



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 • 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 President Jo Greer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m. MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jo Greer, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albert Kang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Bevan, Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> John Nesmith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dom Gelsomino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autumn Short
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bobo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica West (departed at approx. 7 p.m.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camden Hyde	<input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Perrault, City Council Ex-Officio

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Parks & Recreation Director Steve Siddoway, Parks Superintendent Mike Barton, Recreation Manager Garrett White; Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston, and Parks & Pathways Manager Kim Warren; and Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

*Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Autumn Short seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

#### Approval of the Minutes

##### 1. December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting – Jo Greer

*Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the minutes. Commission Vice President Keith Bevan seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

**Announcements ~ NONE**

**Old Business ~ NONE**

## New Business

### 2. **Dom Gelsomino Recognition – Steve Siddoway**

MPR Director Steve Siddoway recognized Dom Gelsomino as the Commission's President for 2020. As outgoing President, Steve presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and award plaque. Rachel Myers snapped a photo.

### 3. **MPR Department Annual Report – Shelly Houston**

MPR Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston presented a PowerPoint highlighting the MPR Department's 2020 Annual Report of accomplishments. Copies of her slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

### 4. **Ethics & Open Meeting Laws Update – Emily Kane**

Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane provided an update about the Ethics & Open Meeting Laws via a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of her slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

### 5. **Discovery Park Phase 2 Design Discussion – Mike Barton**

MPR Parks Superintendent Mike Barton provided an update about the design of Discovery Park Phase 2 in terms of amenities, construction timing/process, budget, and next steps, as well as transportation and pedestrian connectivity offsite in South Meridian via a PowerPoint. Copies of his slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

#### Commission Feedback:

- **Camden Hyde** – He is on board with the overall design of the park, particularly the Teen Area. He believes he will spend a lot of time there. (**Dom Gelsomino** concurred.)

He favors Option #1 and would like to see the second phase of the park opened as soon as possible.

- **Dom Gelsomino** – As far as potentially delaying construction until transportation and infrastructure are fully built, the City has the thoughts of the Mayor, the MPR Commissioners, and their circles, but is there a pulse on what the citizens of South Meridian and Meridian in general feel their opinion is? *For starters, Mike would like to start with the MPR Commission and is interested to learn what they would have to say. Steve Siddoway added both transportation and parks are priorities for citizens.*

Is it uncommon for two Commissions (Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning) to come together for a joint meeting/workshop to where they both can come up with a plan to go forward? *Parks do not go to planning and zoning; it is a staff level Certificate of Zoning Compliance that is issued. They want to hear from the MPR Commission, City Council, and stakeholders as far as people that use the park to determine amenities, budget, and timing. The MPR Department has a stated goal of a certain number of acres per thousand, and as the population grows, they are falling behind. As a result, the MPR Department would like to move forward.*

- **Jo Greer** – She noted ACHD's Integrated Five Year Work Plan aligns with Option #1 under Next Steps.

Does the City have the budget to complete this project? *Yes, mainly through Impact Fees.*

She believes Option #1 seems most feasible because of the foresight and because of the alignment with ACHD.

- **Keith Bevan** – He thinks the plans look great for the amenities of the park. Worrying about traffic is a valid concern with how good a park it is. He echoed what was said about relying on ACHD—they may change their minds or change plans and may have delays. The citizens of South Meridian deserve a park in all its glory. He likes Option #1. (**Dom Gelsomino** concurred.)
- **Autumn Short** – As a resident in all the construction that is happening right now in South Meridian, in talking with her neighbors, they are extremely excited about the continued growth, development, and everything that is happening in South Meridian. She favors Option #1.
- **Jennifer Bobo** – She favors Option #1 as well. She is excited to see more softball/baseball fields because she has heard excitement from the community. She has heard a lot of positive comments from people who currently utilize the fields there. Regarding the Teen Area, she hopes there will be more places for skateboarding, as the areas around town fill up and are constantly in use. She would welcome another skateboarding spot, especially when families can frequent the park together and utilize various other amenities within the park.
- **Albert Kang** – He fully agrees with his fellow Commissioners' thoughts. He fully supports Option #1.

A similar presentation is planned to be brought forward to City Council in the coming month.

## 6. FY2021 Pathway Projects Update – Kim Warren

MPR Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren provided an update about the pathways/projects currently under construction. Copies of her slides attached to these meeting minutes.

## Workshop ~ NONE

### Staff Reports

#### 7. MPR Staff

Recreation Manager Garrett White reported on the following:

- **Homecourt** – The Department would like to open the facility as soon as possible when gathering size restrictions raise to approximately 50 people or less, which is staff's game plan. In the meantime, staff has deep cleaned the facility and completed a few miscellaneous projects. In addition, staff are temporarily being reassigned to the Parks Division and are helping repair/replace picnic table boards.
- **Classes & Camps** – Classes that can meet the gathering size of 10 people or less are happening at the Homecourt and/or the Community Center with some restrictions. Jenna Fletcher is doing a good job with this and is also beginning the hiring process for summer camp staff. She is also planning for summer camp field trips.
- **Events** – Renee White is basically planning for 2021, adapting to what Covid-19 has brought with some possible changes to special events, such as Unplug & Be Outside

Week, Movie Night, and is looking into the idea of a Valentine's community engagement activity.

- Sports – MPR staff is waiting for gathering sizes to increase to where they could hold a Volleyball league. In the interim, they are planning for Softball and tournaments this summer, as long as health restrictions/orders allow. Skyler Cook is running the Cornhole league, which is booming. The league is capped at 40 teams this year. Games will be played at Paramount Elementary and Meridian Middle School. Skyler has been doing a great job at scheduling fields this summer for youth groups that want to use them for various sports. In his down time, he has been assigned to the parks as well helping to take down Christmas lights, etc.
- Arts & Culture – Maggie Combs is helping Audrey Belnap do some research regarding maintenance plans on public art. Chelsea Cantrell is helping out Audrey as well with some GIS mapping of public art and updating the website with this information. Audrey Belnap is helping with a mural series, traffic box wraps, etc.
- Main Street Market – On January 12, 2021, Council approved the agreement. The market will start in April and will run through October, being held every Saturday at City Hall. He has tasks related to set up/logistics.
- Concessions – He has the Kleiner Park and Fuller Park RFPs for concessions.
- MYB/Fuller Park Agreement – He has been working on this agreement with the assistance of Emily Kane.
- West Ada School District Agreement – He is working on an agreement regarding Jabil Fields. The new school construction will affect the two soccer fields. The Department is losing about half of one of the soccer fields (the one to the east). MPR staff is coordinating with all of the user groups that utilize the fields and moving them around accordingly.
- Miscellaneous – He has been doing work on the new community center, MPR Department fees, and external events.

Director Steve Siddoway reported on the following:

- Lakeview Golf Course – He sent each of the Commissioners an invitation right before Christmas to sign up and participate in interviews related to the National Golf Foundation's interview process that is ongoing for the master plan out there. He does not have feedback as to how many Commissioners have participated, but he is hopeful many of them have. The MPR Department is very interested in their feedback.

