



# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho  
Wednesday, April 10, 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 Chair Mandi Roberts called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m. MPR Director Steve Siddoway took roll-call attendance as follows:

<u>X</u> Mandi Roberts, Chair	<u>X</u> Elle Hood
<u>X</u> Dom Gelsomino, Vice Chair	<u>O</u> John Nesmith
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bobo	<u>X</u> Terry Dennington
<u>X</u> Jo Greer	<u>O</u> Alan Helms

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway, Parks Superintendent Mike Barton, Recreation Manager Garrett White, and Recreation Coordinator – Special Events Renee White.

### Adoption of the Agenda

*Commission Chair Mandi Roberts entertained a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jennifer Bobo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

### Approval of the Minutes

#### 1. March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting – Mandi Roberts

*Commission Chair Mandi Roberts entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Terry Dennington seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

## Announcements

### 2. Upcoming Events – Steve Siddoway, MPR Director

- Summer activity guide – released today. Registration opens on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Unplug & Be Outside – Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm. Free summer kick-off event.
- Lakeview Golf Course – ribbon cutting Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 4 pm.
- Fivemile Creek Trailhub - sign installed, ribbon cutting for bridge Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

#### Commission Feedback:

- **Terry Dennington** – Are hard copies of activity guides available?  
*Available online, but can contact us to request a printed copy.*

## Old Business ~ NONE

## New Business

### 3. Volunteer Appreciation – Steve Siddoway, MPR Director

April is volunteer appreciation month. We want to say thank you for the difference you all make for us. You keep us going in the right direction!

### 4. MPR Community Events Update – Renee White, MPR Recreation Coordinator – Special Events

Special events with our Parks Department produces 9 different events on 26 different days. All but four of those days happen between May and August. Renee shared upcoming special events and how to find the information on our website. <https://meridiancity.org/parks/special-events/>. Volunteer opportunities and sponsorship options are also listed online.

#### Commission Feedback:

- **Jennifer Bobo** – I like everything that was shared, it's awesome to have landing pages to go to. Interested in sharing community calendar items directly to social media feeds.

### 5. Fiscal Year 2025 Draft MPR Department Budget Requests Update – Steve Siddoway, MPR Director

Steve shared an early draft of the Meridian Parks & Recreation budget for feedback. Overview provided via Power Point. Copies of the slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

#### Commission Feedback:

- **Mandi Roberts** – Price for Lakeview Golf Course improvements is for two restrooms, \$805k?  
*Yes - price includes everything, even the utility work, not just the buildings.*
- **Jo Greer** – Is that the location of the community center?  
*Yes. We don't fully own it yet. The intergovernmental agreement was approved this week by City Council, and West Ada School Board. By May we hope to own this 11-acre property next to Settler's Park. Fantastic location for community center and to expand parking.*
- **Jennifer Bobo** – For the community center construction documents, is that for everything for the development of the entire site?

*All of it, plus we have \$500k that has been part of our early work. We'll have to see what the total construction budget ends up being. We'll know more as we get in to design development.*

- **Terry Dennington** – On the Golf Course, what do the numbers mean? 11, 15, and 16 are talking about future ones?  
*Yes, that's correct. 1-18 for 18 rounds of golf.*
- **Terry Dennington** – Does the bocce ball at Kleiner Park get used a lot?  
*With the right type of surfacing, it would get used a lot. We have heard a lot of excitement about it opening at Discovery Park. Would like to get the Kleiner Park to be similar in quality.*
- **Jo Greer** – Roundabout landscaping price – does it include art?  
*It's just landscape plants, no art. On all roundabouts the infrastructure is there in case we do want to bring electricity for art in the future. No roundabouts in Meridian currently have art.*

#### 6. **MPR Commission Annual Report – Mandi Roberts, MPRC Chair**

Mandi gave a presentation last night to City Council on the Parks Commission goals and some of the things that the Parks Department is implementing in line with those goals. Overview provided via Power Point. Copies of the slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

#### **Workshop ~ NONE**

#### **Staff Reports**

##### 7. **Steve Siddoway** –

- Big item right now is budget season.
- In conjunction with the new playground replacement at Tully Park, we're in the final stages of getting a communication board ordered, which is used to help kids with limited verbal skills to communicate using visual pictures. It will include park amenities and other action words.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the hearing for the purchase and sale agreement for the community center.
- Reminder of ribbon cuttings May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>.

