STAFF REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



HEARING 1

10/6/2022

DATE:

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Joe Dodson, Associate Planner

208-884-5533

SUBJECT: H-2022-0039

Slatestone Subdivision

LOCATION: Located at 2707 S. Stoddard Road, in the

NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24,

Township 3N, Range 1W.



I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Request for Annexation and Zoning of 5.04 acres of land with the R-8 zoning district and a preliminary plat consisting of 15 single-family building lots and 4 common lots on 4.85 acres in the requested R-8 zoning district, by T-O Engineers.

II. SUMMARY OF REPORT

A. Project Summary

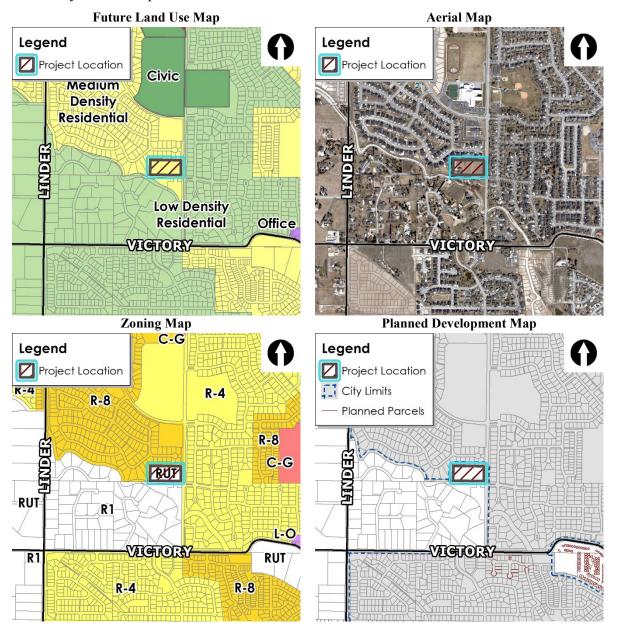
Description	Details	Page
Acreage	AZ – 5.04 acres; PP – 4.85 acres	
Future Land Use Designation	Medium Density Residential (MDR, 3-8 du/ac)	
Existing Land Use(s)	County residence which will remain on one of the	
	proposed lots	
Proposed Land Use(s)	Detached Single-family Residential	
Lots (# and type;	19 total lots – 15 residential building lots and 4	
bldg./common)	common lots	
Phasing Plan (# of phases)	2 phases	
Number of Residential Units	15 single-family units	
Density	Gross – 3.09 du/ac.; Net – 4.31 du/ac.	
Open Space (acres, total	Approximately 0.53 acres of open space proposed	
[%]/buffer/qualified)	(approximately 10.9%)	
Amenities	Two (2) benches are proposed – not a qualifying site	
	amenity.	
Neighborhood meeting date	March 10, 2022	

Description	Details	Page
History (previous approvals)	No application history with the City	

B. Community Metrics

Description	Details	Page
Ada County Highway		
District		
Staff report (yes/no)	Yes	
Requires ACHD	No	
Commission Action		
(yes/no)		
Access	Access is proposed via a new local street connection to S. Stoddard Road, an	
(Arterial/Collectors/State	existing collector street along the east property boundary. Access to all	
Hwy/Local) (Existing and	proposed homes is shown from this new local street that ends in a cul-de-sac	
Proposed)	and includes two common drives.	
Stub	No existing stub streets; no stub streets proposed.	1
Street/Interconnectivity/Cross		
Access	No succeed C Chaddend the collector street	Í
Existing Road Network	No, except S. Stoddard, the collector street.	
Proposed Road Improvements	The Applicant is required to dedicate additional right-of-way for S. Stoddard Road to total 35 feet from centerline and construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk.	
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Capital Improvements Plan/Integrated Five Year Work Plan	Stoddard Road is scheduled in the IFYWP to be widened to 3-lanes from Victory Road to Overland Road to be designed in 2022 and constructed in a future year.	
	The intersection of Stoddard Road is scheduled to receive an enhanced pedestrian crossing to be designed in 2022 and constructed in a future year.	
	Bridge #2085 is scheduled in the IFYWP to be replaced as part of the Stoddard Road widening to be designed in 2022 and constructed in a future year.	
	Victory Road is listed in the IFYWP to be widened to 3-lanes from Linder Road to Meridian Road to be designed in 2026 and constructed in a future year.	
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Fire Service		
Distance to Fire Station	1.1 miles from Fire Station #6.	
• Fire Response Time	The project lies wholly <i>inside</i> of the Meridian Fire response time goal of 5 minutes.	
Resource Reliability	Fire Station #6 reliability is 83% (above the goal of 80%)	
Accessibility	Proposed project meets all required road widths, and turnaround dimensions.	
Water & Wastewater		
	See Public Works Site Specific Conditions in Section VIII.	
Impacts/Concerns	see I dolle works she specific conditions in section viii.	

C. Project Area Maps



III. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Applicant:

Alec Egurrola, T-O Engineers – 332 N. Broadmore Way, Nampa, ID 83687

B. Property Owner:

Charles Rausch – 2707 S. Stoddard Road, Meridian, ID 83642

C. Representative:

Same as Applicant

IV. NOTICING

	Planning & Zoning Posting Date	City Council Posting Date
Newspaper Notification	7/5/2022	
Radius notification mailed to properties within 500 feet	6/30/2022	
Site Posting	9/22/2022	
Nextdoor posting	6/30/2022	

V. STAFF ANALYSIS

A. Future Land Use Map Designation (https://www.meridiancity.org/compplan)

Medium Density Residential (MDR) – This designation allows for dwelling units at gross densities of three to eight dwelling units per acre. Density bonuses may be considered with the provision of additional public amenities such as a park, school, or land dedicated for public services.

