



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 • 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 5:32 p.m. MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

<u>X</u> Jo Greer, President	<u>O</u> Mike Medellin
<u>X</u> Keith Bevan, Vice President	<u>X</u> John Nesmith
<u>X</u> Dom Gelsomino	<u>X</u> Mandi Roberts
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bobo	<u>X</u> Brandon Simpson
<u>O</u> Camden Hyde	

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Director Steve Siddoway, Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren, Recreation Manager Garrett White, and Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston; Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane; and Ada County Parks & Waterways Director Scott Koberg.

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 John Nesmith seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes

1. April 13, 2022 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. Commissioner John Nesmith seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Announcements

2. Upcoming Events – Shelly Houston

MPR Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston provided an Upcoming Events flyer and highlighted the events noted, which is attached to these meeting minutes. She also handed out flyers about Sparklight Movie Night and Gene Kleiner Day (see attachments).

New Business

3. Ada County Parks & Waterways Update – Scott Koberg

Director Scott Koberg provided an Ada County Parks & Waterways Update via a PowerPoint, which his slides are attached to these meeting minutes. He also handed out copies of the Let's Float the Boise River! 2022 Guide pamphlets (see attachment).

Commission Feedback:

- **Dom Gelsomino** – What is the status of cell service/coverage at Lucky Peak Lake these days? *Scott will find the answer and email the MPR Department. [Note email received 6/14/22: There is a T-Mobile tower near the USFS Nursery but it does not have any other carriers on it. It does receive 911 calls and serves the lake in the near area. It's a private tower on private land so no idea why or why not Verizon isn't involved. There's no Verizon service out here other than what skips in from town near the dam, or in their Lake Office parking lot (they have a Verizon network extender on our fiber internet and Starlink that just serves the office area – they had hoped for a more powerful network extender to better serve Sandy Point and the Power Plant but that didn't work out).]*
- **Mandi Roberts** – She asked Scott about the \$322,000 shuttle revenue figure in his PowerPoint. *He explained this number includes equipment rentals and shuttles combined. How are those revenues spent? The way the County retains the contract revenue share becomes a portion of the Parks & Waterways fund balance initially. They then can integrate that fund balance into future budget requests for larger scale capital projects.*

4. Arts & Culture Update – Cassandra Schiffler

This agenda item was tabled for a future meeting.

5. May 11, 2022 Pathways Tour Debrief – Kim Warren

MPR Pathways Manager Kim Warren presented a PowerPoint to debrief about the May 11, 2022 Pathways Tour. Copies of her slides are attached to these meeting minutes. She solicited feedback from the Commissioners.

Commission Feedback:

- **President Jo Greer** – She appreciated the tour and liked seeing other department representatives attend.
- **Mandi Roberts** – Although she did not catch up with the group during the tour, she learned firsthand how these pathways provide safety to bicyclists and pedestrians alike. It was a great experience.
- **John Nesmith** – He complimented Kim for doing a great job as tour guide. He stated it was fun to get out in an area of the city that is not only growing but new. He would like to see a pathway app developed for wayfinding purposes.

Old Business

6. Meridian Pool Update – Garrett White

MPR Recreation Manager Garrett White presented a PowerPoint to provide an update about the Meridian Pool. Copies of his slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **President Jo Greer** – She inquired if the pool is heated. Yes. She also congratulated Garrett on becoming a Certified Pool Operator.

Workshop ~ NONE

Staff Reports

7. MPR Staff

Director Steve Siddoway reported on the following:

- MPR Master Plan/Cost Recovery Model/Community Center – An Open House was held regarding the **Master Plan Update** at Meridian City Hall on May 19, 2022, which went well. There were approximately 20 citizens who stopped by to look at the displays which showed the results from the surveys and inventory, and talked about the key issues matrix and some of the top issues that were identified that are going into the recommendations phase.

A **Cost Recovery** public sorting session was held at the end of April 2022. There is going to be an update to City Council next Tuesday, June 14th. Teresa Jackson will present the results of the public sorting session and show the pyramid. She will be back in town again in a couple of weeks for a series of staff workshops that will look at historic cost recovery rates compared to what the reconciled public pyramid suggests they should be.

On June 22, 2022, an Open House is scheduled about the new **Community Center** at City Hall in Conference Rooms A/B. There will be two separate times: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Discovery Park, Phase 2 – This phase of the park is well under construction. Lake Hazel Road is under construction; however, access to Discovery from Eagle Road is still open.
- Golf Course Irrigation Project – This major construction project kicks off later this month.
- Dairy Days – Kudos to Garrett White for participating in the Dairy Days planning.

