



## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MERIDIAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Wednesday, December 04, 2024 at 4:30 PM

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### MINUTES

#### ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> Blaine Johnston, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Gittings, Vice Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Jagosh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Freeze
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Keller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debra Pitts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Giacomo	

Also Present was City Employees Cassandra Schiffler, Bill Nary (Legal), State Historic Preservation Staff Dan Everhart and Alexis Matrone, and Sheri Freemuth (JUB)  
B. Johnston called meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. Johnston notes the addition of an agenda item for SHPO to present to the commission during the new business items. K. Freeze moved to adopt the agenda with the addition, seconded by P. Gittings. All Ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. **Approve:** Minutes from the 10-24-24 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

B. Johnston notes incorrect spelling of his last name. P. Gittings moved to adopt the agenda with the spelling amended, seconded by K. Freeze. All Ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

2. **Approve:** Monthly Financial Statement

K. Freeze moved to approve the monthly financial statement, seconded by P. Gittings. All Ayes.

## **NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]**

- 3. Informational Presentation:** Initial Point Gallery at City Hall ~ *Lizzie Taylor, Arts Commissioner, Initial Point Gallery Subcommittee Chair*

L. Taylor presented information about the Arts Commission and the Initial Point Gallery.

**Presentation:** State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO); Introduction to SHPO and Welcome New Certified Local Government Liaison Alexis Matrone, CLG Coordinator

Dan Everhart presented on what SHPO is, how it functions, and how it partners with local governments through the CLG program. He introduces the new CLG Coordinator Alexis Matrone, and A. Matrone gives a self-introduction

- 4. Discussion:** Historic Preservation Commission 2025 Consulting Budget

The memo attached to the agenda regarding the consulting budget was discussed. An idea was proposed by D. Everhart that the commission may wish to consider proactive measures to incentivize the rehabilitation and continued reuse of the historic Meridian High School. This in light of Cole Valley Christian's plans to construct a new facility and move out of this important Meridian landmark. P. Jagosh [a teacher at Cole Valley Christian] notes that the timeline on their move is a long way off.

B. Johnston and P. Gittings will meet as a subcommittee to discuss project and budget options and bring back information to the commission.

## **OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]**

- 5. Recommend:** Revised Proposal for Meridian Historic Preservation Plan (To Be Completed with SHPO Grant Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 and HPC Funds in the Amount of \$5,500) for a total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$17,500 [ACTION ITEM]

K. Freeze moved to approve the proposal, seconded by P. Gittings. All ayes.

- 6. Recap:** Meridian Speedway National Historic Register Events and Presentations

A celebration was held at the Speedway on October 26 to recognize the listing on the National Historic Registry, and the Ada County Treasure Award. The Speedway was presented with the NHR plaque and the Treasure Award. The Speedway will put the plaque on a building or may create a monument pedestal to display it.

B. Johnston, D. Everhart, and C. Schiffler presented information about the Speedway to City Council on 11/12/24. (See attachment)

The Idaho Historical Racing Society held a dinner which several HPC members attended and presented HPC with their 2024 Humanitarian Award.

- 7. Other Project Updates or Discussions:** Eggers Farmstead, 2025 Historic Walking Tours

C. Schiffler gave an update on Eggers Farmstead, sent from B. Nary, who had to leave the meeting early. The City is awaiting the return of the agreement from CBH and after Council approval they can then move the barn to our parks maintenance property until it can be re-assembled at a future date. CBH has offered the City a parcel of property on their development for a future site if it is desired by the City to have it re-constructed there. The area will likely be a part of the common area near their pathway adjacent to the freeway.

Walking tours are generally planned for May, Jun, Aug, and September third Saturdays. The commission will do a planning session in February to organize tours. C. Schiffler stated that she would like to have the information confirmed in February to be able to advertise them through the utility billing insert and other means.

B. Johnston attended the Past Forward conference.

K. Freeze met with staff at the library about digital photo storage. The library doesn't currently have a good system to store and manage a historic photo collection but are open to further discussion.