The subject 4.9 acres currently contains a large home and what appears to be a horse stable and pasture. The subject site is abutted by a public road to the east, Stoddard Road, where the new local street access is proposed. Abutting to the north and west property lines is an existing R-8 development, Fall Creek Subdivision; to the south is County residential not yet annexed into the City of Meridian. The subject property is designated as Medium Density Residential on the future land use map consistent with existing development to the west and north. Due to the existing street along the east boundary and no other existing stub streets to the property, the Applicant is proposing to take access from Stoddard in the approximate location of the existing driveway at the northeast corner of the property. No other access to Stoddard is proposed, consistent with City code.

The Applicant is proposing 15 building lots on 4.85 acres of land which constitutes a gross density of 3.09 units per acre, nearly the minimum density allowed within the MDR designation. The Applicant is proposing to reserve the existing home on nearly an acre sized lot and one additional large lot along the west boundary for the existing property owners. The minimum building lot size proposed throughout the rest of this project is approximately 6,150 square feet which exceeds the 4,000 square foot minimum lot size for the requested R-8 zoning district. The adjacent developments are of similar density but have building lots that are larger in size directly abutting the site than what are proposed with this project, however, no more than 2 building lots are proposed adjacent to any single existing lot along the north boundary. The same is true of the County parcels to the south that directly abut the Ridenbaugh Canal on their south boundary; the existing home lot and the proposed common lot along the south boundary should offer an adequate buffer to the existing residences to the south.

Because the proposed development is consistent with the existing development to the west and north and no access to an arterial street is proposed, Staff believes annexing this land into the City is in the best interest of the City and is a logical expansion of City zoning and development so long as the Applicant adheres to Staff's recommended DA provisions and conditions of approval.

However, the size of the property is just below the 5 acre minimum that would require 15% qualified open space within the requested R-8 zoning district. Staff does not find it prudent to require a minimum 15% qualified open space when Bear Creek park is a quarter mile to the north off of Stoddard. However, Staff voiced concerns with the originally proposed open space

for this development and a desire to create an area where people can congregate and/or kids can play within this development. In response, the Applicant has proposed additional linear open space along a portion of the north boundary with a micro-pathway that essentially creates a pedestrian loop within the subdivision between the two linear open space lots along the north and south boundaries. The Applicant has also included two park benches along the widest portion of the new linear open space between building Lots 3 & 4 when no amenity was proposed previously. Staff finds the latest revision creates more active open space as the walking paths are repeatedly noted as a used amenity/open space within subdivisions. However, much of this area would not qualify as linear open space per the open space code section because it is not at least 20 feet wide and is instead 15 feet or less in some areas. Therefore, Staff recommends all of the proposed linear open space be at least 20 feet wide to comply with open space standards (UDC 11-3G-3) and comply with the intent of open space code.

An alternative presented by Staff was to replace one of the lots within the subdivision and add a common open space lot for more active recreation and use. Should Commission or Council prefer a larger common open space lot over the proposed linear open space, Staff recommends a centralized location for the development (i.e. Lot 2, 4, or 10) and an amenity be located within it. Staff prefers this option over the proposed micro-paths but is not specifically recommending it at this time.

With Staff's recommended revision, Staff finds the proposed project to be generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, as discussed above. Specific Comprehensive Plan policies are discussed and analyzed below.

The City may require a development agreement (DA) in conjunction with an annexation and rezone pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-6511A. In order to ensure the site develops as proposed with this application, Staff recommends a DA that encompasses the land proposed to be annexed and zoned with the provisions included in Section VIII.A1. The DA is required to be signed by the property owner(s)/developer and returned to the City within 6 months of the Council granting the rezone and annexation approval. A final plat will not be accepted until the DA is executed and the AZ ordinance is approved by City Council.

B. Comprehensive Plan Policies (https://www.meridiancity.org/compplan):

The applicable Comprehensive Plan policies are cited below with Staff analysis in italics.

"Encourage a variety of housing types that meet the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of Meridian's present and future residents." (2.01.02D). The current property owner of the subject site intends to remain in their home while also reserving an additional lot or two for future use for their children. Staff finds this forethought and the subsequent design to develop their remaining acreage with approximate 6-8,000 square foot building lots allows for a variety of housing options based on the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of the existing resident and future residents.

"Establish and maintain levels of service for public facilities and services, including water, sewer, police, transportation, schools, fire, and parks" (3.02.01G). All public utilities are available for this project site due to the utilities being available in Stoddard Road. Applicant is required to dedicate additional right-of-way for future Stoddard Road improvements (upgraded from two to three lanes in the future). The newest Fire Station (station #6) is approximately 1 mile away and so the project is wholly within the response time goal of the City. West Ada School District has not sent a letter regarding this application but with a relative low number of homes (15) a large number of school aged children is not anticipated to be generated by this development. In

addition, Victory Middle School is within walking distance of the subject site so any children in that age group would be able to get to school safely and efficiently.

Staff finds that the existing and planned development of the immediate area create appropriate conditions for levels of service to and for this proposed project.

"With new subdivision plats, require the design and construction of pathways connections, easy pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, safe routes to schools, and the incorporation of usable open space with quality amenities." (2.02.01A). The proposed project will construct detached sidewalk along Stoddard Road and extend needed sidewalk along the west side of this street for safer access to Victory Middle School, approximately ¼ mile to the north. Further, the Applicant has proposed a looping micro-pathway network for the project that easily connects to the required sidewalk along Stoddard adding to the overall pedestrian connectivity and access to the nearby school and park.