Recreation Manager Garrett White reported on the following:

- Priorities – He has been working on tasks related to the pool, master plan, cost recovery, and the new community center. He has been helping with Dairy Days.
- Sports – There will be a Cornhole Tournament for Dairy Days on Friday, June 24th. Softball is underway; the end-of-season tournament is getting ready to start for the spring season. Fall Softball registration is currently open. Summer Volleyball is a 4 v 4 league that is happening at the Homecourt. They are also doing a Summer Basketball league (3 v 3) at the Homecourt. A Cornhole league is running.
- Arts & Culture – Staff is working on traffic box wraps agreements, mural series, Five Mile Creek Pathway Trailhead project, and hiring a paid intern.
- Special Events – Staff is working on Movie Night (this Friday is the first movie of the summer), Gene Kleiner Day, July 4th, etc.
- Classes & Camps – Summer Camp kicks off next week.
- Homecourt – The facility is still busy with Pickleball running. The YMCA summer basketball league starts next week. There will be a BSU basketball camp scheduled in

the near future. The same thing with a volleyball camp. There is a part-time Facility Specialist position vacancy they are looking to fill.

Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren reported on the following:

- Pathway Infill Projects – Staff received back some solid, low bids on two Linder Road projects.
- Creason Connection – The contractor is due to start by the end of the month—just north of 8th Street Park.
- Rail-With-Trail Pathway – There was a recent development on this project, which is just west of Meridian City Hall. There is a segment from 3rd Street to 8th Street that has been federally funded, but the City did not have access out onto 3rd Street. So, staff had negotiated a potential land trade with the Head Start organization. After a few years, the board met again and agreed they were still in favor of this trade. City staff will meet with the people who administer the federal funds and also the Head Start people to get as much done in advance of the December date as possible so they can get the funds encumbered.
- Locust Grove Pathway – She is still waiting on final approved plans. All easements have been received and recorded.
- ULI Panel Visit – MPR staff members are working out logistics for the Urban Land Institute Panel Visit on August 8-11, 2022. Meridian will host and provide the project information and conduct site tours. There will be stakeholder interviews. A final presentation will be made by the panel on August 11th in the morning.

Adjourn

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

(AUDIO & VIDEO ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

APPROVED:

JO GREER, PRESIDENT

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DATE

KEITH BEVAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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Attachments:

- 1) Flyers: Upcoming Events, Sparklight Movie Night, & Gene Kleiner Day (3 pages)
- 2) PowerPoint: Ada County Parks & Waterways Update (10 pages)
- 3) Pamphlet: Let's Float the Boise River! 2022 Guide (2 pages)
- 4) PowerPoint: May 11, 2022 Pathways Tour Debrief (2 pages)
- 5) PowerPoint: Meridian Pool Update (5 pages)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sparklight Movie Night — Season Opens June 10 and Runs Through August 19
Family friendly outdoor movies begin at dusk every Friday night in Settlers Park

View the Art in Initial Point Gallery

Third floor of Meridian City Hall, Open during regular weekday business hours, Free

Take Me Fishing Trailer — Free Fishing Events by Idaho Fish & Game

Saturday, June 11, 9:00 am—2:00 pm, Kleiner Park Pond

Come give fishing a try! Loaner equipment & instruction available; no license needed

Vendor/Craft Fair

Saturday, June 11, 9:00 am—3:00 pm, Meridian Senior Center

Saturday in the Park Car Show

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Kleiner Park, Free for Spectators

Gene Kleiner Day / Kleiner Park 10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 11, 7:00 pm, Free Outdoor Concerts (Meridian Symphony and Jukebox)

Touch-a-Truck Children's Event

Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am—Noon, Children's Museum of Idaho Parking Lot, Free

Future Community Center Open House & Visioning Opportunity

Wednesday, June 22, 11:00 am—1:00 pm or 4:00—6:00 pm, Meridian City Hall, All Welcome

Meridian Lions Rodeo

Friday, June 24 and Saturday, Jun 25, 6:00 pm, Lions Rodeo Grounds (6054 W. Cherry Lane)

City of Meridian Independence Day Celebration

Monday, July 4, 4:00—11:00 pm, Storey Park, Free

Come enjoy food trucks, live music, and a professional fireworks display at nightfall

Christmas in July Vendor/Craft Fair

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Meridian Senior Center

Valley Corvette's Mini VetteFest Car Show

Saturday, July 23, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Kleiner Park, Free for Spectators

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2 — Neighborhoods are encouraged to meet their neighbors and show solidarity against crime by holding social gatherings in their neighborhoods on this evening.

Meridian Firefighters Association Salmon BBQ

Friday, August 5, Seniors 5:00 pm / General 6:00 pm, Kleiner Park Shelter B-1

Boise Soul Food Festival

Saturday, August 13, 11:00 am—8:00 pm, Kleiner Park, Free Admission

Meridian Parks and Recreation Summer Activity Guide

Available online at: meridiancity.org/activityguide

Visit Meridian's Community Calendar at: www.meridiancity.org/calendar

 / Sparklight®
Movie Night

Friday Evenings at Dusk
June 10  *August 19*
Settlers Park

JUNE

- 10 Encanto
- 17 Luca
- 24 Sonic the Hedgehog

JULY

- 1 The Addams Family
- 8 The Secret Life Of Pets 2
- 15 Scoob
- 22 Cars
- 29 Space Jam: A New Legacy