##### 8. **Mike Barton** –

- Playground is in and open for Tully Park. Crew will go back out by early May to finish the rubberized surface below the swings, waiting on good weather.
- Had a couple scoping meetings on the pathways master plan. Letter to request additional funding was sent to Compass today. Expect to hear back pretty soon.
- The lights around the pickleball and tennis courts are going in.
- Bike Park area is being expanded at Discovery Park, Joey put in a new line.
- New Superintendent starting Friday at Lakeview Golf Course. Bar top being installed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ahead of the grand opening. Restrooms are in final design.
- Settler's Splashpad is under construction, pressure test today. Foundations being set for upright toys. All the inside work for the plumbing is done. Should open Memorial Day weekend as typical.
- The crew is coming in next week to start drilling the new ground water well at Fuller Park.

## 9. **Garrett White** –

- Work happening on flooring and paint for renovation project in Bay 6 at Homecourt for community education classes. Jenna has been working on getting those programs scheduled. Tentative date is June 3<sup>rd</sup> when summer programming will start there.
- Activity guide was released today. Registration opens Friday at 9 am. Two summer camps planned right now with 30 participants each at Sienna and Discovery schools. As we get more staff we can increase those numbers. Still hiring for staff.
- We have 58 lifeguards hired as of today for the pool with a lot more interviews to go. Training begins in May once school is out. Hopeful to be open more to the public this year but it depends on guard availability. Painting and shade replacement happening at the pool, along with getting the pool ready.
- At Homecourt pickleball is still going strong with the parking lot packed in the mornings. Lots of public use with volleyball and basketball too.
- For sports we have 115 adult softball teams, with 18 senior softball teams. 147 volleyball teams. Working on cornhole leagues. Approximately 40 teams estimated for girl's fastpitch tournament over Memorial Day weekend.
- New art piece at Discovery Park was just revealed. The designs are almost done for transit shelter art. Staying busy with agreements and contracts.
- Over the last year one of our Admin staff, Kaela, has worked in our Rec1 software to get it to where once our Care Enough to Share applicants are preapproved all she has to do is allocate the funds for them to spend on their own. We had almost \$1700 in swim lessons that were paid for online through Care Enough to Share, saving our staff time.

### Commission Feedback:

- **Terry Dennington** – Are we trying to pursue something with the Rail with Trail in the downtown area?  
*Our project will go from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the west, and then connect back to Broadway. We have done some scoping work on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Meridian Road which would get us to the future signalized intersection here. Then the project across the street had a multi-use path behind it. So, little sections at a time will get connected; it takes a long time. Our goal is to connect 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Linder and then Linder to Meridian Road. The Linder Road being widened will include wider sidewalks. To the east is a little bit of a challenge.*
- **Jo Greer** – Is the senior softball new?  
*A gentleman we named it after, Del Drake, started it about 15 years ago, this is only the second year that we have been running it.*

Next meeting May 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. More info to come on meeting location for the bike tour.

## **Adjourn**

*Commission Chair Mandi Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice Chair Dom Gelsomino moved to adjourn. Commissioner Terry Dennington seconded. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.*



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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MANDI ROBERTS, CHAIR

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DOM GELSOMINO, VICE CHAIR

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Attachments:

- 1) PowerPoint: Fiscal Year 2025 Draft MPR Department Budget Requests Update – Steve Siddoway (9 pages)
- 2) PowerPoint: MPR Commission Annual Report – Mandi Roberts

# FY2025 DRAFT MPR BUDGET REQUESTS UPDATE

Steve Siddoway – April 10, 2024



1) COMMUNITY CENTER - CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS  
\$750,000  
- BUDGET AMENDMENT