## **Adjourn**

*Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to adjourn. Commission Vice President Keith Bevan seconded. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

(AUDIO & VIDEO ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

APPROVED:

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JO GREER, PRESIDENT

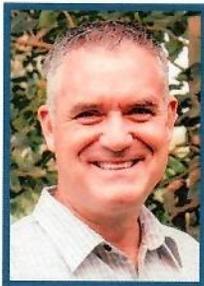
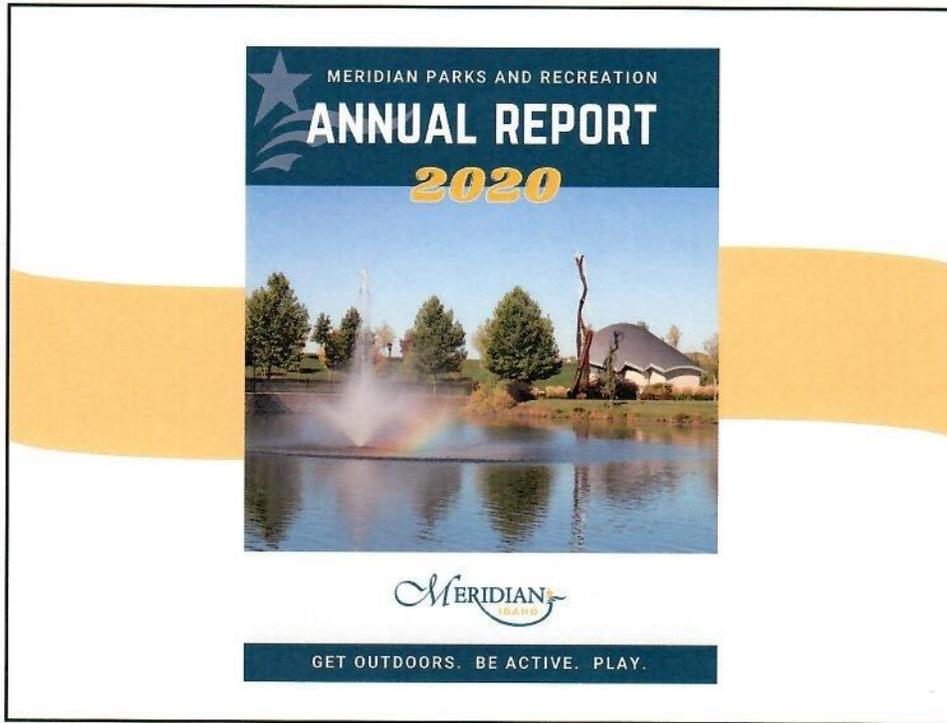
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KEITH BEVAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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Attachments:

- 1) PowerPoint Presentation: Meridian Parks and Recreation Annual Report 2020 (18 pages)
- 2) PowerPoint Presentation: Open Meetings Law and Governmental Ethics (14 pages)
- 3) PowerPoint Presentation: Discovery Park Phase 2 Amenities and Timing Discussion (6 pages)
- 4) PowerPoint Presentation: Pathways Update (11 pages)



## Leading the Way

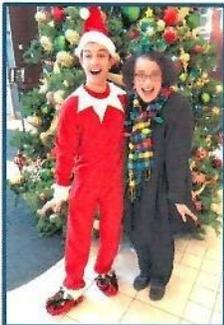
In today's world, we can get so busy that it's easy to forget that taking time to enjoy each day is important to our health and wellbeing. Meridian Parks & Recreation is **committed** to ensuring that our residents have an opportunity to experience outstanding recreational activities and park facilities that help them stay healthy and fit, build relationships with family and friends, and develop a sense of community pride.

## Parks and Recreation: More Important Than Ever

### Key Findings....



- People visit their local park and recreation facilities more than **twice a month**, on average, with **1 in 10** visiting at least weekly, if not daily.
- Three in five people — or more than 190 million people — visited a local park, trail public open space or recreation facility **during the first three months of the COVID-19 pandemic** (mid-March through mid-June 2020).
- Seventy-seven percent of U.S. adults considers high-quality park and recreation amenities **important factors when choosing a new place to live**.
- More than 4 in 5 people agree that **parks and recreation is an essential** local government service.
- Seventy-two percent of U.S. adults are **more likely to vote** for a local political leader **who makes parks and recreation funding a priority**.



### Thankful for:

- Mayor & Council
- Council Liaison
- Parks Commission
- Parks and Recreation Staff



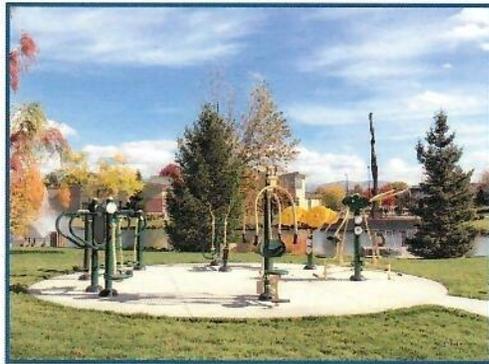
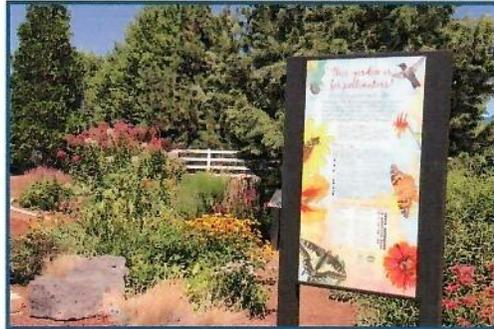
## QUALITY

Heroes Park Parking  
Expansion Project

New Pollinator Garden

LED Ballfield Lighting

Urban Forest  
Management Plan,  
Improved Tree Plotter  
Inventory, and  
Self-Guided Tree Walk



## QUALITY

Playground  
Resurfacing

New Outdoor Gym

Meridian Homecourt  
Improvements

Community Center  
Planning

## QUALITY

New Water Features at  
Discovery Dog Park

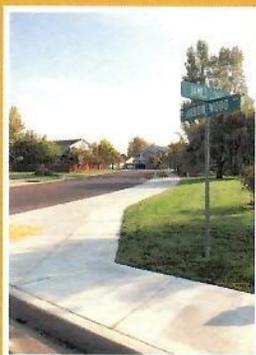
Public Art Installations  
in Renaissance and  
Champion Parks



## Pathways: A Year of Progress



Pine Avenue Rest Stop



James Court Project

14 Future Project  
Identified for FY21

James Court Sidewalk  
Widening

Pine Avenue Rest Stop

Ten Mile Trailhub

Fairview Avenue  
Connection

South Slough Pathway

Whitstone Pathway  
Connection and  
Pedestrian Bridge

Rail with Trail

## COMMUNITY

Classes, Camps, and a Virtual Activity Guide



10 New Traffic Box Wraps



Leaf Collection Bins in City Parks



Bronze Firefighter Statue at Station #6



## COMMUNITY

Holiday Classic Volleyball and Cornhole

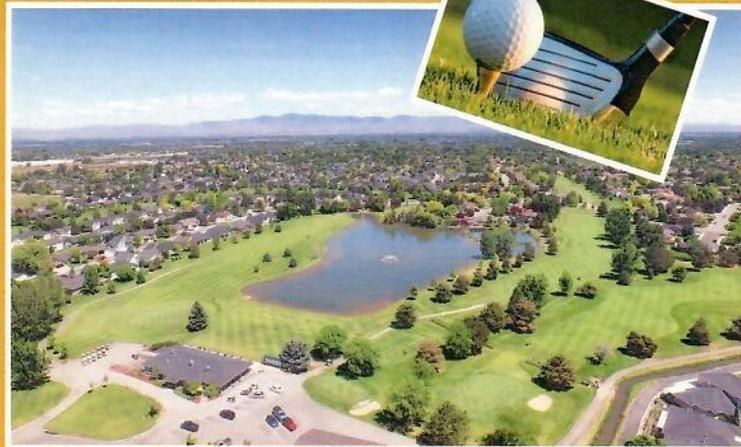
Meridian Homecourt Open House

Memorial Day and Veterans Day Events

Rake Up Meridian



## City of Meridian Enters the Golf Game



## FUN

Meridian Main Street Market



2020 Meridian Challenge



Sports Leagues & Tournaments

Meridian Art Week





## FUN

Amazing Meridian  
Backyard Campout

Fall for Meridian Door  
Decorating Contest

Autumn Scavenger  
Hunt

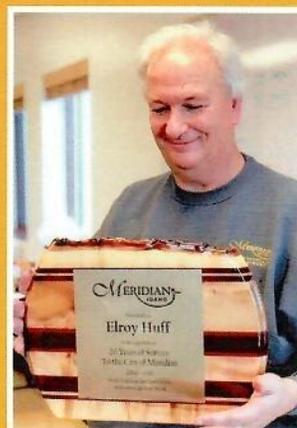


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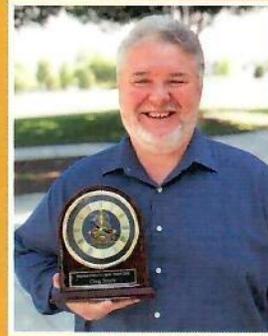
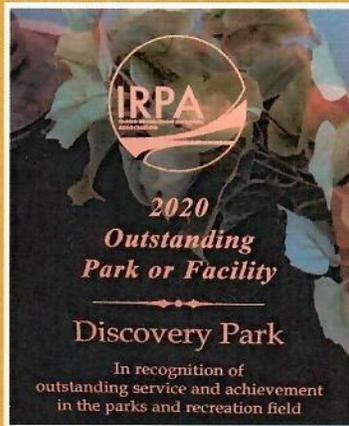
Elroy Huff Retirement