AUGUST

- 5 Aladdin
- 12 Mitchells vs The Machine
- 19 Sing 2



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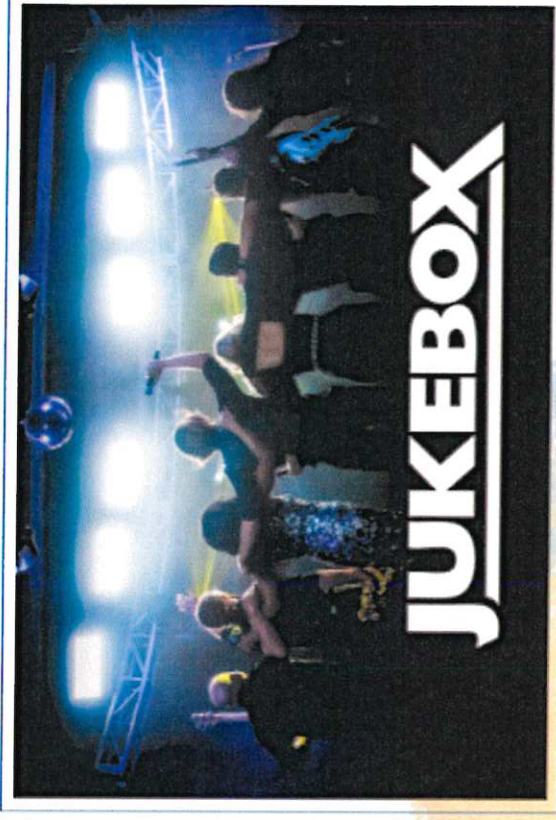
Gene Kleiner Day

Celebrating the 10th Year Anniversary of

Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park



Meridian Symphony Orchestra



Cover band Jukebox!

Saturday. June 11 @ 7 pm



Ada County Parks & Waterways Update

Scott Koberg, Director

Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission
June 8th, 2022

Department Overview

► Long Term Goals and Objectives

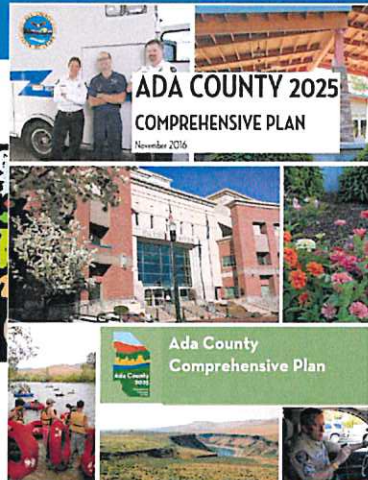
- To efficiently use available resources, partnerships, and funding to fulfill the recreational needs of the citizens of Ada County for parks, trails, pathways, waterways, open space, facilities, and services.
- To foster civic pride through stewardship of Ada County parks and facilities so Ada County taxpayers are proud to use them and share them with others.
- To set a high bar for professionalism and standard of service

► Metrics for Success or Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

- Customer Satisfaction and Feedback
- Awards, Public Recognition, Positive Media Coverage
- Effective Community Partnerships
- Facility Usage
- Revenue



Plan Support for Goals, Objectives, and Priorities

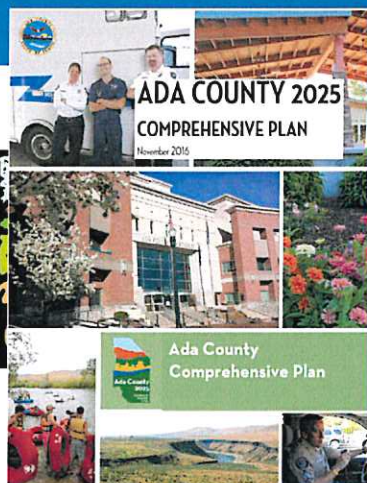


Quotes:

"The County may expend funds to maintain or improve existing agricultural lands and open spaces. This could take the form of upkeep such as mowing and maintenance, or developing open spaces to support recreational activities."

"...the full carrying costs of the land, i.e. maintenance and upkeep, are also the full responsibility of the County."

Plan Support for Goals, Objectives, and Priorities



Recommendations:

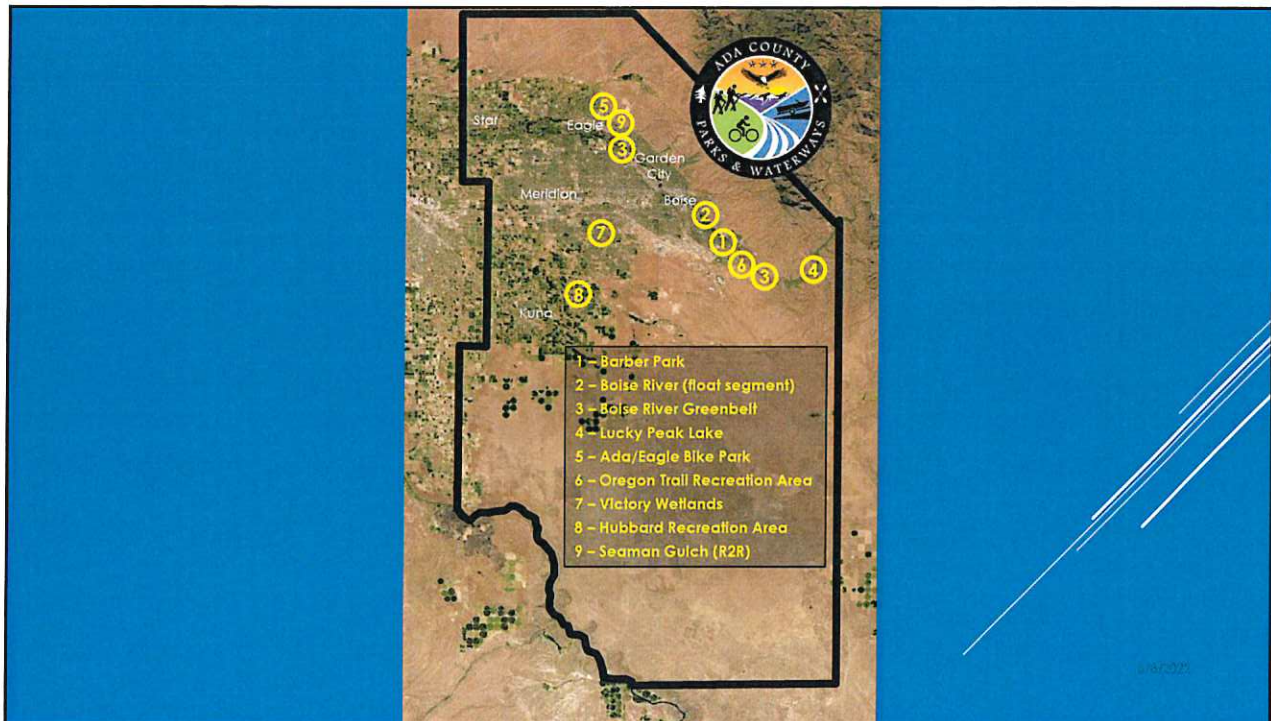
- Acquire land for future parks, open space, recreation facilities, and trails
- Maintain existing parks, open space areas, and trails
- Expand or renovate existing parks, open space areas and trails, including the replacement and/or improvement of existing facilities
- Develop new parks, facilities, and trails (assumes development and/or acquisition has already occurred)

Department Overview

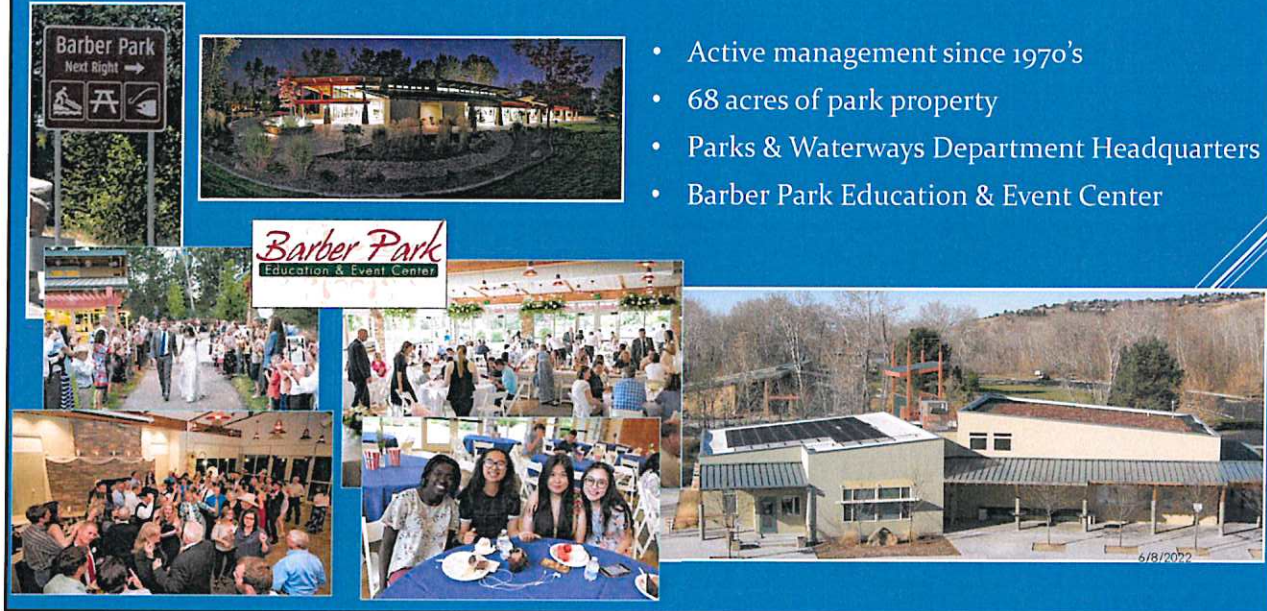
• Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Waterways Property Management