- ▶ 1 restroom on #11
- ▶ 1 restroom between #15 & #16



## 2) LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS \$805,230

- ▶ Ten Mile Trailhead Restroom Construction
- ▶ Five Mile Creek Pathway – McDermott Road to N. Glassford Way, Under HWY 16

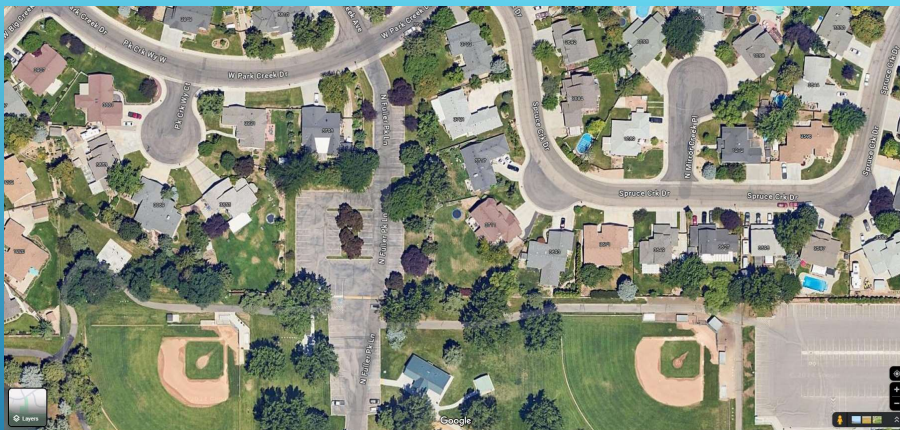


## 3) PATHWAY CONNECTIONS \$663,775

- ▶ Services Bodies x 2
- ▶ 22,000 LB Rated Pintel Hitch Trailer
- ▶ 22,000 LB Rated Gooseneck Trailer
- ▶ F-250 Used Truck



#### 4) MPR MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE PURCHASES \$117,690



#### 5) FULLER PARK SIDEWALK CONNECTION \$85,000

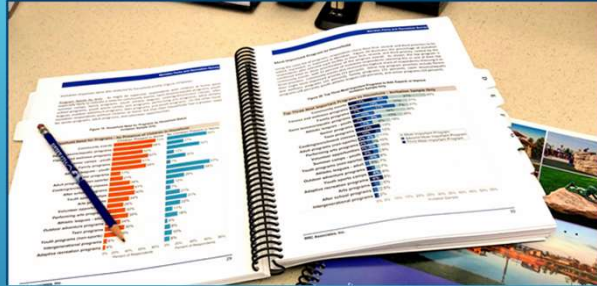




6) GREENUP OF DONATED LAND AT HILLSDALE PARK \$175,000



7) RECREATION COORDINATOR 1 (SPECIAL EVENTS) \$95,252



## 8) PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN \$30,000

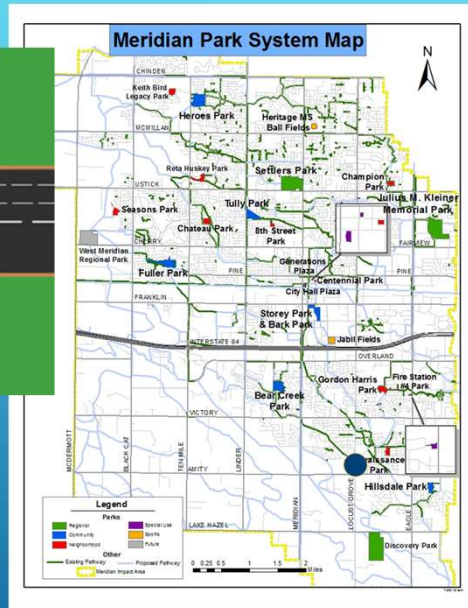
### ► Kleiner Park Community Garden



## 9) SHADE STRUCTURE IN EXISTING PARKS \$80,000



# 10) YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS PROJECTS \$7,000



# 11) ROUNDABOUT LANDSCAPING AT LOCUST GROVE & VICTORY ROAD \$45,000



- ▶ Ten Mile Road Landscaping Renovation/Replacement
- ▶ Kleiner Park Bocce Ball Court Renovation
- ▶ History Tour Decal Replacement
- ▶ Community Pool Deck Channel Drains
- ▶ Kleiner Park Benches
- ▶ Kleiner Park Shelters and Fencing Painting Projects