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2025 (December Regular Meeting to be Cancelled - Happy Holidays)**

Further discussions on the consulting budget and digital photo storage are anticipated.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

K. Freeze moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by P. Gittings. All Ayes.



# 2025 Initial Point Gallery Schedule

Regular Gallery Hours:  
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

<i><b>MONTH</b></i>	<i><b>ARTIST(S) / ORGANIZATION</b></i>	<i><b>RECEPTION</b></i>
DECEMBER - JANUARY 2025 (December 3 - January 31)	<i><b>MIDNIGHT METAPHOR</b></i> Treasure Valley Artists Alliance	Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:30 - 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 2025 (February 4 - February 28)	<i><b>INVERTED REALITY</b></i> Artists: Devon William Smith, Rachel Reynolds, Gregory Ahley Newman, Mary Ann Fraser and Leslie Jay Bosch	Tuesday, February 4 4:30 - 7:00 PM
MARCH 2025 (March 4 - March 28)	<i><b>LAND LINES</b></i> Artists: Antonia Hedrick, Beth Trott, and Stephanie Inman	Tuesday, March 4 4:30 - 7:00 PM
APRIL 2025 (April 1 - April 25)	<i><b>OF LEAF AND PETAL</b></i> Artists: Claire Remsberg, Jessie Swimeley, Cindi Walton, Jill Storey, Mary Arnold, and Suzi Butler	Tuesday, April 1 4:30 - 7:00 PM
MAY 2025 (April 29 - May 19)	<i><b>WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOW</b></i>	Tuesday, May 6 4:30 - 7:00 PM
JUNE - JULY 2025 (June 3 - August 1)	<i><b>DUSTY CHAPS AND COWBOY HATS: IDAHO'S RANCHING AND RODEO HERITAGE</b></i> Boise Open Studios Collective Organization (BOSCO)	Tuesday, June 3 4:30 - 7:00 PM
AUGUST 2025 (August 5 - August 28)	<i><b>MYTHS AND MORALS</b></i> Artists: Brecken Bird, Nikita Budkov, and Reba Robinson	Tuesday, August 5 4:30 - 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025 (September 2 - October 31)	<i><b>LARGE MEN WITH SMALL BRUSHES</b></i> Artists: Scott Muscolo, Roy Gover, Hugh Mossman, Dennis Hazlett, Don Belts, and Andrew Forbes	Tuesday, September 2 4:30 - 7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 2025 (November 5 - November 28)	<i><b>ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS, WOOD!</b></i> Artists: Elizabeth Hilton, Stephen Purcell, Jennifer Moramarco, Rick Newman, and Betty Hayzlett	Wednesday, November 5 4:30 - 7:00 PM
DECEMBER - JANUARY 2026 (December 2 - January 30)	<i><b>PURPLE PLUS</b></i> Treasure Valley Artist Alliance	Tuesday, December 2 4:30 - 7:00 PM

For information on our Call to Artists, updated schedules, and other gallery announcements, please visit [meridiancity.org/gallery](http://meridiancity.org/gallery)

[MERIDIANCITY.ORG/GALLERY](http://MERIDIANCITY.ORG/GALLERY)





Mayor Robert E. Simison

**City Council Members:**

Luke Cavener, President  
Liz Strader, Vice President  
Brian Whitlock  
Doug Taylor  
John Overton  
Anne Little Roberts

December 4, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Cassandra Schiffler, Arts and Culture Coordinator

RE: Historic Research Consulting Projects for FY24

**Background**

The Meridian Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has an FY2025 budget for historic research consulting and photography services in the amount of \$10,030. HPC's FY25 budget was planned to include support for the matching funds for the SHPO grant for the purpose of updating the Meridian Historic Preservation Plan in the amount of \$5,500. The remaining available budget for other projects is \$4,530.