- Barber Park Grounds, Trails, Natural Resources, Facilities, Equipment
- Barber Park Education & Event Center
- Boise River Greenbelt
- Lucky Peak Lake Public Docks and Boat Ramps
- Victory Stormwater Basin and Constructed Wetlands
- Hubbard Reservoir Recreation Area
- Ada/Eagle Bike Park & Public Recreation Area
- Oregon Trail Recreation Area
- Red Hawk and Barber Pool Conservation Areas
- Ridge to Rivers Trail System 
- Boise River Float Season (Equipment Rental, Shuttle, Parking)

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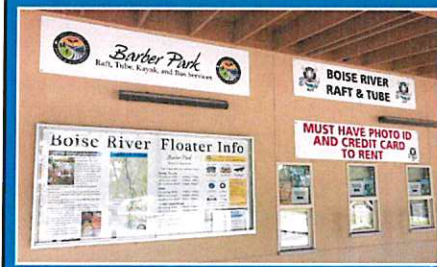
Barber Park





Boise River Float Season

- Parking, river floating amenities, rental concession, snack shack, restrooms, shuttle, building facilities, trails, grounds, irrigation, equipment, etc.



How do we decide when to “open” the Boise River for floater recreation between Barber Park and Ann Morrison Park?

Three Key Components:

1) Outside air temperature

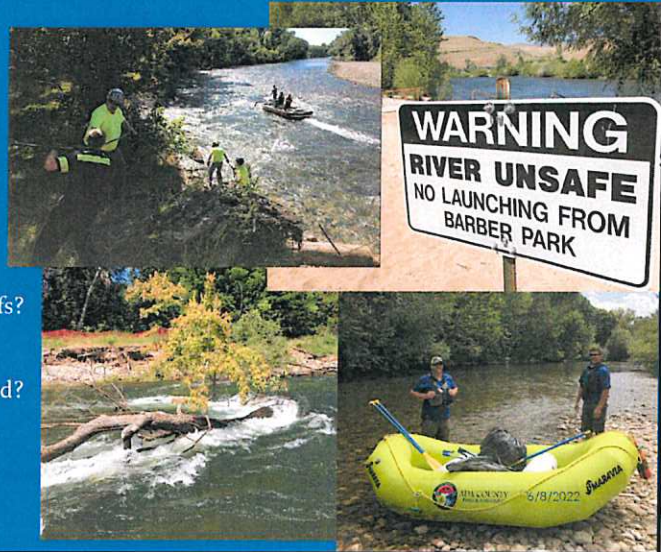
- Average daily high above 80°F?
- Extended forecast project highs above 80°F?

2) Existing and projected river flow

- Flows between 700 cfs - 1,500 cfs at BIGI?
- Flows to remain stable between 700 cfs - 1,500 cfs?

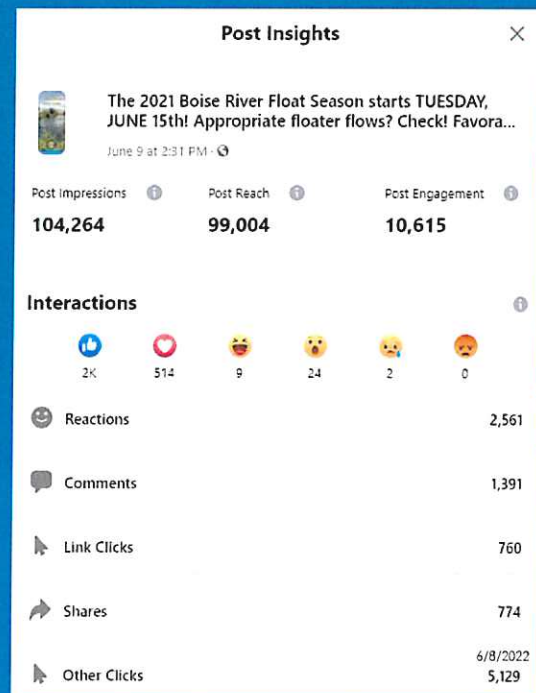
3) River debris and obstructions

- Obvious hazards/obstructions identified/located?
- BFD hazard mitigation completed?



Social Media

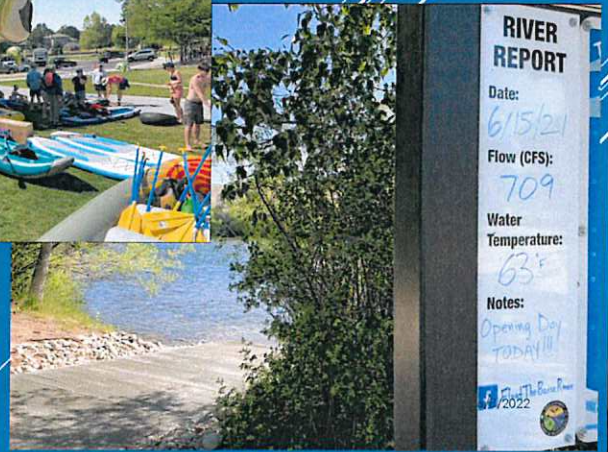
- Opening day 2021 Facebook post
 - 99,004 people reached
 - 10,615 engagements
 - 774 shares
 - 2,561 reactions
 - 1,391 comments
- Page follows 2021
 - 11,000+