## PARK FACILITY LIFE CYCLE REPLACEMENTS \$535,340

- ▶ Jacobsen 548 Seeder
- ▶ John Deere 997 Mower x 3
- ▶ Jacobsen Triplex Greens Mower
- ▶ TCM Forklift
- ▶ John Deere 1445 Mower



## EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS \$364,000

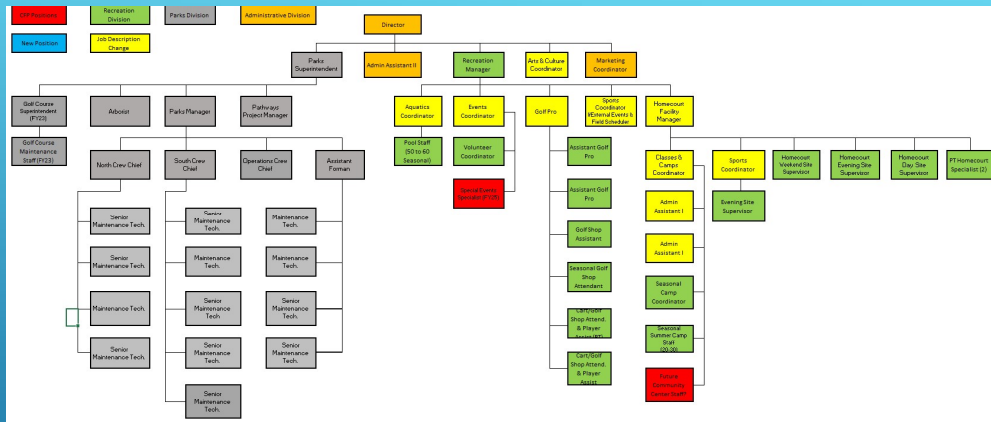




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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!



## PERSONNEL RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST - PARKS \$45,784



COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS \$150,800

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# COMMISSION UPDATE



Presented to the Meridian City Council by  
Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Mandi Roberts

April 9, 2024

## Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission



**Back Row L to R:**

Dom Gelsomino  
Keith Bevan  
Jennifer Bobo  
Alan Helms

**Front Row L to R:**

Elle Hood (Youth)  
Jo Greer  
Terry Dennington

**Not Shown:**

John Nesmith  
Mandi Roberts

## 2024 Commission Goals



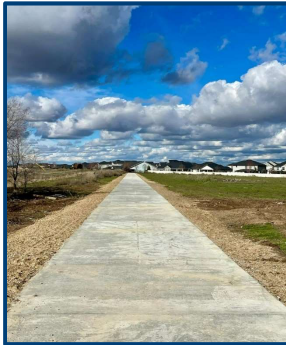
### **GOAL 1 –**

**Participate in the development  
of the Pathways Master Plan  
Update.**



## GOAL 2 –

Support development of a connected pathway system across the City of Meridian, with focus on user experience amenities and improved connectivity.



Mary McPherson Pathway



Fivemile Creek Trailhub and Public Art



Pedestrian Bridge over Ninemile Creek



### **GOAL 3 –**

**Support future improvements at Lakeview Golf Course, including clubhouse/patio improvements and new on-course restrooms.**





