played this season.*

Questions?

Meridian Pool

February 8th, 2023



Swim Lesson Registration Opens April 7th
Pool Cover comes off - April 13th/14th
Pool De-winterization begins -April 17th
First Swim Team Tryout - May 6th
Lifeguard / Swim Instructor Training - May 8th

Opening Day 2023
June 5th

Positions Available

Assistant Aquatics Coordinator - 1
Head of Maintenance - 1
Lifeguard/Swim Instructor - 65+



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Positions are posted and applications are being accepted now. All applicants will be interviewed and if hired, sent to Personnel Plus for processing.

2022 Impacts to Operations;

Contractor Availability; Critical Projects were completed prior to opening. Several Projects were completed during the season rather than before.

Pool Capacity (Bather Load); Capacity began as 2021 policy. Increased midway through the season.

Swim Lessons; Over 1100+ kids were registered in Swim Lessons.

Swim Tests; Rescues went from approximately 60+ per season to 6 per season!

Staffing; we hired 39 total guards.



Facility Schedule

Schedule (With 35-45 Guards)
WEEKDAYS

5:30am - 7:00am Swim Team
 7:00am - 9:00am Swim Team
 9:00am - 1:00pm Swim Lessons
 1:00pm - 1:30pm Maintenance
 1:30pm - 4:30pm Public Swim
 4:30pm - 4:45pm Maintenance
 4:45pm - 7:15pm Swim Lessons

Schedule (With 45-55 Guards)
WEEKDAYS

5:30am - 7:00am Swim Team
 7:00am - 9:00am Swim Team
 9:00am - 1:00pm Swim Lessons
 1:00pm - 1:30pm Maintenance
 1:30pm - 4:30pm Public Swim
 4:30pm - 4:45pm Maintenance
 4:45pm - 7:15pm Swim Lessons
 7:30pm - 9:30pm Public Swim

Schedule (With 55-65 Guards)
WEEKDAYS

5:30am - 7:00am Swim Team
 7:00am - 9:00am Swim Team
 9:00am - 1:00pm Swim Lessons
 1:00pm - 1:30pm Maintenance
 1:30pm - 4:30pm Public Swim
 4:30pm - 4:45pm Maintenance
 4:45pm - 7:15pm Swim Lessons
 7:15pm - 7:30pm Maintenance
 7:30pm - 9:30pm Public Swim

Schedule (With 65+ Guards)
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 7:15pm - 7:30pm Maintenance
 7:30pm - 9:30pm Public Swim

SATURDAY

12:00pm-6:00pm Public Swim

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12:00pm - 6:00pm Public Swim
 6:30pm-8:30pm Private Party

Sunday

12:00pm-6:00pm Public Swim
 6:30pm-8:30pm Private Party



Pool Fees:

Open Swim –

- Kids 3 and under = \$2,
- Ages 4 to 17 = \$3
- Adults = \$4

Season Pass –

- Family Pass = \$160
(This is for a family of 4. Each additional family member is an additional \$20)
- Individual Pass = \$40 (new proposed fee)**

Swim Lesson

- Group Lesson = \$45 (group of 4-6 children)
- Private Lesson = \$100 (one child) **Proposed to increase to \$140**
- Semi Private Lesson = \$150 (two children) **Proposed to increase to \$190**

**Proposed increases allow each program to align with the Cost Recovery Pyramid and private lessons.



Pool Projects Completed

- Big Pool UV System Replacement
>Installation.
- Baby Pool UV System Replacement
>Installation.
- ADA Chair Lift Repairs
- Pool Slide Repairs
- **Update pool automation system.**
- Provide replacement pumps for acid and chlorine feed,
- Provide 1- 27.5 x 27.5 x 6 inch secondary containment platform for storage of 2-15 gallon acid carboys.
- Provide 1- 36" x 48" x 6" custom made secondary containment platform for storage of 5-15 gallon chlorine carboys.
- Umbrellas Repaired and Replaced.



Pool Projects to be completed Spring of 2023;

-1 Meter Diving board installation - tentatively scheduled to start work mid-February



-Pool Rim Painting

Questions?



Location	Swim Lesson Description	Cost			
Nampa	Stage 1 - Group	\$44		Non-Member	
	Group Lesson	\$32		Membership	
	Private	TBD		TBD	
YMCA	Stage 1 - Group	\$90		Non-Member	
	Group Lesson	\$55		Membership	
	Private	TBD		TBD	
Boise	Stage 1 - Group	\$35		Resident	
	Group Lesson	\$53.70		Non-Resident	
	Private	TBD		TBD	
Meridian Pool	Stage 1 - Group	\$45			
	Private	\$125		\$140 Proposed	
	Semi-Private	\$150		\$190 Proposed	
Roaring Springs	Stage 1 - Group	\$95		Non Pass Holder	
	Group Lesson	\$80		season pass holder	
	Private	\$153.70		Season pass holder	

Daily Drop In Rates		
Meridian	\$2	3 yrs and under
	\$3	4-17 yrs old
	\$4	Adult
Boise	\$2.50	Youth (6months-17yrs)
	\$4.50	Adults 18+
	FREE	62+ yrs of age
	\$8.50	One Adult & Two Children
Nampa	\$2.00	0-5 yrs old
	\$3.00	6 yrs - 17 yrs
	\$4.50	18+ yrs old

Pool Occupancy

Occupancy is determined by Pool Surface Area, Pool Depth, Pool Diving Wells, and Pool deck space.