Meridian Way Coin – Phil Harris



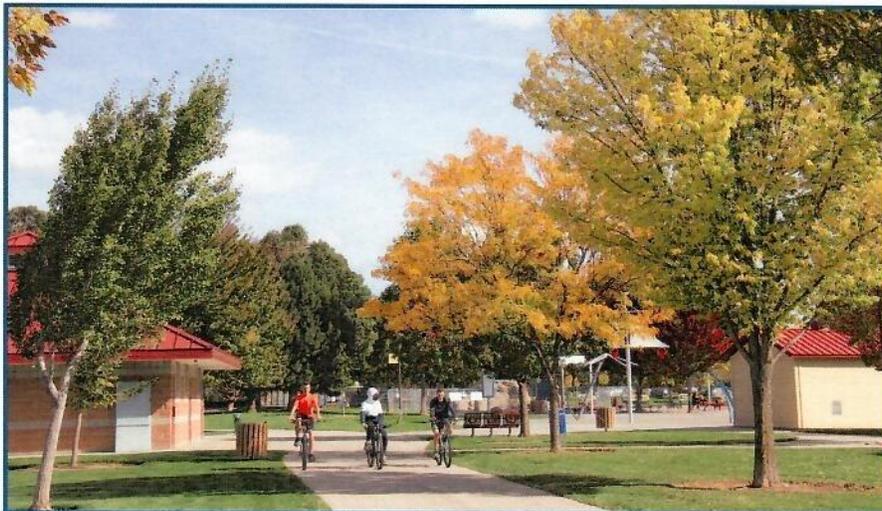
## ACCOLADES, AWARDS & RETIREMENTS



Creg Steele – IRPA and Legacy Award and Commission Retirement

Discovery Park – IRPA Award

## MERIDIAN NAMED TO MONEY'S 2020 **BEST PLACES TO LIVE** LIST



## How Meridian Parks and Recreation Saved Christmas!

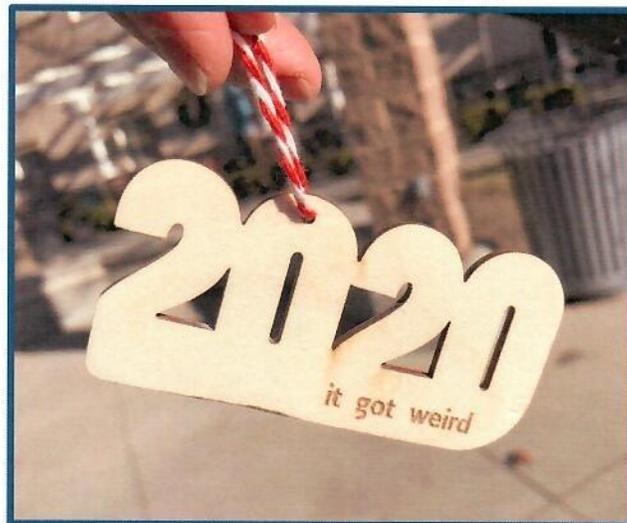


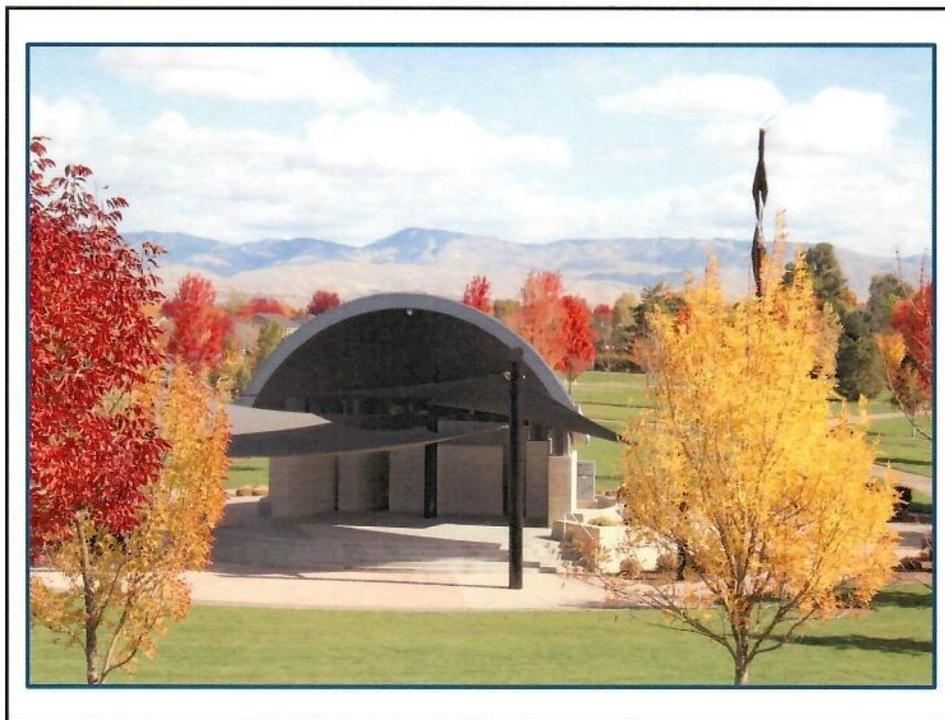
- Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 500 Winterland-in-the-Bag Craft Bags
- First Ever Meridian Ornament Drop
- 439 Zoom with Santa Sessions
- Downtown Business Decorating Contest
- 47 Homes on Interactive Community Christmas Lights Map (4,776 Views)
- 1,385 Replies to Santa's Mailbox Letters
- 626 Gifts Purchased & Wrapped for Local Head Start Pre-Schoolers
- Truck Full of Toy Donations to Salvation Army Angel Tree
- Christmas at the Little Free Library All December