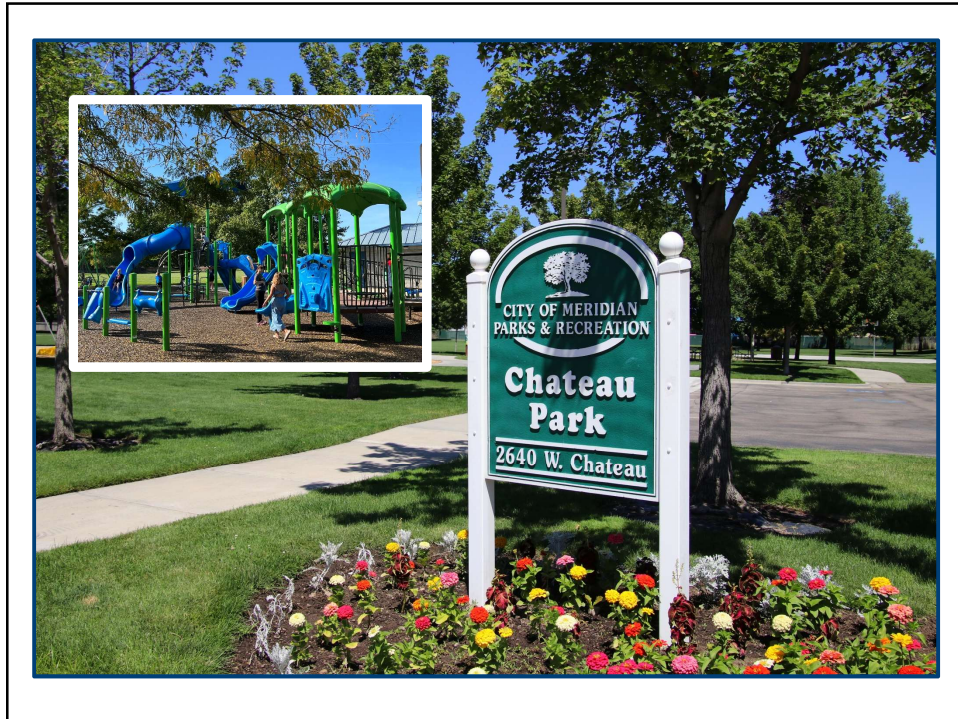


**GOAL 4 -**

**Participate in the partnership with the Meridian Arts Commission to add theming and identify reinforcing art in Meridian parks and along pathways. Focus this year is on Discovery Park, Seasons Park and Chateau Park.**

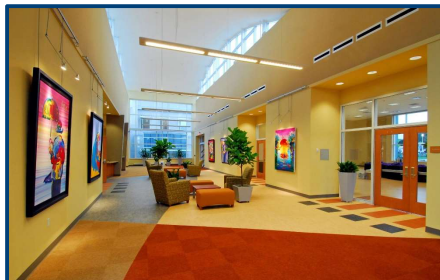






## **GOAL 5 –**

**Participate in the design and programming of a new Community Center.**





## GOAL 6 –

**Support replacement of the Settlers Park Splash Pad.**







## GOAL 7 –

Continue to provide feedback for ongoing park improvements and enhancements.





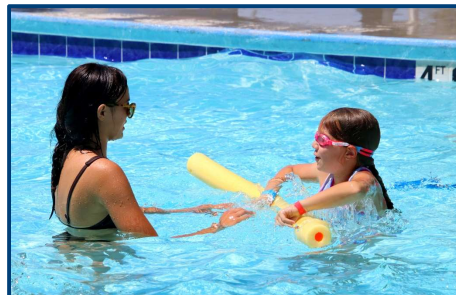
## **GOAL 8 -**

**Engage other task forces, commissions, entities and agencies through workshops and other outreach for partnership opportunities.**



## GOAL 9 –

Support ongoing operations of the Meridian Pool.



## **GOAL 10 –**

**Pursue improved communication tools and opportunities to engage the community and diverse interests.**



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**BREAKING NEWS!**  
**ACCOLADES & AWARDS**

Meridian Parks and Recreation Wins Three  
Idaho Recreation & Parks Association (IRPA) Awards  
at it 2024 Annual Conference Last Week!

**Outstanding Innovative Program** – For Playground Repurposing  
(For our donation of used playground equipment to third world countries)

**Outstanding Park or Facility Award** – Discovery Park Phase II

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**Dr. Leon Green Fellowship Award** – Meridian Parks Director Steve Siddoway  
(The highest and most prestigious individual honor given by IRPA to recognize  
vigorous activity in the parks and recreation field and in IRPA.)