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**City of Meridian Historic Preservation Plan Survey**

**1. Please tell us about yourself and your connection to Meridian's heritage.**

**Choose all responses that describe you:**

- a. I reside in Meridian.
- b. I am interested in history and/or historic preservation.
- c. I live in a historic property (that was built before 1975).
- d. I own a historic property.
- e. I work in the field of architecture, history and/or historic preservation.
- f. I serve on a local or statewide historic preservation commission or board.
- g. I volunteer or participate in historic preservation related activities (Meridian HPC Walking Tours etc.).

**2. What do you consider the biggest benefit of historic preservation in Meridian? Choose up to 3 benefits:**

- a. Sustains authentic community character
- b. Advances support for local tourism
- c. Economic development tool
- d. Provides educational opportunities to historic site users/visitors
- e. Provides unique venues for celebrations and events
- f. Tells the community's unique stories
- g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. What do you consider the biggest priority for historic preservation in Meridian? Choose up to 3 priorities:**

- a. Encourage more rehabilitation projects by providing information and guidance
- b. Identify and document historic properties in the city
- c. Increase the number of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- d. Provide public outreach/education to raise awareness on preservation benefits
- e. Increase use of grants available to prepare and maintain historic properties.
- f. Celebrate the city's heritage
- g. Utilize historic preservation as a tool to support retention of neighborhood character.
- h. Establish a Meridian landmark program to recognize local historic sites.
- i. Adopt a local ordinance to protect properties from demolition
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What types of historic properties or sites do you think are vulnerable to demolition? Choose up to 3:**

- a. Agricultural buildings (barns, silos, homesteads etc.)
- b. Churches and other religious properties

- c. Downtown and
- d. Other commercial areas
- e. Houses and neighborhoods
- f. Industrial properties (warehouses, factories...)
- g. Public buildings
- h. Recreational areas (parks, trails, etc.)
- i. Schools
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. If the City of Meridian Historic Preservation Commission were to provide public information or training sessions, which topics interest you most?**

**Check all that apply:**

- a. Energy efficiency and weatherization
- b. Federal historic preservation laws
- c. Financial incentives for preservation
- d. Historic districts and how they work
- e. Historic designation (local or national) and what it means to you
- f. Lead paint removal and safe work practices
- g. Local preservation ordinances, commissions, and programs
- h. National Register of Historic Places program
- i. Rehabilitation techniques (windows, masonry, carpentry etc.)

**6. Who do you contact when you have a question or need help with one or more historic resources? Choose 1:**

- a. A community member
- b. [Meridian History Facebook page](#)
- c. [Meridian HPC](#)
- d. [Meridian Library/History Center \(at City Hall\)](#)
- e. [Idaho State Historical Society \(SHPO, Museum, Archives\)](#)
- f. [Ada County Historic Preservation Council](#)
- g. [Preservation Idaho](#)
- h. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Where do you go to experience (or learn about) Meridian history? Check all that apply:**

- a. [Meridian History Facebook page](#)
- b. [City of Meridian Website](#)
- c. [Meridian Library/History Center \(at City Hall\)](#)
- d. Pine Street School
- e. [Idaho State Historical Society \(SHPO, Museum, Archives\)](#)
- f. [Idaho State Museum \(Boise\)](#)
- g. Other historical buildings: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. How do you feel historic preservation is viewed in your community?  
Choose the statement that most closely represents your assessment:**

- a. Positive for the community
- b. Negative for development
- c. Nice to talk about, but not essential
- d. Not well understood
- e. I don't know
- f. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Of the following Meridian historical resources, check each that you are familiar with, or have visited:**

- a. Clara Hill House – 1123 N. Main Street
- b. E.F. Hunt House – 49 E. State Street
- c. Halbert and Grace Neal House – 101 W. Pine Street
- d. R.H. and Jessie Bell House – 137 W. Pine Street
- e. Tolleth House (Hidden Gem Events) – 134 E. State Avenue
- f. Modern Woodmen Hall (Heritage Building) – 77 E. Idaho Avenue
- g. Old Meridian High School (Cole Valley Christian School)- 200 E. Carlton Avenue
- h. Roosevelt Bar – 126 E. Broadway Avenue
- i. Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph (Meridian Watch repair) – 815 N. Main St.
- j. Historic Bank of Meridian (The Vault) – 140 E. Idaho Avenue
- k. Pine Street School – N. Meridian Road and W. Pine Avenue
- l. Meridian Feed Mill (Zamzows) – 611 N. Main Street
- m. Meridian Watertower
- n. Meridian Speedway – 335 S. Main Street

**10. What is your favorite historic building or neighborhood in Meridian?**

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**11. Are there any historic buildings or places in Meridian that you worry about losing?**

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**12. What is your zip code?** \_\_\_\_\_