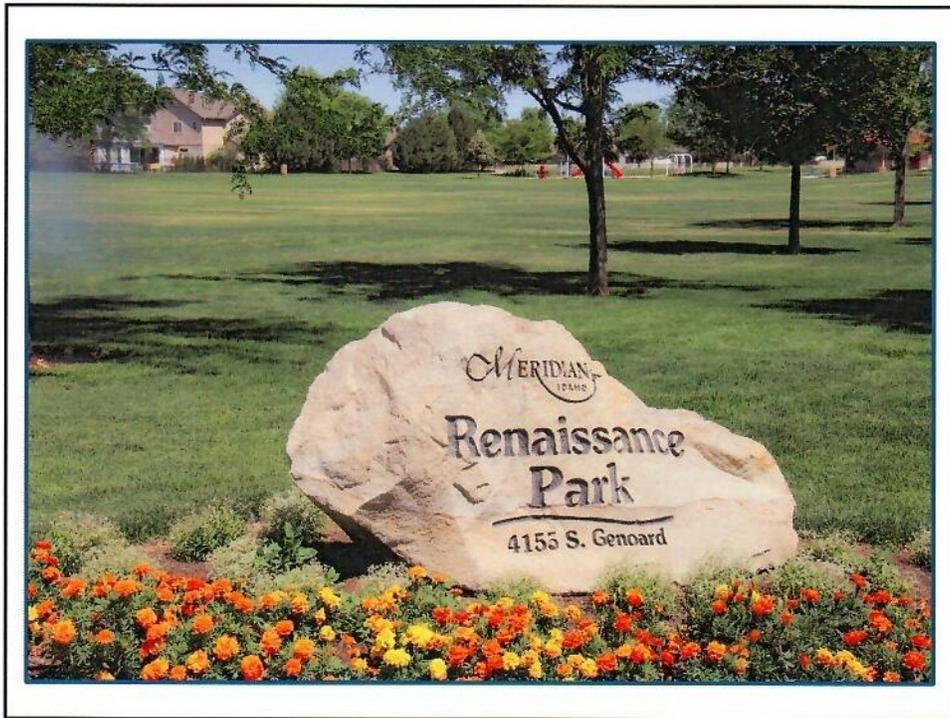




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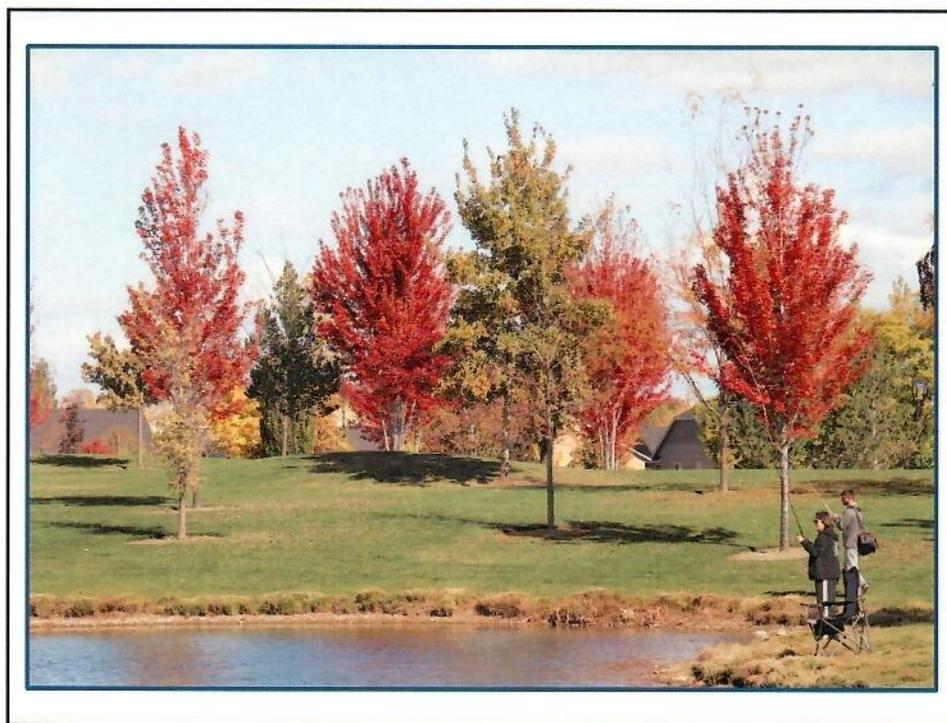


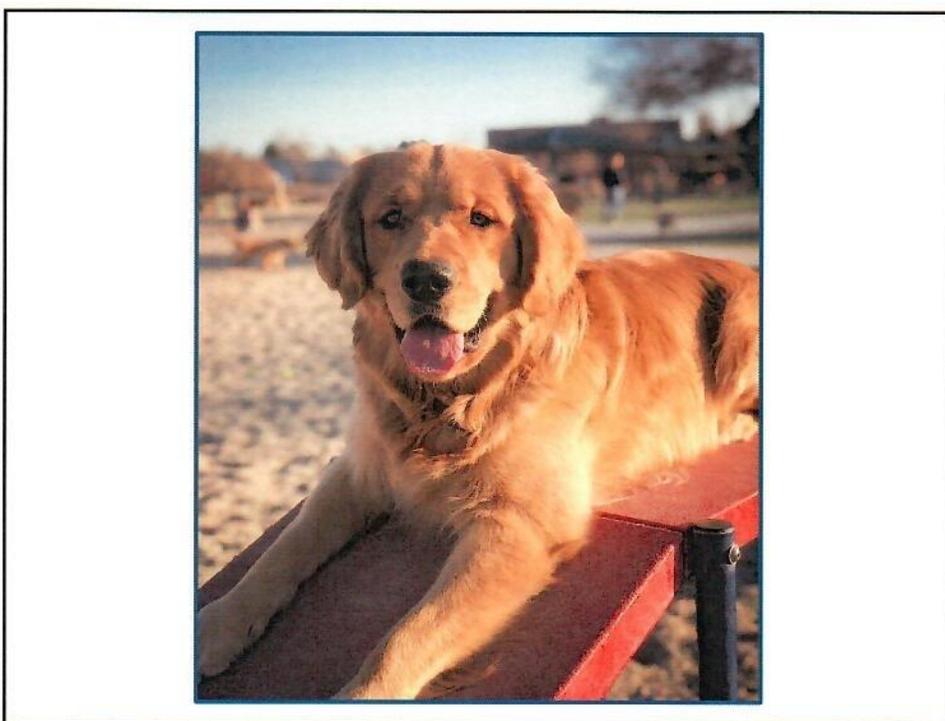




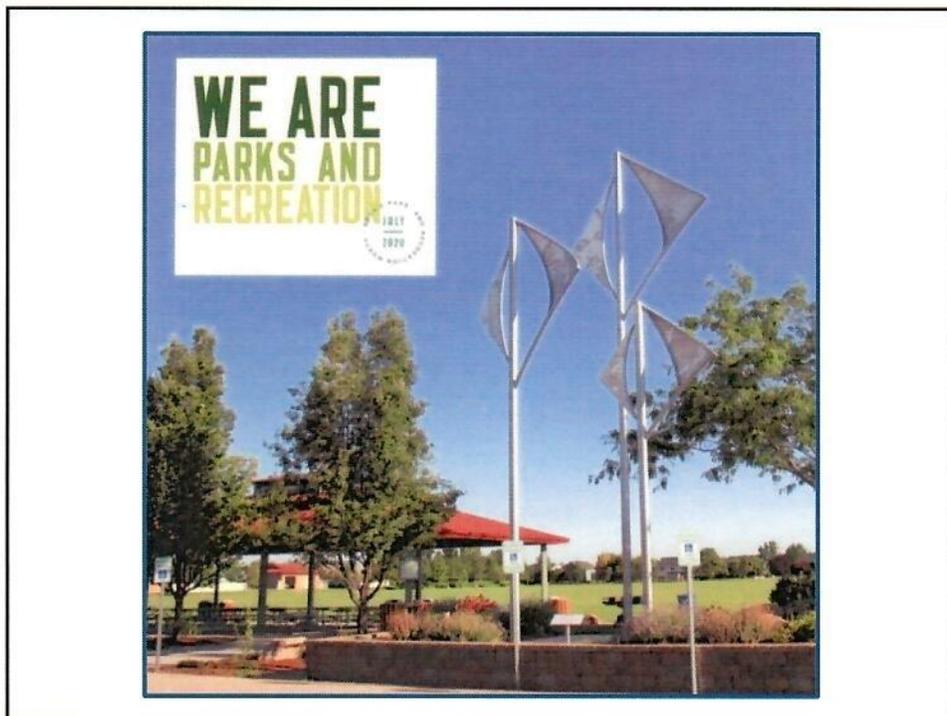
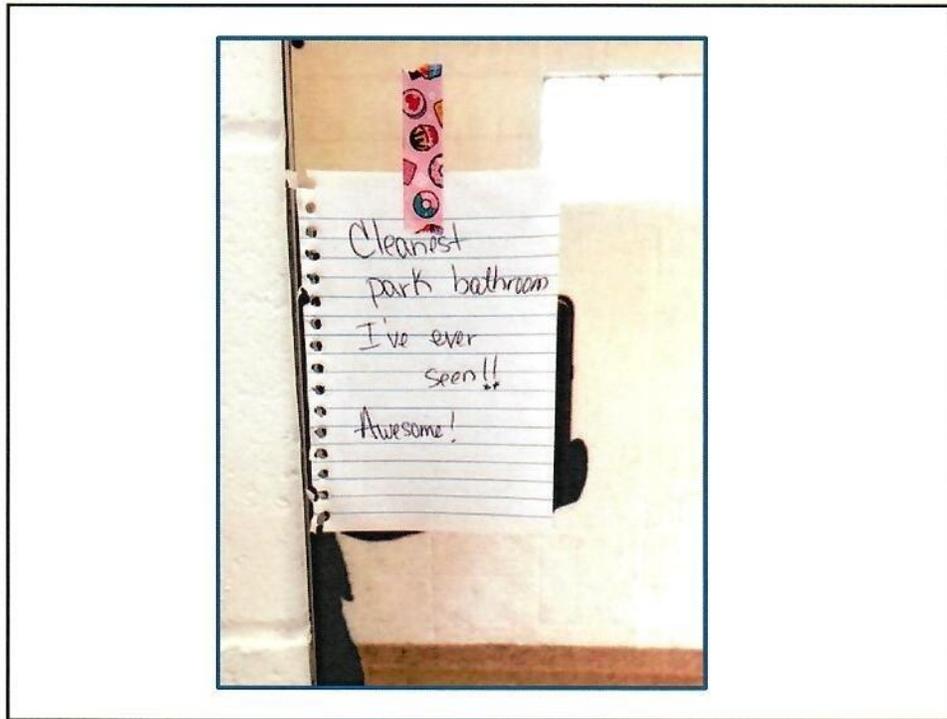














# **OPEN MEETINGS LAW and GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS**

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Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney  
Presentation to Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission  
January 13, 2021

## **What is the OML?**

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- Title 74, Idaho Code: Transparent and Ethical Government
- Chapter 2: Open Meetings Law
- “The people of the state of Idaho, in creating the instruments of government that serve them, do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies so created. Therefore, the legislature finds and declares that it is the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and shall not be conducted in secret.”