"Ensure that new development within existing residential neighborhoods is cohesive and complementary in design and construction." (2.02.02F). As discussed, the Applicant is proposing the subject project with density at the low end of the allowed density (approximately 3.1 units/acre), similar to the density within the adjacent subdivision to the west and north. Further, the Applicant is proposing a 1 acre lot in the southwest corner for the existing home and linear open space common lots between the subject site and the existing County residential properties to the south and a few of the properties to the north along the north boundary.

"Require new development to establish street connections to existing local roads and collectors as well as to underdeveloped adjacent properties." (6.01.02C). The Applicant is proposing to construct a new local street within the development that has sole access to the adjacent collector street, Stoddard Road. The Applicant is not proposing to stub a street to the south boundary as both ACHD and the Applicant believe the redevelopment potential of the two lots to the south is minimal due to their existing shapes and the existence of the Ridenbaugh Canal and Stoddard abutting two of their three sides. Therefore, Staff does not find it necessary to provide a stub street to the south and finds the proposed street layout is sufficient in its design for the proposed plat.

Staff finds this development to be generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

C. Existing Structures/Site Improvements:

According to GIS imagery, there is an existing home that is to remain at the southwest corner of the property and an outbuilding that appears to be a horse stable and pasture; these structures and pasture are proposed to remain as part of Phase 2 for the project, per the submitted phasing plan (see below). Furthermore, the existing access for this site is via a driveway connection to W. Stoddard Road that will be converted to a public street. Staff has included a DA provision that the existing outbuilding/stable must be removed upon phase 2 development, consistent with accessory and primary structure restrictions.

D. Proposed Use Analysis:

The proposed use is detached single-family residential with a minimum lot size of approximately 6,000 square feet, based on the submitted plat (Exhibit VII.B). This use is a permitted use in the requested R-8 zoning district per UDC Table 11-2A-2 and all lots are shown to meet the minimum lot size requirement of 4,000 square feet and the minimum street frontage requirement of 40 feet. In fact, the majority of lots within the subdivision are proposed with at least 60 feet of frontage, more consistent with the R-4 district. The Applicant has noted the development is expected to develop in two phases with an intent to keep the existing home and outbuilding and

some pasture within phase 2. Phase 1 is proposed with 12 lots and both common driveways and Phase 2 is proposed with the remaining three (3) building lots.

E. Dimensional Standards (*UDC 11-2*):

The residential lots are shown to meet all UDC dimensional standards per the submitted plat. In addition, all subdivision developments are also required to comply with Subdivision Design and Improvement Standards (UDC 11-6C-3).

The Applicant is proposing two (2) common drives within the project; one in the southeast corner of the project for access to Lots 16 & 17 and an additional common drive near the northwest corner for access to four lots (Lots 5-7 and Lot 9). Lot 8 common drive appears to comply with all standards outlined in UDC 11-6C-3D. However, the construction of the Lot 14 common drive does not appear to comply as it creates a sidewalk gap on the public street and does not extend 20 feet past the property line for Lot 16. ACHD does not call this out in their staff report but Staff finds that Lot 14 should match Lot 8 in its design and not be a part of the public road network as depicted on the submitted plans. The Applicant should continue the curb, gutter, and 5-foot sidewalk between Lots 13 & 18 consistent with the curve of the public street and mirror the design of the Lot 8 common drive. In addition, the Applicant should extend the common drive 6 feet further to the south to ensure at least 20 feet of frontage for Lot 16. The Applicant should make these revisions with the first final plat submittal.

F. Building Elevations (<u>UDC 11-3A-19</u> | <u>Architectural Standards Manual</u>):

The Applicant submitted conceptual building elevations for the proposed detached single-family homes. Note that detached single-family homes do not require Design Review approval therefore Staff does not review these for compliance with any architectural standards.

The submitted elevations depict a number of different architectural designs of the modern style home with shed roof designs as well as dormers. In addition, all homes are shown with 3-car garages (some RV garage bays) and a variety of window designs. The field materials shown appear to be of high quality siding and stucco with stone accents and varying garage door materials. Overall, Staff finds the submitted elevations to show high quality and attractive single-family homes.

G. Access (*UDC 11-3A-3*, *11-3H-4*):

Access is proposed via a new local street (shown as W. Scoria Court) connection to S. Stoddard Road approximately 345 feet north of the Grizzly Drive on the east side Stoddard Road. There are no existing stub streets adjacent to the site and Stoddard runs along the entire east boundary which is why the Applicant is proposing an access point to this collector street and proposing W. Scoria to end as a cul-de-sac within the site, as shown on the submitted preliminary plat. Further, according to the proposed plat, W. Scoria is proposed as 33-foot wide local street with 5-foot attached sidewalks and Stoddard is shown to be improved with curb, gutter, and detached sidewalk outside of the additional right-of-way dedication required with this development. The proposed street design complies with all UDC standards and ACHD conditions of approval, according to the ACHD staff report.

H. Parking (*UDC* <u>11-3C</u>):

Off-street parking is required to be provided in accord with the standards listed in <u>UDC Table 11-3C-6</u> for single-family dwellings based on the number of bedrooms per unit. Staff will confirm compliance with these standards at the time of building permit submittal for each residence. Note that there is opportunity for on-street parking where there are no driveways because W. Scoria is proposed as a 33-foot wide street section.

I. Sidewalks (*UDC 11-3A-17*):

5-foot wide attached sidewalks are proposed along the new proposed local street. W. Scoria and 5-foot detached sidewalks along the west side of S. Stoddard Road, consistent with UDC and ACHD requirements. The proposed sidewalk dimensions also meet UDC 11-3A-17 and ACHD standards. However, the Stoddard frontage is shown as an alternative multi-use pathway segment and the Parks Department has requested that 10-foot sidewalk be added along Stoddard in lieu of the 5-foot sidewalk currently shown. Consistent with the Master Pathways Plan, Staff is recommending this revision.

