



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

From: Caleb Hood, Community Development **Meeting Date:** September 14, 2020
Presenter: Caleb Hood **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes
Topic: Staff Communications

Below are relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the August TC meeting.

Mr. Rodgers,

Thank you for your email. All public roadways in Meridian are managed by Ada County Highway District. They have a form on their website titled "Traffic Investigation Report". This is a great first step toward requesting consideration for permanent or temporary roadway changes. I am also copying Caleb Hood, AICP, Planning Division Manager for the City of Meridian on this email. Mr. Hood works with the Transportation Commission, an appointed collection of volunteers who meet monthly to discuss and focus on roadways throughout the city. If there are additional recommendations he may have, he will also reply.

Please let me know if I can assist further. I hope this information helps begin a process of getting your concerns addressed. Have a great weekend.

Chris Johnson

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From: Dylan Rodgers <flyingpickle13@gmail.com >
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 10:07 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@meridiancity.org>
Subject: We need speed bumps on 8th street in meridian

I live on 8th street in meridian, and we really need some speed bumps. People go up our road at speeds at 35 to 40 miles an hour in a 25 mile an hour zone. It's also right next to the middle school and kids walk on that road every morning. Someone is going to end up getting hit and seriously injured so something should probably be done. Thanks

Jerry,

As discussed on the phone, I'd recommend you start with John Wasson at ACHD regarding your concern about cut-through traffic and speeding on Cherry Avenue. The City does have a Transportation Commission you could also address, but any "solution" will require ACHD buy-off. I've copied John on this email so he knows to expect your call; here is his contact info:

John D. Wasson

Assistant Traffic Engineer

Ada County Highway District

 (208) 387-6151

 (208) 387-6391

jwasson@achdidaho.org

Let me know if you'd like to further discuss.

Regards,

Caleb

From: Chase Creange <outlook_B6A52EB30F186A7E@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 5:03 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Speeding/running stop signs.

To whom it concerns,

I have sent an email to the police department a month ago regarding on what we can do about speeding and running stop signs in our neighborhood. No one has gotten back to me. I am running out of options of who to contact that can help me. We have children in the neighborhood and worry something is going to happen to a child if something is not done. My daughter a month ago almost got hit. The other neighbors are fed up also and want something done about this issue. I would appreciate it if you can contact me regarding this issue.

Chase Creange

Caleb, Erika and Bill: **Great News!** We closed the Bond Sale today to finance the STAR Road Work as planned in conjunction with our Linder Village project and are ready to proceed.

First, let us say THANK YOU for all your help and patience along the way. Obviously the COVID pandemic caused us an unanticipated delay but we kept pushing and ultimately got it done. We are excited to proceed with the road work project and anticipate closing on the remaining right of way and easements in the next few days. Our Construction Manager (Russell Corporation) has been working closely with our contractor (Idaho Materials) to prepare a revised schedule which they believe is reasonable and addresses the weather concerns we have discussed previously. We believe substantial completion is projected for the end of May 2021.

For your review, we have attached copies of the (i) Performance and Payment Bond required as per Section 3.2.1 of the STAR Agreement (and originals will be provided for signature by ITD and ACHD at your direction) and (ii) Bond Sale Process, Funding & Assurance Letter (as required in Section 3.4 of the STAR Agreement) as received from KeyBanc Capital Markets regarding the Available Funds and Financial Assurance specifically for the Linder Village Star Road Work project as described in the Star Agreement. As you will note, the funds on deposit in the Project Fund are specific to the STAR Road Work project costs and can only be used for this work as described in the Star Agreement.

Thanks again and let us know if you have any questions.

Best,

Dave and Joe

High Desert Development Linder Village, LLC

Caleb,

This is one of those subdivisions that allowed CO's to be issued due to an Accela error. Planning has not signed-off on CO issuance for this development however, we are releasing CO's to homebuilders on an individual basis due to this error.

Bill Parsons, AICP | Planning Supervisor

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From: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org>
Cc: Bill Parsons <bparsons@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: Chinden Noise Issue Follow up

How are people living in this subdivision if we haven't signed off on the improvements?