Meridian Pool = 4425 sq. ft.
 Meridian Pool Deck = 8825 sq. ft.
 Kiddie Pool = 750 sq. ft.
 Kiddie Pool Deck = 2980



Main Pool surface Area 5' in depth or less = 1800 sq. ft. / 12 sq. ft. = 150 occupancy
 Main Pool Surface Area over 5' in depth minus diving area = 1125 sq. ft. / 15 sq. ft. = 75 occupancy
 Kiddie Pool surface area 5' in depth or less = 450 sq. ft. / 12 sq. ft. = 38 occupancy

Total Occupancy = **263**

NOTE; 300 sq. ft. was subtracted for each amenity such as diving boards and slides.
<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ISPSC2021P1/chapter-4-public-swimming-pools>

TABLE 403.1 MAXIMUM BATHER LOAD

POOL/DECK AREA	SHALLOW INSTRUCTIONAL OR WADING AREAS	DEEP AREA (NOT INCLUDING THE DIVING AREA)	DIVING AREA (PER EACH DIVING BOARD)
Pools with minimum deck area	15 sq. ft. per user	20 sq. ft. per user	300 sq. ft.
Pools with deck area at least equal to water surface area	12 sq. ft. per user	15 sq. ft. per user	300 sq. ft.
Pools with deck area at least twice the water surface area	8 sq. ft. per user	10 sq. ft. per user	300 sq. ft.

FIG. 01. 1 square foot = 0.09 square meters

University of Idaho

Landscape Architecture Design Studio—LARC 463/465

College of Art and Architecture
Landscape Architecture Program

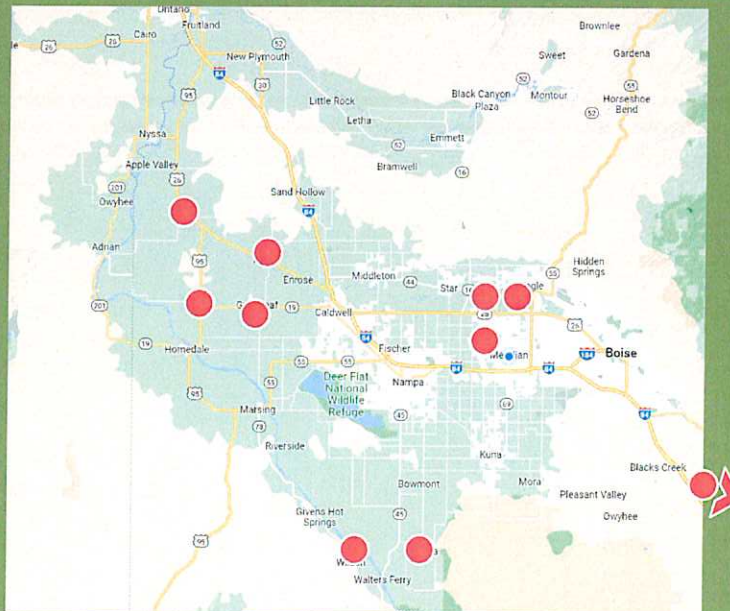
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- Learning Objectives:
 - Practical experience on “real world” projects
 - Interactions with clients and project proponents
 - Study of historical, cultural, and natural history
 - Understanding and strengthening connections between communities and parks
 - Enhancing small towns that have highways as main streets
 - Design solutions grounded in reality of what can be reasonably implemented

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- 10 Students; mix of graduate and undergraduate
- Background analysis through design development for the following Locations:
 - **West Meridian Regional Park**
 - **Margaret Aldape Park**
 - Eagle Island State Park
 - Thousands Springs State Park—Ritter Island
 - Notus and Parma
 - Wilder and Greenleaf
 - Melba and Snake River Area

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- **West Meridian Park Opportunities:**

- Active uses: recreation/flexible playfields/athletic facilities
- Celebrating Meridian's agricultural/farming heritage
- Play areas
- Dog park
- Fishing dock
- Accessible play area
- Scenic views/loop trails with viewpoints and interpretation

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- **Margaret Aldape Opportunities:**

- Passive uses: Natural preservation/conservation
- Basque family (Aldape) heritage and interpretation related to Basque traditions and culture
- Fishing ponds/docks
- Nature trails/wildlife habitat enhancement and flora and fauna interpretation
- Water/hydrology interpretation/education
- Scenic views/loop trails with viewpoints and interpretation

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Thank You!

With sincere gratitude to the City of Meridian for supporting the University of Idaho Landscape Architecture students in their work.