According to the submitted plat and landscape plan, the proposed detached sidewalk along Stoddard is shown within ACHD right-of-way but at least 6 feet from the new curbing and added pavement proposed with this project, consistent with the UDC. With the requirement of the multiuse pathway along Stoddard, the Applicant may be required to submit a public access easement; the Applicant should continue working with ACHD to determine who will maintain the pathway based on its location within the ROW.

Staff does have concerns with the proposed micro-paths and sidewalk connection near the common drive at the southeast corner of the site, Lot 14. According to the submitted plans, the micro-path connects to the common drive and utilizes it as a pedestrian pathway. The City does not desire this type of design for pedestrian and vehicles to share the same surface if it can be avoided. Therefore, Staff is recommending 5-foot wide sidewalk be added to the common drive on either side of the common drive for added pedestrian safety. This recommendation will require the 5 feet to be taken from the adjacent lot to the west (Lot 13) or the lots to the east (lots 16-18).

J. Landscaping (*UDC 11-3B*):

A 20-foot wide street buffer is required along S. Stoddard Road, a collector street, landscaped per the standards in UDC Table 11-3B-7C. All landscape areas should be landscaped per UDC 11-3B-5, general landscaping standards. Lastly, according to the submitted plans, the Applicant is proposing micro-paths which should be landscaped in accord with UDC 11-3B-12 standards.

The Applicant is showing a common lot along S. Stoddard that is at least 20-feet in width and located wholly outside of the additional right-of-way dedication required by ACHD consistent with code requirements. The Stoddard landscape buffer is depicted with 9 trees, sod, and landscape beds with shrubs, consistent with UDC 11-3B-7. The Applicant is also showing landscape beds on both sides of the new local street connection to Stoddard with two trees on the south side of this entrance adjacent Lot 19. All street landscaping complies with UDC requirements.

As discussed, the Applicant has proposed linear open space and micro-paths around and through the development. These areas should be landscaped in accord with UDC 11-3B-12 with trees at least every 100 linear feet and include other vegetative ground cover. According to the submitted landscape plans, the Applicant is proposing trees in excess of code requirements with landscape beds, shrubs, and sod throughout. Staff finds the proposed landscaping meets or exceeds code requirements. Staff notes that with the recommended revisions to widen some areas to at least 20 feet in width, additional trees and vegetative ground cover should also be added to remain compliant with UDC 11-3B-12 OR lose one of the aforementioned buildable lots in order to provide more usable open space for the development.

K. Fencing (*UDC* <u>11-3A-6</u>, <u>11-3A-7</u>):

All fencing is required to comply with the standards listed in UDC 11-3A-7.

According to the revised landscape plans, the Applicant is proposing to keep the existing 6-foot vinyl privacy fencing along the perimeter of the property compliant with code. The Applicant is also showing 6-foot vinyl privacy fencing along the sides and rear boundaries of the building lots adjacent to the proposed micro-paths. This fencing is not code compliant as these linear open space areas are set behind building lots and are not visible from end-to-end. Therefore, the Applicant should revise the landscape plans to depict open vision fencing or semi-private open vision fencing consistent with UDC 11-3A-7 adjacent to Lots 2, 3, 10-13, & 16.

L. Utilities (*UDC 11-3A-21*):

The Applicant is proposing and is required to extend necessary public utilities for the proposed detached single-family dwellings within the Slatestone Subdivision. Public Works has reviewed the subject applications for compliance with their standards and finds them to be in general compliance except for specific conditions outlined in Section VIII.B of this report. Staff notes that the Applicant is proposing to place sewer within a common lot and the common drive at the southeast corner of the property.

Because the Applicant is placing a sewer main within a common lot, it must have a drivable surface over top for City access. This is shown on the submitted plans but also depicts a hammerhead type turnaround that is not required by the City. Because it is not required, Staff recommends removing the western piece of this turnaround to square up the southeast corner of Lot 13 and provide more area that can be landscaped behind Lot 13 up to the required 20-foot wide sewer main easement.

M. Waterways (*UDC* <u>11-3A-6</u>):

According to satellite imagery, the subject site contains an irrigation ditch along the southern boundary. The submitted plat depicts this irrigation ditch but does not show it on the subject property. In accord with UDC 11-3A-6B.3, if the irrigation ditch is on the subject property, the Applicant is required to pipe the ditch.

Prior to the Commission hearing, the Applicant should verify the location of the irrigation ditch and if said ditch is proven to be on the subject property, the Applicant should revise any relevant plans to depict this ditch as being piped prior to the City Council hearing, in accord with UDC 11-3A-6B.

VI. DECISION

A. Staff:

Staff recommends approval of the requested annexation and preliminary plat applications with the requirement of a Development Agreement per the conditions of approval in Section VIII of this report per the Findings in Section IX of this staff report.

B. Commission:

Enter Summary of Commission Decision.

C. City Council:

To be heard at future date.