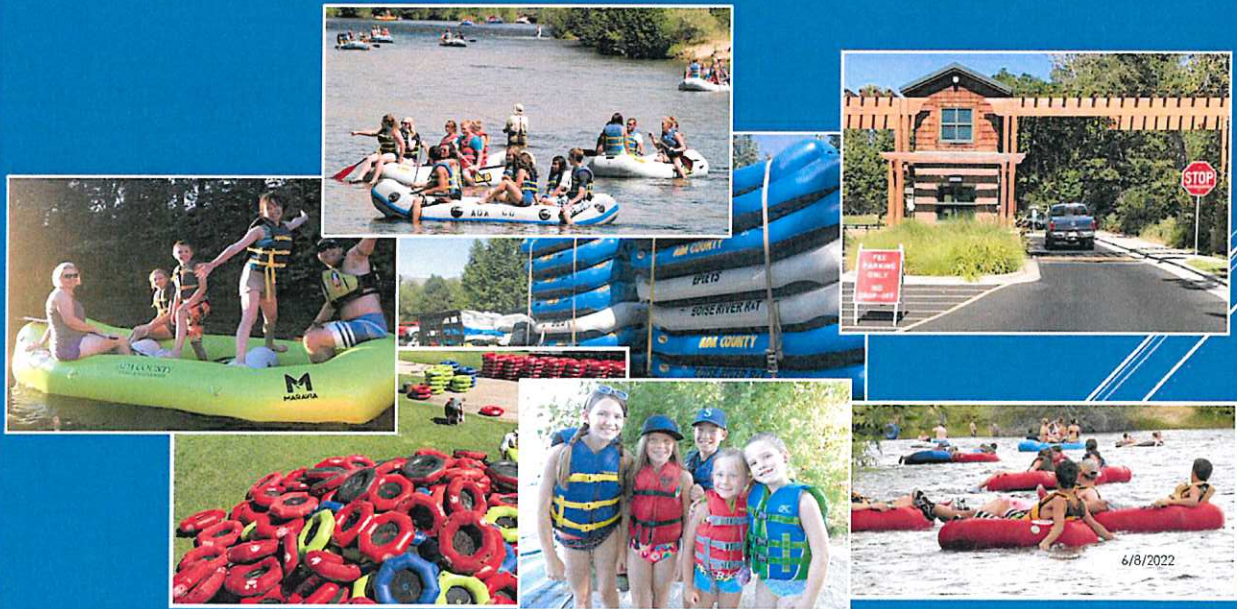
Historic 2021 Season in Review

Dates & Details

- Opening Date
 - June 15th
- Closing Date
 - September 6th
- Total operational days
 - 76 days
- Average river flow
 - 690 cfs
- Average daily high temperature
 - 92.7°F



Boise River Float Season!



2021 Parking and Shuttle

Parking

Gross revenue	= \$231,574 (21% increase from 2020; \$7.00 daily)
Total number of vehicles parked	= 33,082 (most in history ; 435 daily avg.)
Most vehicles parked in a day	= 1,056 (Sun, July 4 th ; most in history)
Most vehicles parked in an hour	= 193 (Mon, July 5 th between 12 - 1 pm)

Shuttle

Total number of shuttle riders	= 52,780 (21% increase over 2019 full shuttle season)
Most shuttle riders in a day	= 974 (Sun, Aug 8 th)



2021 Equipment Rentals

Rafts, Kayaks, Tubes

Total number of 4 person raft rentals	= 7,608 (most in history ; ↑35% from 2020)
Most 4 person raft rentals in a day	= 210 (Sat, July 3 rd ; most in history)
Total number of 6 person raft rentals	= 6,634 (most in history ; ↑30% from 2020)
Most 6 person raft rentals in a day	= 221 (Sat, July 3 rd ; most in history)
Total number of 2 person kayak rentals	= 2,223 (most in history ; ↑12% from 2020)
Most 2 person kayak rentals in a day	= 77 (Thur, July 15 th ; most in history)
Total number of deluxe tube rentals	= 13,96 (most in history ; ↑12% from 2020)
Most deluxe tube rentals in a day	= 609 (Sat, July 3 rd ; most in history)



Ada County Equipment Rental & Shuttle Contract Revenue

\$322,000

↑ 40% from 2020

So when will the 2022 Boise River Float Season begin???

Three Key Components:

1) Outside air temperature

▸ Average daily high above 80°F?

No. Today's high 73°F.

▸ Extended forecast project highs above 80°F?

No. Unstable down to 63°F.

2) Existing and projected river flow

▸ Flows between 700 cfs - 1,500 cfs at BIG1?

No. Current flow 437 cfs.

▸ Flows to remain stable between 700 cfs - 1,500 cfs?

