



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES

**Owyhee High School, 6350 N. Owyhee Storm Avenue Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:00 PM**

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 – Start Time: 4:28PM

<u> </u> Jo Greer, Chair	<u> </u> Helen Muscolo
<u> </u> Jennifer Bobo, Vice Chair	<u> </u> Carrie Graeff
<u> </u> Mandi Roberts	<u> </u> Jared Christensen
<u> </u> Terry Dennington	<u> </u> Toren Taylor
<u> </u> Alan Helms	

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway, Recreation Superintendent Garrett White, Parks Maintenance Manager Jeremy Aldrich, Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren and Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commission Chair Jo Greer asked for a motion to adopt the evening's agenda. Commissioner Mandi Roberts moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Helen Muscolo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ~ NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ NONE

OLD BUSINESS ~ NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring Pathways Tour on Bicycles

Meridian Pathways Project Manager, Kim Warren, led the Pathways Tour.

The tour began at Owyhee High School, with participants riding along the pathway near Owyhee Storm Avenue.

Route Stops

1. FMC Path at Glassford
2. Linder Road/Highway 16 Bridge
3. Pedestrian Bridge at McDermott
4. Fawnridge/Grand Rapids
5. Black Cat
6. Grand Lake Way Bridge
7. Irrigation Flume
8. Golden Spike Bridge
9. Five Mile Pathway Trail Hub / Future Restroom Site
10. Bridge Tower
11. Reta Huskey Park

At Reta Huskey Park, participants loaded their bicycles into a trailer and continued the tour via a 12-passenger van to additional locations.

12. Bud Porter Pathway at Meridian Road (potential future trailhead site)
13. NW 3rd Street Rail-with-Trail Project (currently under construction)

Following the additional stops, participants returned to Owyhee High School to retrieve their bicycles, concluding the tour.

WORKSHOP ~ NONE

STAFF REPORTS ~ NONE

ADJOURNMENT

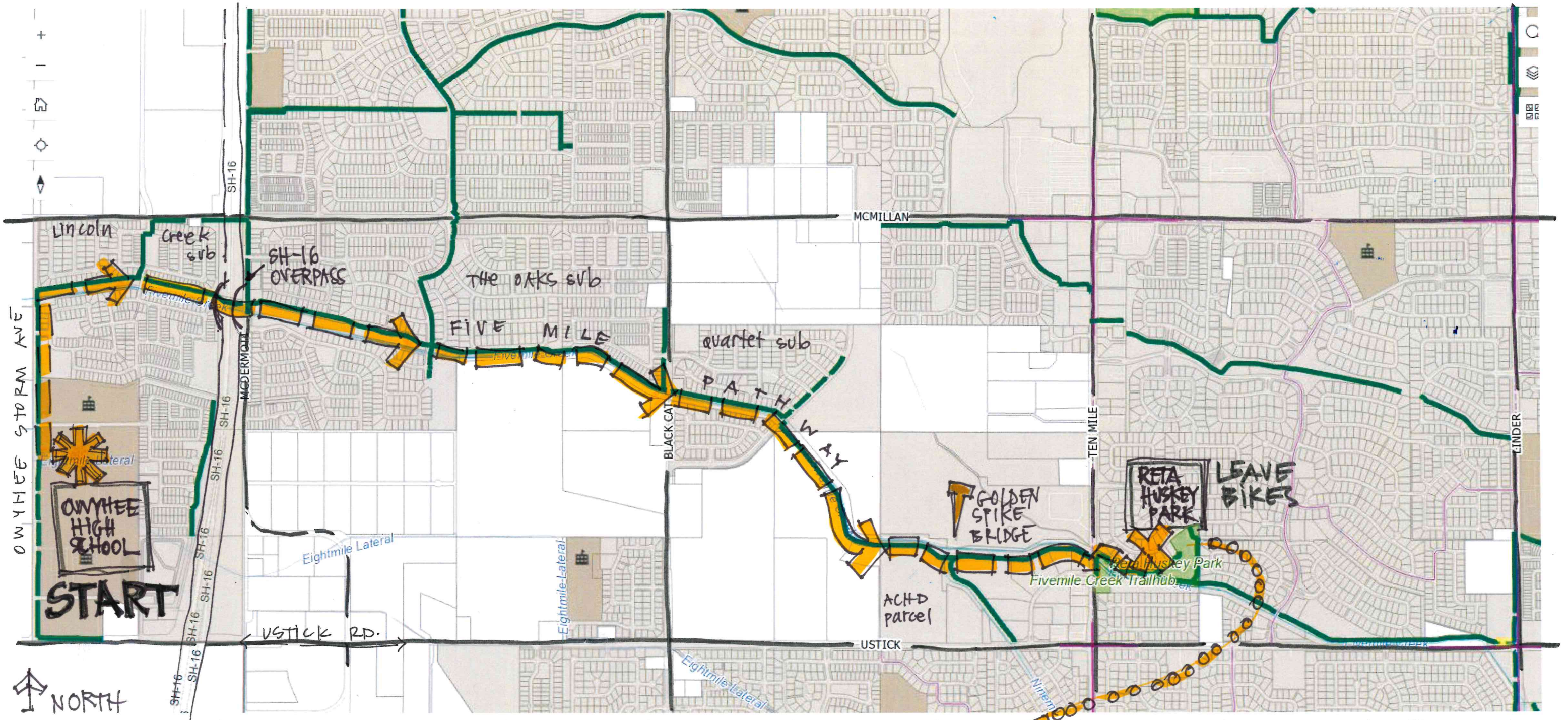
Commission Chair Jo Greer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mandi Roberts moved to adjourn. Commissioner Helen Muscolo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:29 pm.

NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM

2026 All-Commission Goals:

1. Support construction of the new Community Center and the expansion of Settlers Park.
2. Complete the Pathways Master Plan Update.
3. Support development of a connected pathway system across the City of Meridian, with a focus on user experience amenities and improved connectivity. Meet with the rest of our neighboring cities to coordinate continuous pathway planning beyond our boundary.
4. Add a new playground to Tammy Street Park and give the park an official new name as a City park.
5. Participate in the partnership with the Meridian Arts Commission to add theming and identity reinforcing art in Meridian parks and along pathways. Focus this year on completion of the Public Art Master Plan and art for the new Community Center.
6. Continue to provide feedback for ongoing park improvements and enhancements.
7. Support future improvements at Lakeview Golf Course, including new signage for the course, fencing, and improvements to the irrigation pond area.
8. Engage other task forces, commissions, entities, and agencies through workshops and other outreach for partnership opportunities.
9. Support ongoing operations of the Meridian Pool.
10. Pursue improved communication tools and opportunities to engage the community and diverse interests.



Spring PATHWAYS TOUR 2026

- CONTINUE IN VEHICLES:**
- 1** POSSIBLE FUTURE TRAILHEAD SITE
 - 2** RAIL WITH TRAIL PROJECT
 - *** RETURN TO OWYHEE HIGH SCHOOL
REUNITE WITH CARS and BIKES