VII. EXHIBITS

A. Annexation and Zoning Legal Description and Exhibit Map



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CITY OF MERIDIAN ANNEXATION DESCRIPTION

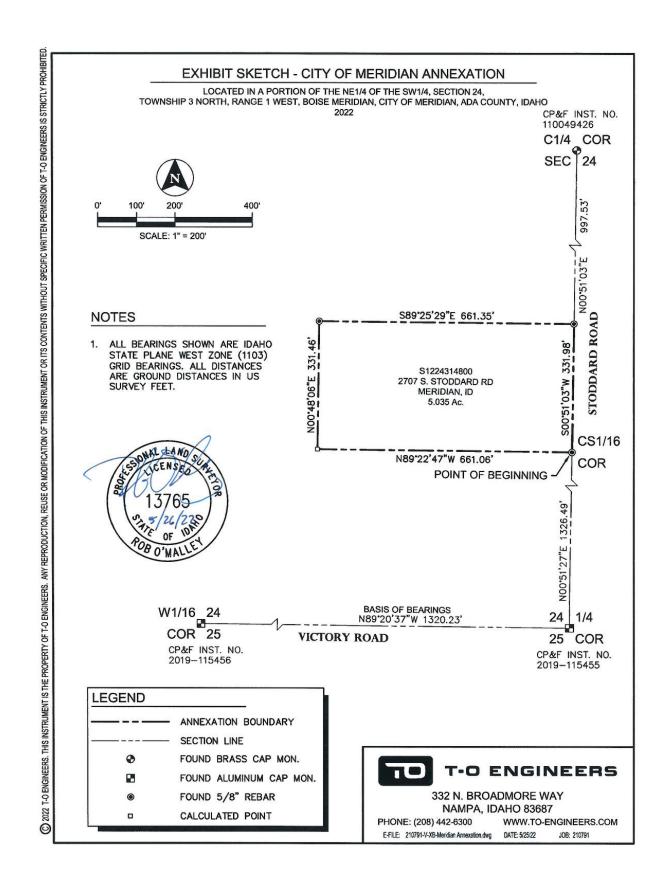
A parcel of land located in the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, City of Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at an aluminum cap monument marking the South 1/4 corner of said Section 24, from which an aluminum cap monument marking the West 1/16 Corner between Sections 24 and 25 bears N.89°20'37"W., a distance of 1320.23 feet; thence, along the east boundary of said SW1/4,

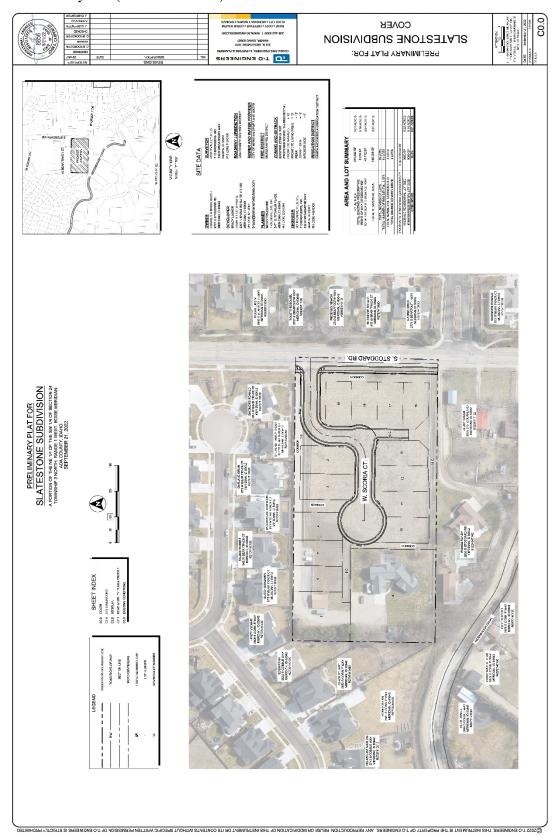
- A) N.00°51'27"E., 1326.49 feet to the Center South 1/16 Corner of said Section 24 and the POINT OF BEGINNING: thence.
 - 1) N.89°22'47"W., 661.06 feet; thence,
 - 2) N.00°48'06"E., 331.46 feet; thence,
 - 3) S.89°25'29"E., 661.35 feet to the east boundary of said SW1/4; thence along said boundary,
 - 4) S.00°51'03"W., 331.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

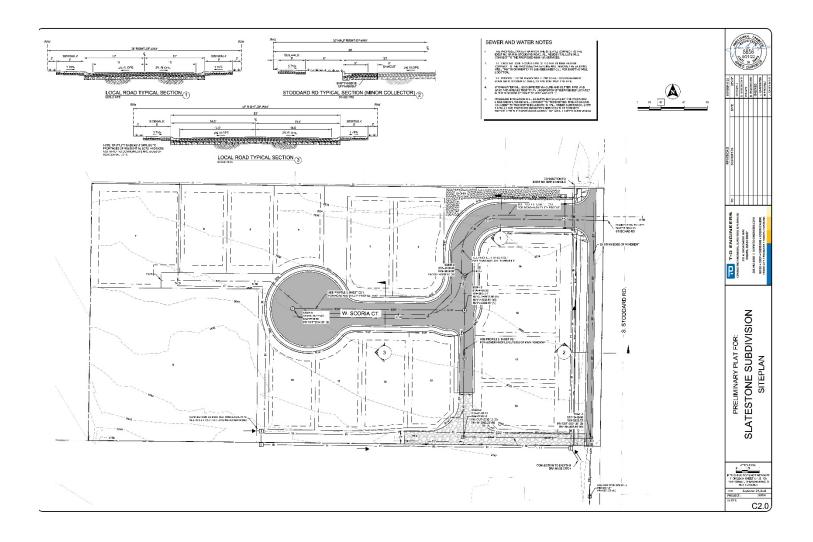
CONTAINING: 5.035 acres, more or less.