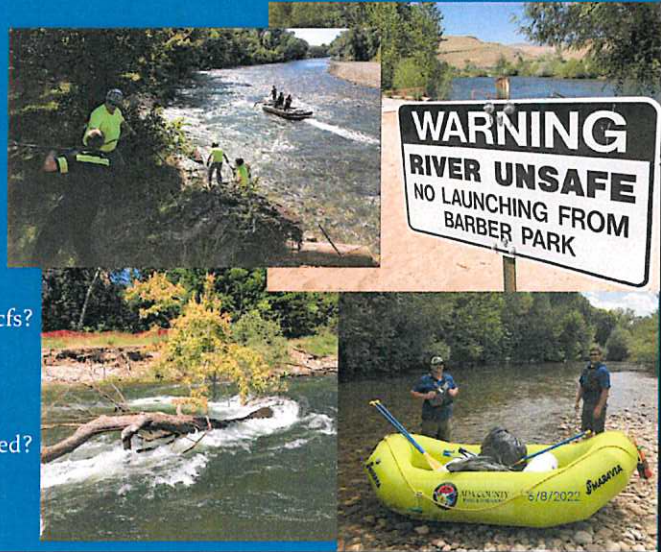
No. Flows to reach 1,800 cfs by Monday.

3) River debris and obstructions

▸ Obvious hazards/obstructions identified/located?

▸ BFD hazard mitigation completed?

No and No. Flows must first stabilize.



Float the Boise River

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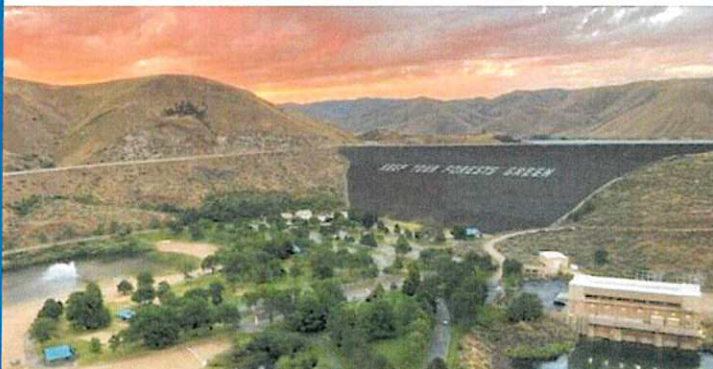
HEADS UP!

After experiencing the lowest recorded flows in 30+ years for the first week of June at the BIG1 (i.e. Glenwood) gauge, the Boise River will be rising in the days ahead.

Although flows are currently at 437 cfs, water managers will be increasing flows incrementally to 1,800 cfs at BIG1 by Monday to support salmon migration in the Snake and Columbia rivers.

THIS INCREASE WILL PUT FLOWS BEYOND WHAT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR NOVICE FLOATER RECREATION.

Stay tuned for more updates in the weeks ahead! Historically, official float season operations at Ada County's Barber Park do not open until flows decrease below 1,500 cfs and hazardous debris mitigation has occurred. Once all the stars align we'll make the official season opening announcement right here!



<https://www.facebook.com/FloatTheBoiseRiver>



Ada County Parks & Waterways Update

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Questions?

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Floater FAQs

Is the river open?

The Boise River is never “closed” but is always a float-at-your-own-risk endeavor. Barber Park floater amenities, equipment rentals, and shuttle service are only available when river and weather conditions are appropriate (typically late June thru Labor Day).

If I bring my own raft or tube is there a place where I can fill it with air?

The Barber Park air stations are no longer operational. Feel free to “show up and blow up” as long as you BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT to inflate your vessel. All floaters should also carry a hand pump during their float in the event of any unplanned deflation.

Do I have to wear a life vest?

Life vests or personal flotation devices (PFDs) are required to be worn by children age 14 and under. Every vessel must be equipped with a PFD for each person on board. Life vests are recommended to be worn by ALL floaters regardless of age or skill.

Are there any rapids?

There are three splashy diversion drops during the first half of the float. All floaters should use caution and actively steer their vessel to avoid all obstacles including bridge piers, rocks, debris, and overhanging tree limbs.

How far is it to the take-out?