Below are several options for other various historic preservation projects that have been discussed in the last year. Many have been completed. Staff can get estimates for projects if the commission would like to pursue them, and would like direction and prioritization on these potential projects.

- NHR nomination for the Zamzows Mill (initial estimates were \$10,000; this likely would be a multi-year project, but a phase could be started in FY25)
- New historic signage for downtown Meridian buildings or sites (sites would need to be identified)
- ~~Walking tour thermoplast signage on sidewalk~~ (approved FY25 budget with Parks Department)
- ~~A redesign/update of the current downtown walking tour brochure~~ (completed in-house!)
- ~~A tour guide how-to binder to give commissioners/volunteers a script and images to help lead in-person walking tours~~ (completed by TAG in FY24!)
- ~~Research into a "landmarking" program for Meridian. SHPO brought staff attention to a "landmarking" program as outlined in state code (67-4614 and 67-4616)-~~  
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title67/t67ch46/>. ~~This could be used to designate certain historic properties as "landmarks." If the property is up for development or demolition, they would present these changes to the HPC who can provide opinions/advice/recommendations on the project. This research could become a section of the future Historic Preservation Plan.~~ (completed by consultant in FY24!)
- Although SHPO's guidance would first be required, HPC could start a NHR nomination process on either of the districts that TAG identified in the reconnaissance survey (initial estimates for either district was \$10,000; this likely would be a multi-year project, but a phase could be started in FY25)
- Additions to the 360 [Virtual Tour](#) – new sites would need to be identified (\$2,000 proposal discussed at the October 2024 HPC meeting)
- Other?

**Recommendation**

To discuss various projects, and to identify priority historic research consulting projects that could be developed and completed or started in this fiscal year.

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J-U-B FAMILY OF COMPANIES

## PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FOR: CITY OF MERIDIAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE

November 12, 2024

City of Meridian | Parks and Recreation Department  
Attention: Cassandra Schiffler, Arts & Culture Coordinator  
33 E. Broadway Ave. Ste. 206  
Meridian, Idaho 83642

### **Re: Revised response to Request to Prepare Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) Update**

Dear Cassandra:

Please find attached our revised response to your email of August 14, 2024. Based on your clarifications, received by email on October 31, we have added more details to our original submittal. Specifically, we have included a draft outline for the plan based closely on the HPP outline in Section 6 of your Request for Proposal. Furthermore, we have integrated the revised list of required activities into the task description portion of our proposal. We have also added a new employee, as our Planning Technician is moving out of state and we recently welcomed her replacement, Alex Jones formerly from the City of Caldwell planning department.

We are eager to work collaboratively with you, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), and the City's long range planning team, to update the HPP as outlined in your Scope of Services. We are committed to providing the highest quality of service and exceeding your expectations for an updated Preservation Plan. If you require any additional clarification or information, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for considering J-U-B. I look forward to continuing our work with you and the HPC to preserve Meridian's history.

Sincerely,  
**J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sheri F. Freemuth".

Sheri F. Freemuth, AICP | Project Manager  
208-376-7330 | sfreemuth@jub.com



## WHO WE ARE

J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc. is an employee-owned professional services firm focused on improving the quality of life for communities where we live and work. We provide exceptional planning, engineering, and surveying services. We specialize in land use, transportation, municipal, funding, and infrastructure design. To meet the evolving challenges that communities face today, J-U-B staffs a specialized public involvement team through its subsidiary, The Langdon Group (TLG), and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping through another other subsidiary, Gateway Mapping, Inc. (GMI).

J-U-B opened its doors in Nampa, Idaho in 1954. Now headquartered at the Ten Mile Interchange in Meridian, J-U-B has expanded to 400+ employees and 20 offices throughout Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, and Wyoming. We are proud of our Idaho roots and the work we do to help local communities become more desirable places to live. J-U-B has been providing professional services for the City of Meridian since the mid-1970s, including planning and designing infrastructure that has supported the growth of your city. At present, our engineers are supporting downtown utility revitalization efforts and undertaking water treatment projects at several of Meridian's municipal wells.