## Does the OML apply to MPRC?

**YES!**

- “All meetings of a governing body of a public agency shall be open to the public.”
  - **Governing body:** Board with authority to make decisions or recommendations
  - **Public Agency:** City + any “subagency”
    - Meridian City Council = Governing body
    - Meridian Parks & Rec Commission = subagency
    - MPRC Committees = subagencies

## What is a “meeting”?

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Quorum + Decision</b> <b>Quorum + Deliberation</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Deliberation:</b>	<b>Receiving information...</b> <b>Exchanging information...</b> <b>Exchanging opinions...</b> <b>...related to the business of MPRC</b>

## OML meeting requirements

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### All Commission and Committee meetings must:

- ❑ Be noticed prior to convening: 48 hours (regular meeting) or 24 hours (special meeting)
  - Notice = posted at City Hall + City website
- ❑ Be open to the public
- ❑ Provide the opportunity for all persons to attend
- ❑ Follow published/adopted agenda
  - Law allows limited amendment of agenda after noticing or during meeting
  - Action may not be taken on an item added to agenda during meeting
- ❑ Be memorialized in summary minutes

## Word to the Wise

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"The requirement that the Open Meeting Law be complied with should not be evaded by holding smaller meetings with less than a quorum present or by having a go-between contact each of the governing body members to ascertain his/her sentiment."

## Is it a “meeting”?

Scenario	Is it a meeting?
5 Commissioners at a New Year’s party talking about their pets.	<b>No.</b> “Meeting” does not include informal gatherings without deliberations.
5 Commissioners at a New Year’s party talking about whether Meridian parks should have an off-leash guinea pig park.	<b>Probably not.</b> “Meeting” does not include informal gatherings, and this is not deliberation toward a decision.  <b>BUT:</b> If the Commission is later asked to make a decision regarding this issue, disclose this discussion on the meeting record.

## Is it a “meeting”?

Scenario	Is it a meeting?
5 Commissioners at a New Year’s party talking about an off-leash guinea pig proposal that is on their upcoming agenda.	<b>Yes.</b> While “meeting” does not include informal gatherings, whenever a quorum convenes and deliberates, even informally, this is a “meeting.”
4 Commissioners at a New Year’s party talking about an off-leash guinea pig park proposal that is on their upcoming agenda.	<b>No...but it’s too close to yes.</b> Not technically a meeting (no quorum).  <b>BUT:</b> It is “deliberation.” Violates the purpose of the law, even if no actual violation.

## Ex parte info

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- **Ex Parte Information Gathering (EPIG):** Receiving, off the record, information or opinion regarding a matter pending before the Commission
  - Informal conversations with citizens
  - E-mail or phone/voice mail opinions (even unsolicited)
  - Individual site visits, research, interviews
- **EPIG happens outside a meeting → EPIG deviates from the public record**
  - “The formation of public policy is public business and shall not be conducted in secret.”

## Word to the wise

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“When a governing body deviates from the public record, it essentially conducts a second **fact-gathering session without proper notice.**”

- **How to handle ex parte information:**
  - Avoid it!

## **BUT another word to the wise:**



The Commission is not held to a standard of **disinterestedness.**

- How to handle ex parte information:
  - Disclose it!
  - Public meeting, on site, as a Commission

## **Is it inappropriate ex parte info?**

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Is it EPIG?</b>
Commissioner goes to the proposed site of a future off-leash guinea pig park that is to be discussed at an upcoming Commission meeting, in order to see what the site looks like.	<b>Yes – AVOID!</b> This is an off-record fact-gathering session not properly noticed or open to the public.
Commissioner lives near the site and drives by every day on her way to and from work.	<b>No...but disclose.</b> Incidental observation is not necessarily inappropriate fact-gathering.  BUT: The Commissioner should disclose her experience on the record.

## Is it inappropriate ex parte info?

Scenario	Is it EPIG?
The Commission meets at the site of a proposed off-leash guinea pig park that is to be discussed at an upcoming Commission meeting.	<b>No – this is OK.</b> Since this is a meeting at which information will be received for the purposes of making a decision, it must be properly noticed, minutes must be taken, and the public must be allowed to attend.

## Public testimony

- ❑ The Open Meetings Law does not require that the Commission take public comments or testimony.
  
- ❑ BUT: The Commission president may allow or request public comments or testimony.



## **Executive session**

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- **Executive session = A closed meeting.**
- **There are 10 specific exceptions to the open meeting requirement.**
- **It is unlikely that MPRC would conduct deliberations under any of these exceptions.**
- **If you foresee the need to hold an executive session, please consult your attorney in advance.**



## **Phone/online meetings**

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- **The law specifically allows meeting by telephone conference call or online platform IF:**
  - **At least one Commissioner is physically present at the noticed location**
  - **The communications are audible to all attending in person or remotely**
  - **Voting is not secret**

## **E-mail, text, social media**

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- Quorum of commissioners on an email thread
  - + Deliberations = Illegal Meeting. Violates:
    - Notice requirement
    - Physical presence requirement
    - Audible communications requirement
    - Secret voting prohibition
- Creates public records – subject to disclosure to the public under Idaho Public Records Act
  - Even if it is your personal e-mail account, personal device
- Administrative message is not “deliberation”

## **Open meeting violations**

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- Any action taken in violation of the Open Meeting Law is void.
- Subsequent actions are also considered tainted and therefore void.
- **FIX:** Do-over, from the beginning.
- If an action is knowingly taken in violation of the Law, the actor is subject to being individually sued and fined, and may be subject to criminal prosecution.
  - Any affected citizen can sue.

# **ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT**

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## **Self-interested contracts**

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- ❑ Idaho Code Title 74, Chapter 5; Idaho Code section 18-1359; Meridian City Code section 1-14-8
- ❑ Commissioners may not be “interested in” any contract with the City (no “self-interested contracts”)



## **Exceptions to self-interested contracts**

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### **STEP 1: Contact City Attorney's Office!**

- Other suppliers scarce (<3 in 15-mile radius)
- Contract necessary for disaster response
- Commissioner has "remote interest" in contract + makes written disclosure
- Unpaid commissioner strictly follows competitive bidding rules in Idaho Code section 18-1361A



## **Conflicts of interest**

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- Title 74, Chapter 4, Idaho Code; City Code section 1-14-5
- Applies when you are asked to make a decision as a commissioner that benefits you or your household member personally or professionally

## **Possible conflict of interest?**

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### **STEP 1: Contact City Attorney's Office!**

- If CAO finds no conflict: Proceed normally.
- If CAO finds potential conflict:
  - Commissioner must submit to Commission a written statement describing potential conflict.
  - Commission consults CAO; CAO advises:
    - Allow conflicted Commissioner's participation notwithstanding conflict (usually conditioned on Commissioner following 18-1361A procedure); Or
    - Excuse conflicted Commissioner from further participation on the issue.
  - Commission/Council votes on whether to excuse.