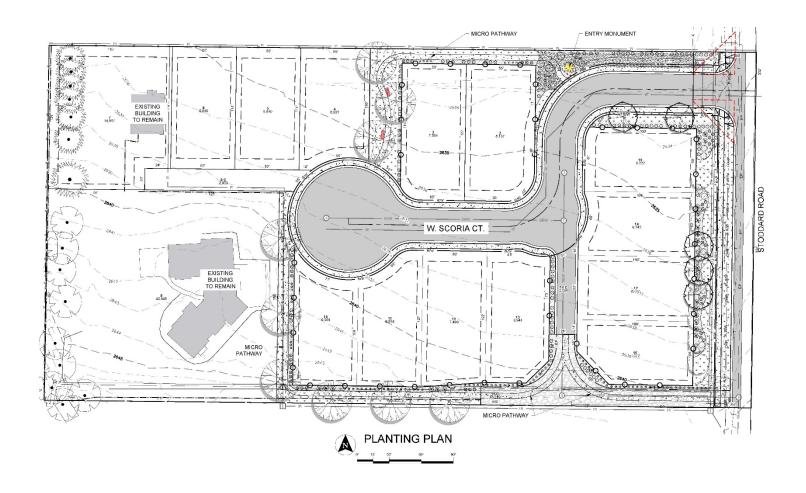
B. Preliminary Plat (dated: 9/21/2022)



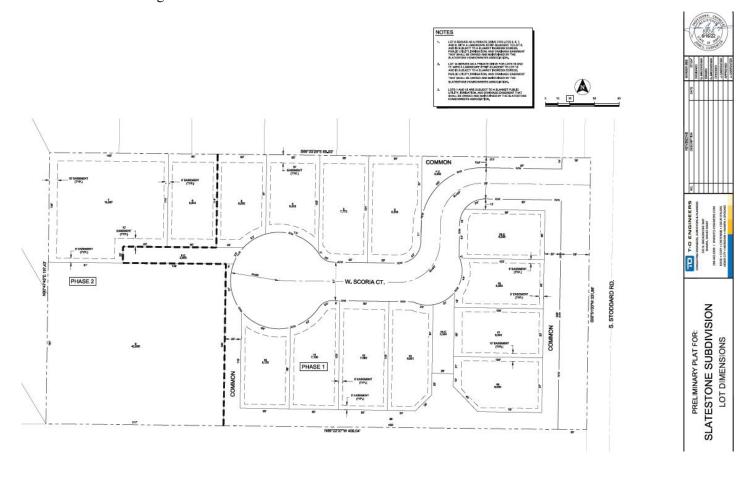


C. Landscape Plans (date: 9/22/2022)





D. Phasing Plan:



E. Conceptual Building Elevations









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VIII. CITY/AGENCY COMMENTS & CONDITIONS

A. PLANNING DIVISION

1. A Development Agreement (DA) is required as a provision of annexation of this property. Prior to approval of the annexation ordinance, a DA shall be entered into between the City of Meridian and the property owner(s)/developer at the time of annexation ordinance adoption, and the developer. A final plat will not be accepted until the DA is executed and the Annexation and Zoning ordinance is approved by City Council.

Currently, a fee of \$303.00 shall be paid by the Applicant to the Planning Division prior to commencement of the DA. The DA shall be signed by the property owner and returned to the Planning Division within six (6) months of the City Council granting the annexation. The DA shall, at minimum, incorporate the following provisions:

- a. Future development of this site shall be substantially consistent with the approved plat, landscape plan, phasing plan, and conceptual building elevations included in Section VII and the provisions contained herein.
- b. The existing outbuilding/stable shall be removed upon phase 2 development, consistent with accessory and primary structure restrictions and the approved phasing plan.
- c. The existing home shall connect to City water and sewer services with the first phase of development.
- d. The rear and/or sides of homes visible from S. Stoddard Road (Lots 16-19) shall incorporate articulation through changes in two or more of the following: modulation (e.g. projections, recesses, step-backs, pop-outs), bays, banding, porches, balconies, material types, or other integrated architectural elements to break up monotonous wall planes and roof lines that are visible from the subject public street. *Single-story structures are exempt from this requirement*.

Preliminary Plat Conditions:

- 2. The preliminary plat included in Section VII.B, dated September 21, 2022, shall be revised as follows prior to submitting for Final Plat approval:
 - a. Show all linear open space to be at least 20 feet wide consistent with UDC 11-3G-3 standards or lose one of the buildable lots in lieu of a larger and centralized open space lot with a commensurate amenity that is code compliant.
 - b. Direct lot access to S. Stoddard Road is prohibited in accord with UDC 11-3A-3.
 - c. Correct the plat to show curb, gutter, and 5-foot attached sidewalk between Lots 13 & 18 consistent with the curve of the public street
 - d. Show the common drive on Lot 14 to be six (6) feet further to the south to ensure at least 20 feet of frontage for Lot 16.
 - e. Add a 5-foot wide sidewalk to either side of the Lot 14 common drive to connect it to the local street sidewalk and proposed micro-path in Lot 15 common lot.
 - f. Remove the western piece of the turnaround up to the required 20-foot wide sewer main easement shown in Lot 15 to square up the southeast corner of Lot 13 and provide more area that can be landscaped behind Lot 13.

