

City of Meridian Historic Preservation Plan

Working Draft Goals, Objectives and Strategies

Goal 1: Identify and document historical and archeological resources within the City of Meridian.	
Objective	Strategies
1.1: Continue to conduct historic inventories.	1.1.a: Evaluate and prioritize sites and districts to be studied and surveyed including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bullet list 1.1.b: Support development of NRHP nominations for worthy properties 1.1.c: Collaborate with Ada County HPC regarding historic contexts to coordinate efforts and leverage resources to conduct mutually beneficial survey and inventory
1.2: Develop a Meridian Register of Historic Places to recognize sites of local significance.	1.2.a: Follow up on the local landmark memo (2024) with appropriate next steps 1.2.b Develop incentives and protection measures for inclusion on a local register.
1.3: Evaluate potential for mid-century modern neighborhoods and other recent past resources	1.3.a: Evaluate parcels within Meridian Impact Area to identify properties that were constructed prior to 1985.
1.4: Encourage the City of Meridian to support historic resources through appropriate maintenance.	1.4.a:

Goal 2: Preserve, protect, and enhance Meridian’s historical, cultural, and agricultural heritage OR: Sustain Meridians’ authentic community character by preserving and protecting our historic and cultural resources.	
Objective	Strategies
2.1: Promote restoration of Old Town to enhance its historical quality.	2.1.a: Collaborate with the Planning Division to identify measures to support preservation within Old Town (boundaries?). 2.1.b: Prepare design guidelines for historic buildings within Old Town.
2.2: Protect vulnerable historic sites and structures from demolition.	2.2.a: Proceed with SHPO to ensure designation of both potential NRHP districts. 2.2.b: Follow up with local district designation for any NRHP districts.

	2.2.c: Explore adoption of a demolition review ordinance or local landmark provisions
2.3: Incorporate the preservation of important historic, cultural and agricultural resources into City planning and development processes.	2.3.a:

Goal 3: Inform and engage residents and visitors about historic preservation programs and opportunities in our community.	
Objective	Strategies
3.1: Continue to provide public programs to increase citizens' awareness of Meridian's heritage and the economic and aesthetic value of historic preservation.	3.1.a: Support and promote Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation month.
	3.1.b: Partner with the Idaho State Historical Society, Preservation Idaho, and the Idaho Heritage Trust on workshops related to maintenance, preservation, and restoration of historic properties.
	3.1.c: Nominate exemplary historic preservation achievement by individuals, businesses, and organizations for recognition by Ada County or Preservation Idaho. 3.1.d: Consider a program to recognize preservation activity for the HPC, and promote it in the local paper, city-affiliated websites and social media outlets.
3.2: Improve preservation education efforts for various audiences	3.2.a: Collaborate with the Meridian Library and the History Center to develop historic preservation specific initiatives 3.2.b: Continue to develop public presentations and walking tours and brochures or digital information's 3.2.c: Identify opportunities to expand historic markers and interpretive signage as part of development and redevelopment projects.
3.3: Increase community understanding of historic preservation resources, procedures, and districts.	3.3.a: Review HPC website and augment with links and other relevant information for public reference. 3.3.b: Collaborate with other preservation groups to provide semi-annual public training sessions on subjects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Districts and how they work • Historic designation (local or national) and what it means to you

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitation Techniques (windows, masonry, carpentry etc.)
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Goal 4: Strengthen the operation and administration of the Meridian HPC	
Objective	Strategies
4.1: Adopt and implement the 2025 HPP.	<p>4.1.a: Present the HPP to the City Council and coordinate adoption of the HPP with the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>4.1.b: Conduct a semi-annual meeting of the HPC to evaluate whether HPP goals, objectives and strategies are being met.</p> <p>4.1.c: Develop a program of survey and inventory, based on the historic context and reconnaissance level work of the HPP.</p>
4.2: Collaborate with other City Departments and Commissions.	<p>4.2.a: Initiate modifications to the zoning ordinance, with the Planning Division, to include design review to the list of HPC responsibilities to any areas governed by future overlay districts.</p> <p>4.2.b: Coordinate with information technology personnel to: archive reports, surveys and inventories; to provide easy access to City departments; coordinate with internal databases; as well as provide a portal to the public as appropriate.</p> <p>4.2.c: Identify all city-led projects that may have a nexus with historic resources and consider potential for assistance through grant applications or educational opportunities.</p>
4.3: Ensure that there are sufficient resources for the HPC to fulfill their duties	<p>4.3.a: Maintain a list of individuals who may be interested in participating in HPC activities and may be interested in a future appointment.</p> <p>4.3.b: Prepare and present an annual report of HPC activities to the City Council, aligned with the City budget cycle.</p> <p>4.3.c: Continue to request annual funding to ensure that basic activities such as support of documentation and educational activities can proceed without relying on CLG funding.</p> <p>4.3.d: Ensure that HPC members have access to annual training with the SHPO, the NAPC, or other preservation-related workshop or conference.</p> <p>4.3.e: Consider adding a Historic Preservation Planner position for the Planning Division to serve as HPC staff or participate jointly with the Parks & Recreation staff person.</p>