## **Gifts and favors**

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- Idaho Code section 18-1359; City Code section 1-14-10
- Commissioners (in course of official duties) may not accept gifts more than \$50 in value
- Commissioners may not accept ANY gift that might influence actions on the Commission
- Commissioners may not grant favors



## **Ethics laws violations**

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- Unlawful City contract: \$1,000 fine, 1 yr. jail
- Fail to consult CAO + disclose conflict of interest: \$500 civil fine
- Accept bribe: \$50,000 fine + 5 yrs. jail
- Corrupt acts: \$1,000 fine, 1 yr. jail
- Violate Meridian City Code: \$300 fine + reprimand, suspension, and/or discharge from the commission



## **Listen to your PANGS**

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- **P**ersonal benefit? Contact the City Attorney's Office if you think you may have a conflict of interest; must separate service to personal and public interests
- **A**void/Disclose: Avoid gathering facts and opinions outside of noticed meetings as much as possible; if you can't avoid, you must disclose
- **N**otice: Agenda and minutes provide public portal to Commission actions; only meet in public and stick to the noticed agenda as closely as possible
- **G**ifts: Be wary of gifts given to you as a commissioner or from an interested party; always observe \$50 limit
- **S**elf-interested contracts: Usually allowed for unpaid commissioners, if follow statutory procedures

## Questions?

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### □ City Attorney's Office, 208-898-5506

- Emily Kane, [ekane@meridiancity.org](mailto:ekane@meridiancity.org)
- Bill Nary, [bnary@meridiancity.org](mailto:bnary@meridiancity.org)
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- Andrea Pogue, [apogue@meridiancity.org](mailto:apogue@meridiancity.org)

### □ Idaho Code

- [legislature.idaho.gov](http://legislature.idaho.gov), Click on "Laws & Rules," then "Idaho Statutes"
- Title 74: Transparent and Ethical Government

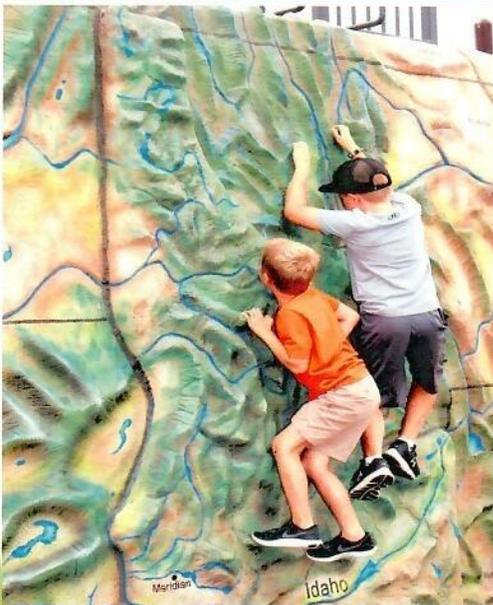
### □ Attorney General's Office Manuals

- [ag.idaho.gov](http://ag.idaho.gov), Click on "Manuals"
  - Open Meeting Law Manual
  - Public Records Law Manual
  - Ethics in Government Manual

# Discovery Park Phase 2

## Amenities and Timing Discussion

Mike Barton, Meridian Parks and Recreation  
Parks Superintendent



### Discussion Agenda -

#### Discovery Park Phase 1

- Size and Amenities
- Design and Construction Timing
- Budget
- Grand Opening - IRPA Award

#### Discovery Park Phase 2

- Size and Amenities
- Budget
- Transportation and Pedestrian Connectivity
- Design and Construction Timing/Process
- Next Steps





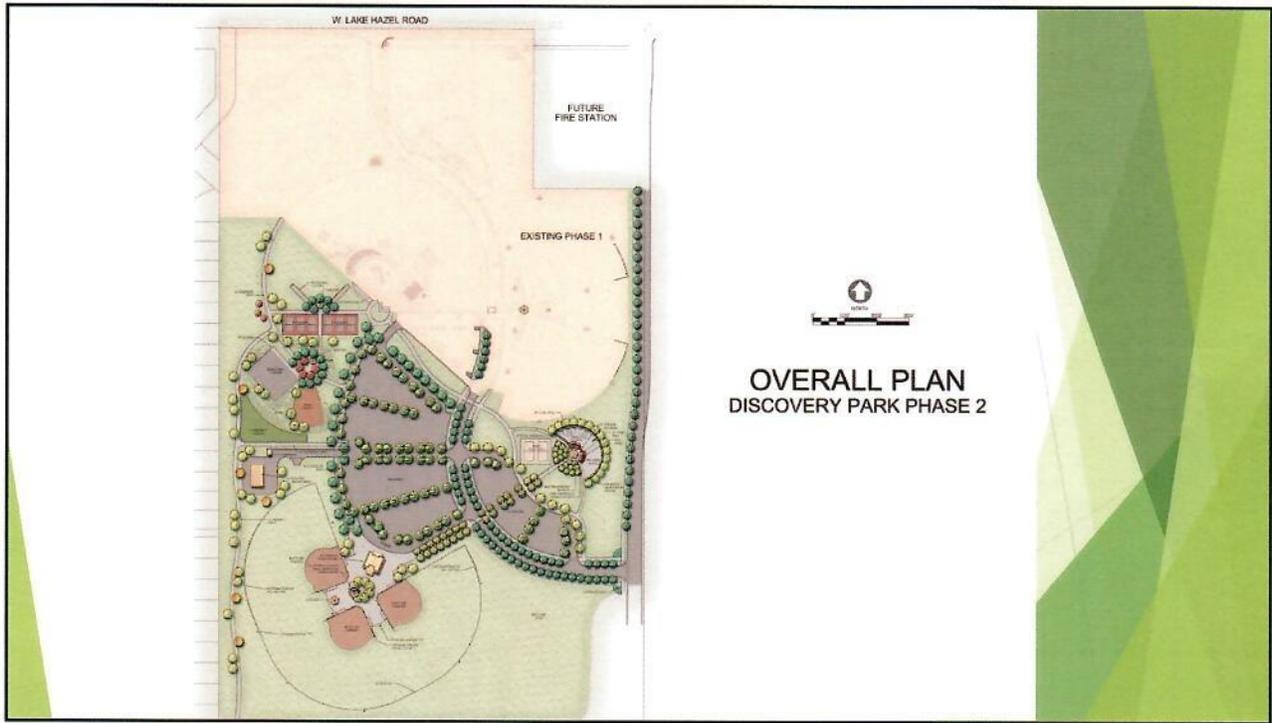
**Discovery Park Phase 1 and Three Year Process**

- 10-1-16 thru 11-1-17 Public Outreach, Design and Permitting
- 11-1-17 thru 1-15-18 Bidding and Contract Execution
- 3-1-18 thru 6-1-19 Construction
- 6-1-19 thru 7-15-19 Grow In
- 7-26-19 Grand Opening