## OUR PROPOSED APPROACH

The City of Meridian's current Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) was prepared in 2014 and will form the basis of this new plan. The fundamental elements of the existing plan (regulations, programs and community history) will be largely unchanged. The proposed HPP process will seek to reflect the current needs and concerns of Meridian residents and focus on improving the operations of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) including their role with City departments, boards, councils and committees, as well as establishing a set of strategies for future projects and programs. The City's Arts and Culture Coordinator will be the primary point of contact, as she is the city staff liaison to the HPC. Close coordination with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is also anticipated.

The HPP will be comprised of approximately 5 chapters including a comprehensive array of information. **Table A - Draft Historic Preservation Plan Outline** is based on an initial draft prepared by the Meridian HPC. This outline will be refined throughout the planning process to reflect the interests of the HPC and the public. In the process of writing and adopting the HPP, we will address the full range of current issues surrounding historic resources within the city limits. To adequately do this, we will actively engage the HPC in an intensive planning session followed conversations with the public regarding historic preservation in Meridian. One public survey and three public outreach events are anticipated, to be prepared in collaboration with the HPC and staff.

For this project, Sheri Freemuth, AICP, will be the Project Manager. Instrumental in starting Ada County's Historic Preservation Council and providing support on preservation projects throughout Idaho, Sheri prepared the award-winning City of Nampa Historic Preservation Plan (2020) and the Washington County Historic Preservation Plan (2023). Earlier in 2024, J-U-B prepared a report for the Meridian HPC regarding a potential landmark program. More information on our past experience, including references may be found at the end of this proposal.

## TABLE A – DRAFT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN OUTLINE

### I. Introduction - The Purpose of the Preservation Plan

- Meridian's rich history and its contribution to the community
- The importance of historic preservation in maintaining Meridian's character
- The need for an historic preservation plan

### II. Regulations, Programs & Management

- The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- Federal government's responsibility to protect historic resources
- Partnership with the state, tribes, and local governments

#### National Register of Historic Places

- Recognition of historic properties
- Listing on the National Register

#### Certified Local Government Program

- Partnership between local, state, and national governments
- Assistance for local historic preservation efforts

### III. History of Meridian

- Settlement and development linked to irrigation
- Establishment of canals and irrigation districts
- Growth of agriculture, fruit orchards, and dairy industry
- Meridian's history with minority groups such as Chinese, Hispanic, and Indigenous populations
- Transition from rural center to urban community

### IV. Meridian HPC

- Establishment of the Historic Preservation Commission/CLG
- Review of City of Meridian's current code and regulations regarding preservation
- Meridian's designation as an Idaho Heritage City
- Programs, surveys, reports since 2014

#### Planning Process

- Summary of issues and concerns from the public, qualified experts, the HPC, County and City government boards, and Idaho SHPO.
- SWOT analysis
- Public Survey

#### Programs

- Historic resources surveys and documentation
- Current historic preservation tools and conditions
- Investigate current incentive programs in the City of Meridian and other cities

### V. Vision, Goals, Objective, and Strategies for Future Preservation Efforts

- Recommendations for Historic Preservation Districts in Meridian
- Recommendations for educational programs to expand the public's awareness of historic preservation
- Recommendations for preservation incentives, tax, grant or policy programs
- Implementation plan with priorities and resources

### Appendices

- Reference information
- Maps and surveys
- Survey of National Register of Historic Places Nomination Forms
- Historic sites inventory



J-U-B proposes a planning process comprised of the following tasks to occur within a ten-month time period:

## 1. Project Initiation and Administration

*December 2024 – September 2025*

Throughout the life of the project, J-U-B will provide monthly updates and invoices to the City.

Four virtual team meetings to include Idaho SHPO representatives are anticipated throughout the life of the project (anticipated to occur once every two months). J-U-B will prepare agendas and notes and distribute to the team. The City will identify key participants for these team meetings.