- g. Depict the required 10-foot wide multi-use pathway along S. Stoddard Road and place it at least four (4) feet outside of the ultimate curb and gutter location to allow for landscaping on both sides of the pathway. Prior to the City Engineer's signature on the final plat for Phase 1, a 14-foot wide public pedestrian easement shall be submitted to the Planning Division and recorded for the multi-use pathway as required by the Park's Department, unless ACHD requires ones.
- h. Existing home will get a new address upon development of the first phase of this project consistent with the development of the new local street access.
- 3. The landscape plan included in Section VII.C, dated September 22, 2022, shall be revised as follows prior to submitting for Final Plat approval:
 - a. Show all linear open space to be at least 20 feet wide consistent with UDC 11-3G-3 standards or lose one of the buildable lots in lieu of a larger and centralized open space lot with a commensurate amenity that is code compliant.
 - b. Make the necessary revisions to the landscape plans to match the plat revisions noted above in VIII.A2.
 - c. Add additional trees along micro-path north of Lots 2 & 3 to remain consistent with UDC 11-3B-12 following the widening of this area to 20 feet.
 - d. Depict open vision fencing or semi-private open vision fencing consistent with UDC 11-3A-7 adjacent to Lots 2, 3, 10-13, & 16 (refer to Figure 1 in UDC 11-3A-7 for depictions of fencing types).
- 4. Prior to the Commission hearing, the Applicant shall verify the location of the irrigation ditch along the south boundary to determine if it is on the subject property; if said ditch is proven to be on the subject property, the Applicant should revise any relevant plans to depict this ditch as being piped prior to the City Council hearing in accord with UDC 11-3A-6B.
- 5. Future development shall be consistent with the minimum dimensional standards listed in UDC Table 11-2A-6 for the R-8 zoning district.
- 6. Off-street parking is required to be provided in accord with the standards listed in UDC Table 11-3C-6 for single-family dwellings based on the number of bedrooms per unit.
- 7. The Applicant shall comply with all ACHD conditions of approval.
- 8. Provide a pressurized irrigation system consistent with the standards as set forth in UDC 11-3A-15, UDC 11-3B-6 and MCC 9-1-28.
- 9. An exhibit shall be submitted with the final plat application for the lots accessed by common driveways (Lots 5-7, 9, & 16-18) that depicts the setbacks, fencing, building envelope and orientation of the lots and structures in accord with UDC 11-6C-3D. Driveways for abutting properties that are not taking access from the common driveway(s) shall be depicted on the opposite side of the shared property line away from the common driveway. Solid fencing adjacent to common driveways is prohibited unless separated by a minimum 5-foot wide landscaped buffer.
- 10. Upon completion of the landscape installation, a written Certificate of Completion shall be submitted to the Planning Division verifying all landscape improvements are in substantial compliance with the approved landscape plan as set forth in UDC 11-3B-14.

11. The preliminary plat approval shall become null and void if the applicant fails to either: 1) obtain the City Engineer signature on a final plat within two years of the date of the approved findings; or 2) obtain approval of a time extension as set forth in UDC 11-6B-7.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- 1. Install two mainline valves on the tee at the connection to Stoddard Rd.
- 2. Ensure that any water main is 10' from the edge of right of way.
- 3. A streetlight plan will be required for the subdivision as well as (2) streetlights along S. Stoddard Rd.
- 4. Applicant to ensure proper separation between water and sewer mains.
- 5. Ensure no sewer services pass through infiltration trenches.
- 6. Ensure no permanent structures (trees, bushes, buildings, carports, trash receptacle walls, fences, infiltration trenches, light poles, etc.) are built within the utility easement
- 7. The geotechnical investigative report prepared by Geo Tek, Inc. indicates specific construction considerations. The applicant shall be responsible for the adherence of these recommendations to help ensure that groundwater does not become a problem within crawlspaces of homes.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 1. Sanitary sewer service to this development is available via extension of existing mains adjacent to the development. The applicant shall install mains to and through this subdivision; applicant shall coordinate main size and routing with the Public Works Department, and execute standard forms of easements for any mains that are required to provide service. Minimum cover over sewer mains is three feet, if cover from top of pipe to sub-grade is less than three feet than alternate materials shall be used in conformance of City of Meridian Public Works Departments Standard Specifications.
- 2. Water service to this site is available via extension of existing mains adjacent to the development. The applicant shall be responsible to install water mains to and through this development, coordinate main size and routing with Public Works.
- 3. All improvements related to public life, safety and health shall be completed prior to occupancy of the structures. Where approved by the City Engineer, an owner may post a performance surety for such improvements in order to obtain City Engineer signature on the final plat as set forth in UDC 11-5C-3B.
- 4. Upon installation of the landscaping and prior to inspection by Planning Department staff, the applicant shall provide a written certificate of completion as set forth in UDC 11-3B-14A.
- 5. A letter of credit or cash surety in the amount of 110% will be required for all incomplete fencing, landscaping, amenities, pressurized irrigation, prior to signature on the final plat.
- 6. The City of Meridian requires that the owner post with the City a performance surety in the amount of 125% of the total construction cost for all incomplete sewer, water infrastructure prior to final plat signature. This surety will be verified by a line item cost estimate provided by the owner to the City. The applicant shall be required to enter into a Development Surety Agreement with the City of Meridian. The surety can be posted in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or bond. Applicant must file an application for surety, which can

- be found on the Community Development Department website. Please contact Land Development Service for more information at 887-2211.
- 7. The City of Meridian requires that the owner post to the City a warranty surety in the amount of 20% of the total construction cost for all completed sewer, and water infrastructure for a duration of two years. This surety amount will be verified by a line item final cost invoicing provided by the owner to the City. The surety can be posted in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or bond. Applicant must file an application for surety, which can be found on the Community Development Department website. Please contact Land Development Service for more information at 887-2211.
- 8. In the event that an applicant and/or owner cannot complete non-life, non-safety and non-health improvements, prior to City Engineer signature on the final plat and/or prior to occupancy, a surety agreement may be approved as set forth in UDC 11-5C-3C.
- 9. Applicant shall be required to pay Public Works development plan review, and construction inspection fees, as determined during the plan review process, prior to the issuance of a plan approval letter.
- 10. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all development features comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- 11. Applicant shall be responsible for application and compliance with any Section 404 Permitting that may be required by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 12. Developer shall coordinate mailbox locations with the Meridian Post Office.
- 13. All grading of the site shall be performed in conformance with MCC 11-1-4B.
- 14. Compaction test results shall be submitted to the Meridian Building Department for all building pads receiving engineered backfill, where footing would sit atop fill material.
- 15. The engineer shall be required to certify that the street centerline elevations are set a minimum of 3-feet above the highest established peak groundwater elevation. This is to ensure that the bottom elevation of the crawl spaces of homes is at least 1-foot above.
- 16. The applicants design engineer shall be responsible for inspection of all irrigation and/or drainage facility within this project that do not fall under the jurisdiction of an irrigation district or ACHD. The design engineer shall provide certification that the facilities have been installed in accordance with the approved design plans. This certification will be required before a certificate of occupancy is issued for any structures within the project.
- 17. At the completion of the project, the applicant shall be responsible to submit record drawings per the City of Meridian AutoCAD standards. These record drawings must be received and approved prior to the issuance of a certification of occupancy for any structures within the project.
- 18. Street light plan requirements are listed in section 6-7 of the Improvement Standards for Street Lighting (http://www.meridiancity.org/public_works.aspx?id=272). All street lights shall be installed at developer's expense. Final design shall be submitted as part of the development plan set for approval, which must include the location of any existing street lights. The contractor's work and materials shall conform to the ISPWC and the City of Meridian Supplemental Specifications to the ISPWC. Contact the City of Meridian Transportation and Utility Coordinator at 898-5500 for information on the locations of existing street lighting.