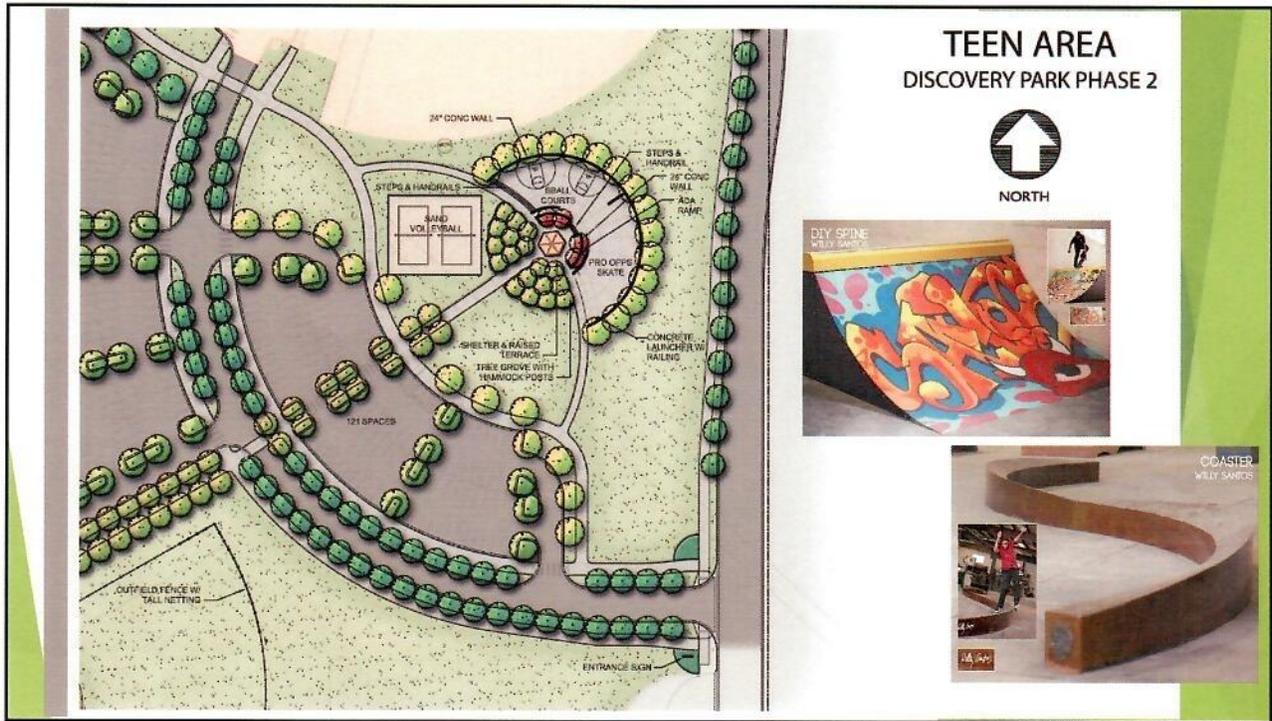
**Budget**

- Beginning Budget - \$8,265,055.00
- Final Cost - 8,128,207.00
- Final Project Cost - \$









- ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan**
1. Widen Victory Rd. to 3 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a level 3 bike facility from Locust Grove Rd to Eagle Rd. Design 2023
  2. Widen Locust Grove Rd to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a level 2 bike facility from Victory Rd. to Overland Rd. CN 2022
  3. Construct a multi-lane roundabout at Victory Rd. and Locust Grove Rd. CN 2022-2023
  4. Install an enhanced pedestrian crossing (pedestrian hybrid beacon) across Locust Grove Rd. at Palermo Dr. CN 2023
  5. Install an interim traffic signal at Amity Rd. and Locust Grove Rd.
  6. Widen Eagle Rd. to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a level 3 bike facility from Amity Rd. to Victory Rd., as per the 2020 CIP and Bike Master Plan. Includes enhanced crossings at the pedestrian pathway near the Ten Mile Feeder Canal.
  7. Install a roundabout at the intersection of Eagle Rd. and Zaldia Rd. CN 2021
  8. Widen existing roundabout at Eagle Rd. and Amity Rd. to a dual lane roundabout. CN 2021
  9. Widen and signalize intersection to 3-lanes (west leg)/4-lanes (east leg) on Lake Hazel Rd. and 4-lanes (south leg)/5-lanes (north leg) on Eagle Rd. CN 2022
- Development Driven Road Improvements**
1. Construct multi-lane roundabout at Locust Grove and Lake Hazel Road (Apex). CN 2022
  2. Widen Locust Grove Rd. from the intersection of Lake Hazel Rd. and Locust Grove Rd. 1,300' north along the Apex frontage. CN 2022
  3. Construct new residential collector and construct intersection improvements along the eastern boundary of the planned improvements at Discovery Park. CN Prior To Opening.
  4. Construct new residential collector and construct intersection improvements along the eastern boundary of Fire Station #8 and along Lake Hazel Rd. CN Prior to Opening
  5. Construct Lake Hazel Rd. to 5 lanes between Apex and new Residential Park collector. CN Pending CDA agreement with Park and Fire Station DA.
- Planned Pedestrian Connectivity**
1. Detached sidewalks along all adjacent development.
  2. Install an enhanced pedestrian crossing (pedestrian hybrid beacon) across Lake Hazel Rd. from Discovery Park to Lavender Heights HOA. CN 2023
  3. 10' Multi-use pathway from Discovery Park/Apex north ACROSS Lake Hazel Rd. thru Lavender Heights and on to Hillsdale Elementary and the South Meridian YMCA. CN 2023

## Planned Transportation Improvements



## Next Steps -

### Option #1 - Preferred Option

- o Finish Phase 2 design and permitting in 2021 for winter 2021 bidding
- o Start construction spring of 2022
- o Construct 2022 and early 2023
- o Open summer 2023

### Advantages of this timeline

- o Use impact fees that have already been collected in advance of new impact fee study
- o New collector is built concurrently with new Fire Station
- o Lighting is built ahead of neighboring development
- o Park is constructed with current pricing
- o Park services keeping pace with rapid growth

### Option #2

- o Delay construction until transportation infrastructure is fully built

### Disadvantages of this timeline

- o Lower impact fee calculation due to lower service level and higher available funding. This will result in the impact fee being severely compromised upon recalculation
- o Stadium lighting will meet resistance from neighbors
- o Park services not keeping pace with rapid growth
- o Construction cost is likely to increase

### Option #3

- o Construct new collector, parking lot, and other infrastructure (same timeline as option #1)

### Advantages of this timeline

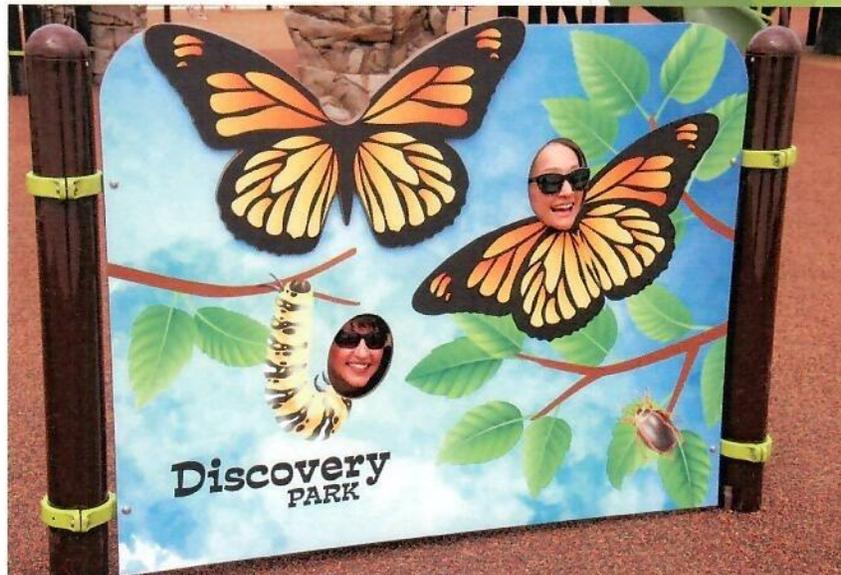
- o Use some of the existing impact fees
- o Will not add need to add additional staff and would minimize operating funds needed

### Disadvantages of this option

- o Lower impact fee calculation due to lower service level and higher available funding. This will result in the impact fee being severely compromised upon recalculation
- o Stadium lighting will meet resistance from neighbors
- o Park services not keeping pace with growth
- o Cost of amenities is likely to increase



# Thank you!



# Pathways Update



13 January 2021



## Pathways /Projects Under Construction

- Trailhub at Ten Mile Road
- Fairview Avenue Connection
- South Slough Pathway Connection
- Whitestone Pedestrian Bridge - Ten Mile Creek



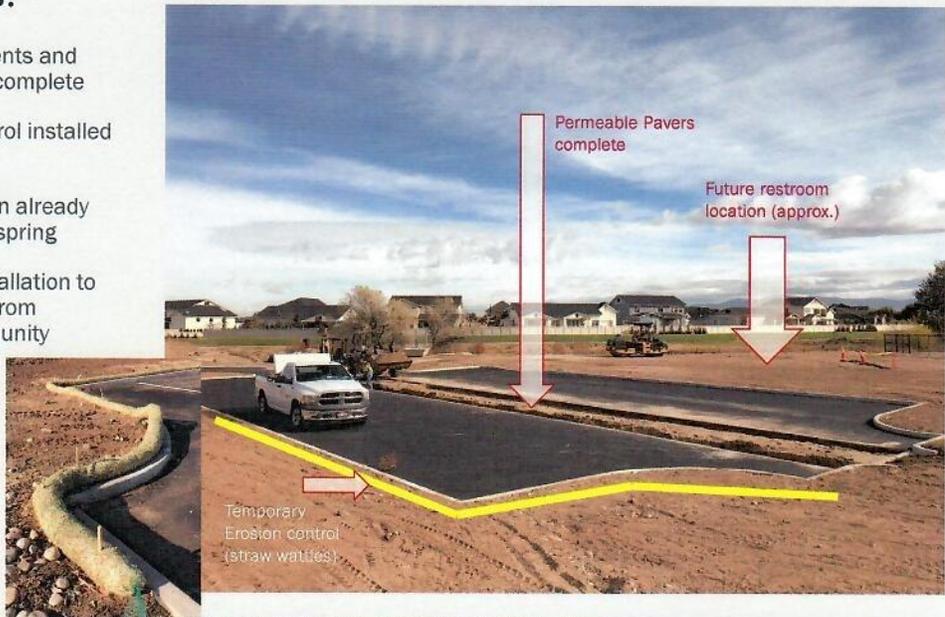


# Trailhub at Five Mile Pathway

Ten Mile Road

## Current Status:

- ACHD Cost Share Elements and City hardscape portion complete
- Temporary erosion control installed for winter runoff
- Landscape and irrigation already bid – set to begin early spring
- Coordinating power installation to serve future restroom (from Centennial Park/ Community Center)
- Public Art Planning