Caleb

From: Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Jonathan Walker <jonathanwalker@gmail.com>
Cc: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>; David Miles <dmiles@meridiancity.org>; Bill Parsons <bparsons@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: Chinden Noise Issue Follow up

Jonathan,

I've reached out to the Developer on this issue. As the Planning Division has not yet signed off on this phase of development, I don't believe it's a Code Enforcement issue; the developer will need to complete the improvements per the approved plans prior to Planning's sign-off on this development.

Thanks,
Sonya

From: Jonathan Walker <jonathanwalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org>
Cc: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>; David Miles <dmiles@meridiancity.org>; Bill Parsons <bparsons@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Re: Chinden Noise Issue Follow up

Good afternoon Sonya,

Thank you so much for assisting with this, I think this is actually starting to get to the root of the issue. What is shown and described in these drawings in documents is not what has been installed behind our homes. There is no 4' berm that the fence sits on top of, and there certainly is not a 54' distance between the roadway and the fenceline (both of which it looks like contributed to the noise abatement efficacy). I think these drawings are in line with what residents had expected to be built, but clearly has not been done. I will bring these documents along with some photographs as the fenceline currently stands to better illustrate for the city council what the issue is. I don't

know if Meridian has a code enforcement office, but if they do I would also like to submit this information to them to show the disparities between what was approved and what was actually built. Thanks again for your time, I imagine this type of research is difficult and I would not have been able to locate it on my own.

Very Respectfully,
Jonathan Walker

On Thu, Aug 6, 2020, 11:34 AM Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Jonathan,

Your property is on Lot 31, Block 23, Bainbridge Subdivision No. 7. The frontage section for your lot is "B", shown below & attached. The lots in this section sit 6' below grade of the property to the north where the highway is located. The approved plans for this area depict a 6' tall retaining wall with a 4' tall berm and 6' tall wood fence on top of the berm in the street buffer along Chinden. This plan, substantiated by an analysis by a sound engineer, was determined to meet the standards in City Code (UDC 11-3H-4D) for sound attenuation for residential uses along a state highway.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Sonya

From: Jonathan Walker <jonathanwalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Re: Chinden Noise Issue Follow up

Good afternoon,

My adress is 4102 w silver river st. Thanks for all of your help

On Wed, Aug 5, 2020, 4:49 PM Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Hi Jonathan,

A condition of approval of the preliminary plat for Bainbridge Subdivision (PP-13-011) required compliance with the standards listed in UDC 11-3H-4D for traffic noise abatement from Chinden Boulevard (SH 20/26).

Can you please give me your address so I can see which phase of the subdivision you're located in and check on the specific noise abatement for that phase?

Thanks,

Sonya

From: Jonathan Walker <jonathanwalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>
Cc: David Miles <dmiles@meridiancity.org>; Sonya Allen <sallen@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Re: Chinden Noise Issue Follow up

As I told the commission, I am just asking them to enforce the city ordinance as it is written. I think that is reasonable. Thanks again for the help.

On Wed, Aug 5, 2020, 9:13 AM Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Jonathan,

I recently asked the project planner, Sonya Allen (copied on this email) to look into this issue. It will probably take a while for her to do the research on what was approved with the Bainbridge project. Sonya, please reply to this group once you have done the research and found the applicable documentation regarding Bainbridge approvals.

It is your prerogative to address the Council, Jonathan. Like the Commission though I'm not quite sure what you are asking the Council to do?

Regards,

Caleb

From: Jonathan Walker <jonathanwalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Chinden Noise Issue Follow up

Good morning Mr. Hood,

I just wanted to follow up with you after Monday's Transportation Commission meeting, regarding the noise abatement issue involving Bainbridge and the Chinden Blvd expansion. I was wondering if you had found any further information that would help explain the lack of a barrier between our neighborhood and Chinden, as you explained sometimes there is a purpose for certain codes not being enforced. I intend to address the city council next Tuesday, and I just wanted to make sure that I had the most current and accurate information on the issue, so if you could pass along any additional relevant information it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your help on this issue, and I greatly appreciate the time that the commission took to listen to my neighbor and my concerns on Monday.

Very Respectfully,

Jonathan Walker