## 2. Historic Resource and Preservation Program Evaluation

*December 2024 – February 2025*

This task will involve engaging the public, evaluating current conditions, and identifying issues and concerns related to historic preservation activities in Meridian. J-U-B will evaluate existing information to be provided by the City. This will include review of the City of Meridian's current comprehensive plan, municipal code, zoning regulations, building code, ordinances, design review guidelines and standards, policies, and programs regarding historic preservation. As requested by the HPC, this process will integrate recommendation for two geographic areas identified as potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), as well as the landmarking program. These reports will be referenced and documented, with recommendations on next steps.

This task will include a kickoff meeting with the HPC the principal focus being a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis, led by J-U-B. We anticipate that the HPC will coordinate directly with the Idaho SHPO to produce maps and a list of cultural resources, including any known properties on that are listed on the NRHP or are eligible for listing.

Task 2 will also include the preparation of a website (to connect to the City's webpage) that describes the HPP process and informs the public of the process throughout the life of the project. Following the SWOT analysis and brainstorming session with the HPC, a survey and public outreach event are also anticipated, to ascertain interest in historic preservation, establish issues and concerns, and collect feedback on future projects or opportunities. The City will provide logistical support for these endeavors, including any displays or maps.

## 3. HPP Goals, Objectives and Strategy Setting

*March – June 2025*

This task will focus on the development of goals and objectives derived from the community conversations in Task 2. Once established, strategies to achieve objectives will be identified; these may include proposed surveys, additional studies, grant applications, and potential partnerships. The HPC has expressed particular interest in the following:

- Local landmarking or demolition delay program.
- National Register district designations
- Preservation incentives, tax, grant, or policy programs.
- Resource and reference list that provides more information on tax incentives, grant programs, and other financial incentives available to maintain and rehabilitate historic structures.

During this task, we will host a public outreach event with the HPC and discuss the results of Task 2 and potential goals and objectives related to historic preservation and potential strategies. Goals, Objectives, and Strategies will also be posted to the project's webpage to allow for more public feedback. The City will provide logistical support for these endeavors, including any displays or maps.

## 4. Draft HPP and Adopt

*July – September 2025*

This phase will conclude the project with the preparation of a Preliminary Draft (word document) for review by the HPC.

Edits from the HPC will be used to create a Draft HPP document to be shared at a Public Outreach Event. The City will prepare any necessary maps or illustrations, and provide photos and appendices as needed. An additional review period for comments by the Idaho SHPO will occur during this Task and J-U-B will prepare a final document to address any of their comments. The City will provide final formatting and process the document through HPC and City Council hearings.

## PROPOSED COST

J-U-B is eager to begin this planning process in December and anticipates that it will require approximately 10 months to conclude. Based on the current project plan and proposed personnel, the total estimated firm fixed price is \$17,496.

The cost was calculated based on the technical approach provided above, with key personnel applied to each task. The resulting cost associated with each phase is presented below:

- ✓ Phase 1 Project Management and Administration – \$3,412
- ✓ Phase 2 Historic Resource and Preservation Program Evaluation – \$5,883
- ✓ Phase 3 Goals, Objectives, Strategy Setting – \$3,544
- ✓ Phase 4 Draft HPP and Adopt – \$4,657

J-U-B practices state of the art project tracking to ensure the City of Meridian will receive the best value within the budgeted amount. Our monthly progress reports and regular team meetings result in timely communication of any project issues.