## Progress Photos



Permeable Pavers and Future Plaza Area



## Fairview Avenue Connection

Five Mile Pathway from Five Mile Creek to Lakes Place

## Current Status

- Infrastructure relocation complete
- Final Idaho Power invoice lower than anticipated
- Construction contractor waiting on Spring 2021 construction window
- CDBG funding



South Slough Pathway  
East of Locust Grove, South of Ustick

## Current Status

- Bid project in fall of 2020
- Prohibitively expensive
- Revised scope to provide a valid pedestrian connection from existing pathway (Verado) out to Locust Grove
- Re-bid the reduced scope (yellow circle)
- Contractor to start in spring



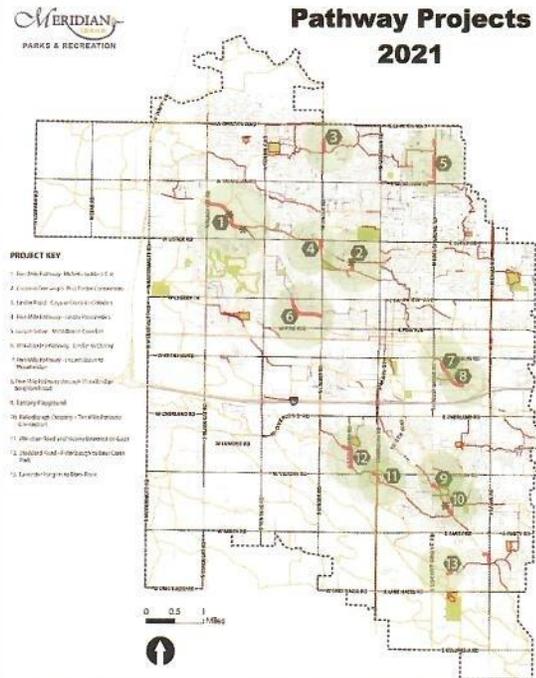
- Coordination with private developer
- License Agreements for Bridge and exit pathway segment
- Coordination with Whitestone HOA to handle encroachments, fence new pathway segment



Whitestone Bridge + Pathway Connection  
Ten Mile Creek Pedestrian Crossing

# 2021 Pathway Infill Projects

- Support for pathways
- Strategy to create **most** impact on connectivity given current urban context
- 13 Infill Projects identified



## Project Selection Criteria

1. Pathway connections unlikely to be accomplished by private sector development – older areas
2. Simple ownership/Easements achievable near-term
3. Strong impact on overall connectivity

## List of projects



1. Five Mile Pathway - McNelis to Black Cat
2. Creason Crossing + Bud Porter Connection
3. Linder Road - Cayuse Creek to Chinden
4. Five Mile Pathway at Ustick (Paramedics)
5. Locust Grove - McMillan to Chinden
6. Meridian High School Pathway
7. Locust Grove to Woodbridge (FMP)
8. Woodbridge Neighborhood Pathway (FMP)
9. Tuscany Playground
10. ~~Ridenbaugh Crossing - Ten Mile Pathway Connection~~
11. Meridian Road & Victory Intersection Gaps
12. Stoddard Road Pathway - Ridenbaugh to Bear Creek Park
13. Lavender Heights to Black Rock (South Meridian, near Discovery Park)

## A New Approach



- Issued an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) + Added PATHWAY DESIGN category to Master Services Roster
- Hired three consultant teams to work on 'small batches' of projects from the list of 13
- Task orders negotiated for each set of projects
- Starting to review concepts
- Explore feasibility - move forward with detailed design, easement acquisition
- Bid projects late 2021 to construct in 2022 (conditional upon budget approval)

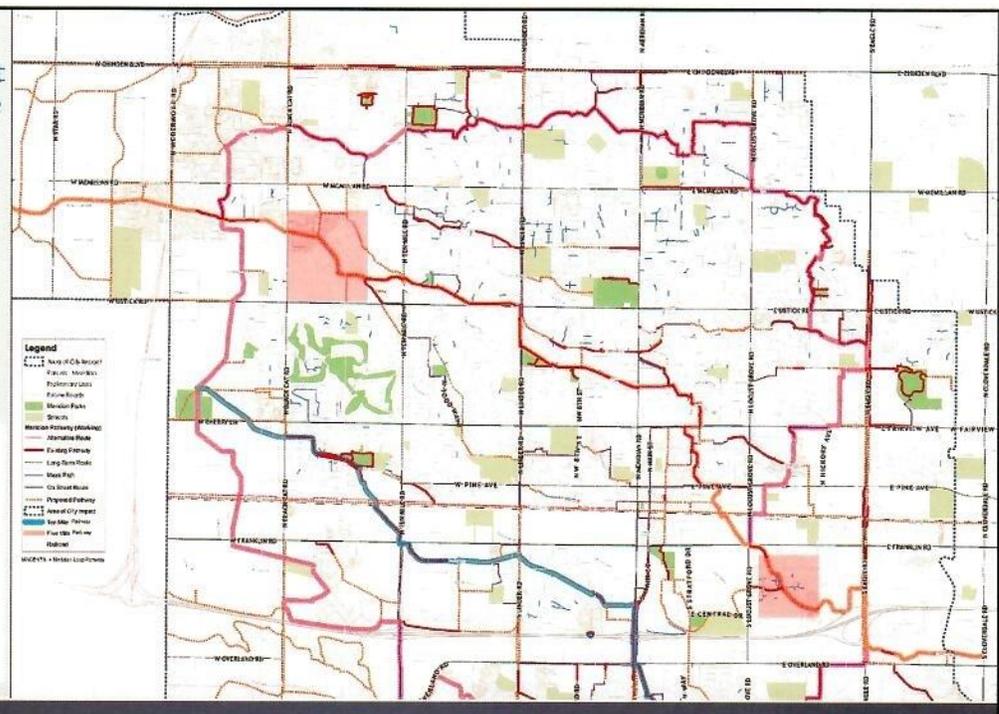
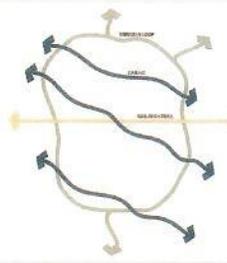
# Highlights

## ★ Ten Mile to Black Cat (Segment D)

- Bridge Crossing of Five Mile Creek – partner, if possible
- Bridge culvert crossing of Nine Mile Creek
- Pathway Connection



Why is this segment so important for the Five Mile Pathway?



### ★ Woodbridge Neighborhood Pathway

- Obtain easement for and pave private pathway through Woodbridge Neighborhood
- Connect north to existing pathway segment at Locust Grove & Franklin Roads
- Bridge crossing of Five Mile Creek
- Connect east to future pathways that will connect to Eagle Road crossing



## ★ Pathway at Locust Grove and McMillan

- Fill in missing segments at corner and north to Chinden Blvd
- Only three easements required from two owners
- Concept design underway



## ★ Creason Crossing

- Connect across Creason Lateral through Woodbury HOA open space
- Provide safer crossing option
- Much needed connection from nearby neighborhoods to Bud Porter /Five Mile Pathway, 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park, and Tully Park



Questions?

*Thank You*