- 19. The applicant shall provide easement(s) for all public water/sewer mains outside of public right of way (include all water services and hydrants). The easement widths shall be 20-feet wide for a single utility, or 30-feet wide for two. The easements shall not be dedicated via the plat, but rather dedicated outside the plat process using the City of Meridian's standard forms. The easement shall be graphically depicted on the plat for reference purposes. Submit an executed easement (on the form available from Public Works), a legal description prepared by an Idaho Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, which must include the area of the easement (marked EXHIBIT A) and an 81/2" x 11" map with bearings and distances (marked EXHIBIT B) for review. Both exhibits must be sealed, signed and dated by a Professional Land Surveyor. DO NOT RECORD. Add a note to the plat referencing this document. All easements must be submitted, reviewed, and approved prior to signature of the final plat by the City Engineer.
- 20. Applicant shall be responsible for application and compliance with and NPDES permitting that may be required by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 21. Any wells that will not continue to be used must be properly abandoned according to Idaho Well Construction Standards Rules administered by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The Developer's Engineer shall provide a statement addressing whether there are any existing wells in the development, and if so, how they will continue to be used, or provide record of their abandonment.
- 22. Any existing septic systems within this project shall be removed from service per City Ordinance Section 9-1-4 and 9 4 8. Contact the Central District Health Department for abandonment procedures and inspections.
- 23. The City of Meridian requires that pressurized irrigation systems be supplied by a year-round source of water (MCC 9-1-28.C.1). The applicant should be required to use any existing surface or well water for the primary source. If a surface or well source is not available, a single-point connection to the culinary water system shall be required. If a single-point connection is utilized, the developer will be responsible for the payment of assessments for the common areas prior to development plan approval.
- 24. All irrigation ditches, canals, laterals, or drains, exclusive of natural waterways, intersecting, crossing or laying adjacent and contiguous to the area being subdivided shall be addressed per UDC 11-3A-6. In performing such work, the applicant shall comply with Idaho Code 42-1207 and any other applicable law or regulation.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=265657&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity

D. ADA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=266783&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity

E. PARKS DEPARTMENT – MERIDIAN PATHWAYS

<u>https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=265658&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity</u>

F. NAMPA/MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (NMID)

https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=267285&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity

G. ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT (ACHD)

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IX. FINDINGS

A. Annexation and Zoning (UDC 11-5B-3E)

Required Findings: Upon recommendation from the commission, the council shall make a full investigation and shall, at the public hearing, review the application. In order to grant an annexation and/or rezone, the council shall make the following findings:

1. The map amendment complies with the applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan;

Staff finds the proposed zoning map amendment to annex the property into the City of Meridian with the R-8 zoning district with the proposed preliminary plat and site design is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, if all conditions of approval are met.

2. The map amendment complies with the regulations outlined for the proposed districts, specifically the purpose statement;

Staff finds the proposed zoning map amendment and the request for the development complies with the regulations outlined in the requested R-8 zoning district and is consistent with the purpose statement of the requested zone.

3. The map amendment shall not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare;

Staff finds the proposed zoning map amendment should not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare.

4. The map amendment shall not result in an adverse impact upon the delivery of services by any political subdivision providing public services within the city including, but not limited to, school districts; and

Staff finds the proposed zoning map amendment will not result in an adverse impact on the delivery of services by any political subdivision providing public services within the City.

5. The annexation (as applicable) is in the best interest of city.

Staff finds the annexation is in the best interest of the City.

B. Preliminary Plat Findings:

In consideration of a preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat, or short plat, the decision-making body shall make the following findings:

1. The plat is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan;

Staff finds that the proposed plat is in substantial compliance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan in regard to land use, density, transportation, and pedestrian connectivity. (Please see Comprehensive Plan Policies in, Section V of this report for more information.)

2. Public services are available or can be made available and are adequate to accommodate the proposed development;

Staff finds that public services will be provided to the subject property with development. (See Section VIII of the Staff Report for more details from public service providers.)

3. The plat is in conformance with scheduled public improvements in accord with the City's capital improvement program;

Because City water and sewer and any other utilities will be provided by the development at their own cost, Staff finds that the subdivision will not require the expenditure of capital improvement funds.

4. There is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development;

Staff finds there is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development based upon comments from the public service providers (i.e., Police, Fire, ACHD, etc.). (See Section VIII for more information.)

5. The development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare; and,

Staff is not aware of any health, safety, or environmental problems associated with the platting of this property.

6. The development preserves significant natural, scenic or historic features.

Staff is unaware of any significant natural, scenic or historic features that exist on this site that require preserving.