## RELEVANT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT EXPERIENCE

PROJECT	DATE	CLIENT
Weiser Historic Preservation Plan	Present	City of Weiser
Meridian Landmarking Program	2024	City of Meridian
Leading Idaho Local Bridge Cultural Resources Programmatic Agreement	2023 - Present	Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC), ID
Washington County Historic Preservation Plan	2021-2022	LHTAC/Washington County, ID
State Street Urban Renewal District Cultural Resource Survey Report	January-August 2021	Capital City Development Corporation, Boise, ID

### References:

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#### Dan Everhart

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## J-U-B PROPOSED PERSONNEL SUMMARY

### PROJECT MANAGER/HISTORIC PRESERVATION SENIOR PLANNER

Sheri Freemuth, AICP

*MCP, City Planning; BA, Political Science | American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)*



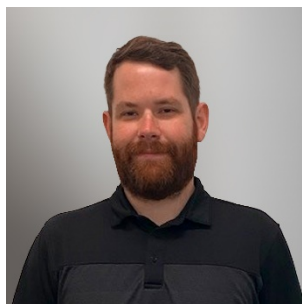
J-U-B is pleased to propose Sheri Freemuth as the Meridian-based Project Manager who will be responsible for this project. She has managed a variety of projects during a career that has spanned nearly four decades. Sheri is a respected colleague well known for her effective communication and organizational skills and the quality and timeliness of her work. She routinely leads teams of professionals -- engineers, planners, landscape architects, and specialists in geographic information systems (GIS) and public involvement -- and applies their skills and resources to assure that projects are suitably staffed.

Sheri has specialized in historic preservation throughout her career as a land use and environmental planner. She meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for Historic Preservation Planning, as reviewed by SHPO. In addition to initiating and supporting local historic preservation programs early in her career (in both San Diego, CA and Ada County, ID), Sheri served as a Senior Field Officer with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for a decade. In that position, she provided technical assistance to communities throughout the Pacific Northwest, reviewing grant and award applications, and presenting at conferences and workshops.

### PLANNING TECHNICIAN

Alex Jones

*BS, Psychology*



Alex is a city planner with 3 years experience in local permitting, design review, code rewrites, and comprehensive plan updates. His skill in local planning processes was derived from his work at the City of Caldwell, Idaho. At J-U-B, Alex assists in a variety of comprehensive plan projects, primarily research and analysis as well as public involvement support. He also works with the land development team on project applications and a variety of permitting tasks. Alex utilizes his degree in Psychology to better understand underlying issues in communities and has combined that with his planning experience to better serve local communities. Alex has lived in the Treasure

Valley for over 20 years and loves to call Idaho home.

*If additional expertise from J-U-B's larger team is needed after the project has been initiated, or if additional tasks or services are identified during the project, we will address those requests during the on-going collaborative project management process.*

# Meridian Speedway

Established 1949  
Listed in the National  
Register of Historic Places

Dan Everhart, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Cassandra  
Schiffler, Meridian Arts & Culture Coordinator  
Blaine Johnston, Meridian Historic Preservation Commission Chair



# What is the National Register?

- The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is the official list of properties considered important in our past and worthy of preservation. It is a program of the National Park Service, administered in Idaho by the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The program recognizes buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts that are significant in American history, architectural history, engineering, archaeology, and or/culture.
- The NRHP is an honorific program and it carries with it no restrictions to a private property owner up to, and including, demolition. National Register listing only regulates the use of federal funds that may affect the property and does not impose legal requirements on the private property owner. Once your property is listed, you are free to make any alterations with private funds and do not need prior approval from our office or anyone else to do so.



# Process

- 1. Complete Preliminary Eligibility Questionnaire
- 2. Submit to SHPO for concurrence
- 3. If needed prepare Idaho Historic Sites Inventory Form
- 4. Prepare draft nomination
- 5. Submit to SHPO in January for review in preparation for Idaho Historic Sites Review Board first Saturday in June
- 6. If NRHP nomination approved the nomination is sent to the National Park Service for final approval
  
- How Long is the Process?
  - Preparing a nomination for a single property typically requires between 100-150 hours of research, writing, and revision, and the review process is typically between one and two years.

# Meridian Properties Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

## 7 Total Existing Properties in Meridian:

- R.H. and Jessie Bell House, 137 E. Pine St.
- Clara Hill House, 1123 N. Main St.
- E.F. Hunt House, 49 E. State
- Meridian Exchange Bank, 109 E. 2nd **[No longer standing]**
- Mittleider Farmstead Historic District, 575 Rumble Lane **[No longer standing]**
- Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company Building, 815 N. Main
- Halbert and Grace Neal House , 101 W. Pine
- Tolleth House, 134 E. State Ave
- **[NEW!]** Meridian Speedway



The Neal House



Bell House



Mountain State Telephone and Telegraph



Tolleth House  
(recently won an Orchid Award from Preservation Idaho!)

# Speedway History Timeline

Meridian Dairy & Stock Shows incorporated to promote the dairy industry.

1948

Meridian Athletic Association (MAA) incorporated to promote athletic and recreational programs for Meridian/ teamed with the Dairy Board to develop dairy grounds for year-round use as a recreation center.

1949

Meridian Dairy & Stock Shows acquire 15 acres of land at the south end of Meridian for a stock show.

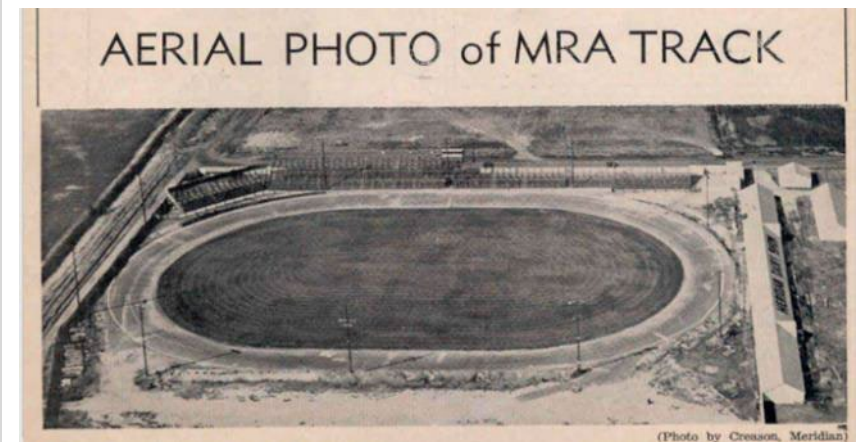
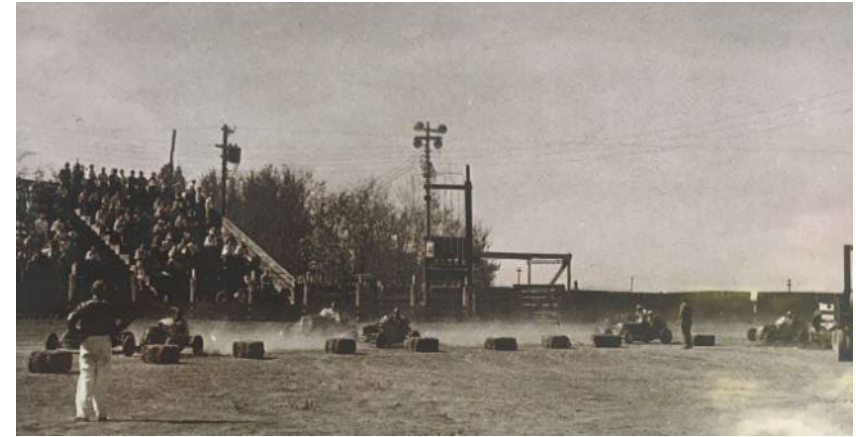
1950

Meridian Racing Association formed to manage the track and first permanent buildings, the cattle exhibit hall and food booth constructed.

1951

Dirt track midget car races start, and ticket sales fund the youth program.

1953





**The Meridian Speedway has been used continually since 1951**



**The Dairy Board still gets two days in June for Dairy Days**







NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER PLAQUE AND  
ADA COUNTY TREASURE AWARD ACCEPTANCE CEREMONY!