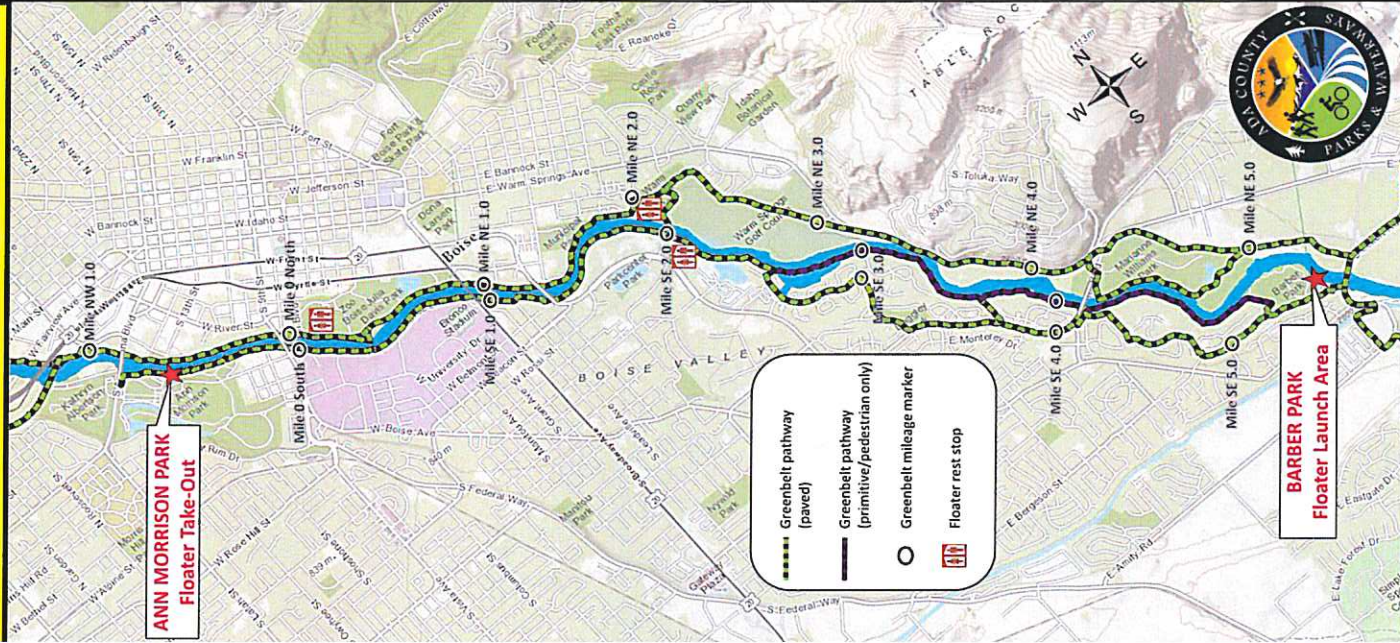
The take-out is located 6 miles downstream from Barber Park on river left in Ann Morrison Park. The float typically lasts about 2 hours.



Scan to follow our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FloatTheBoiseRiver>

Boise River Floater Map



Let's Float the Boise River! 2022 Guide





Spring Pathways Tour Debrief

Kim Warren, RLA
Pathways Project Manager
6/8/2022

Vicinity Map

- Northwest Meridian
- Meridian Loop

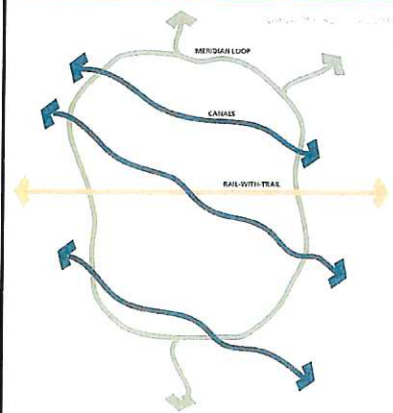
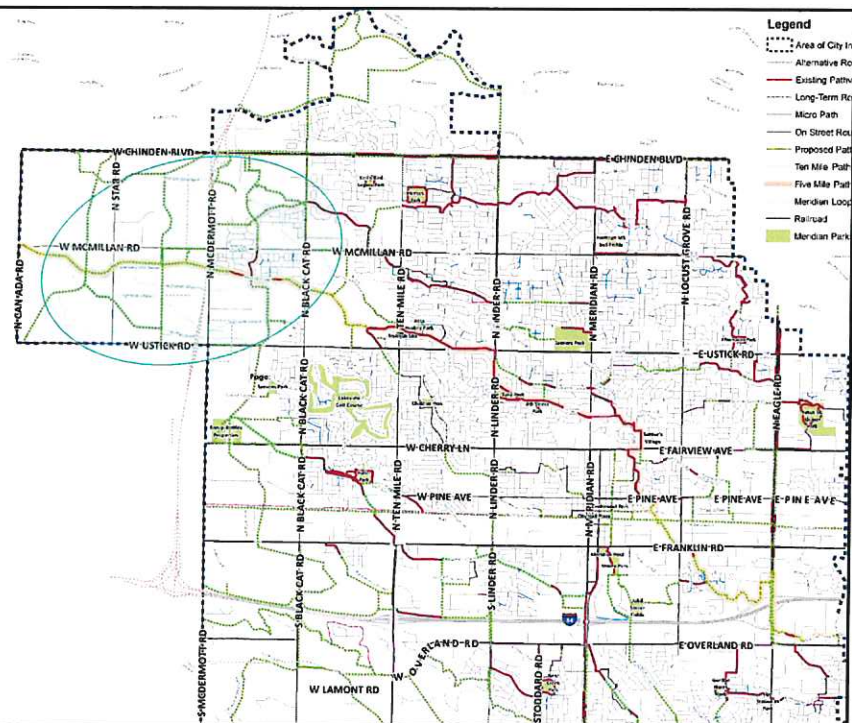
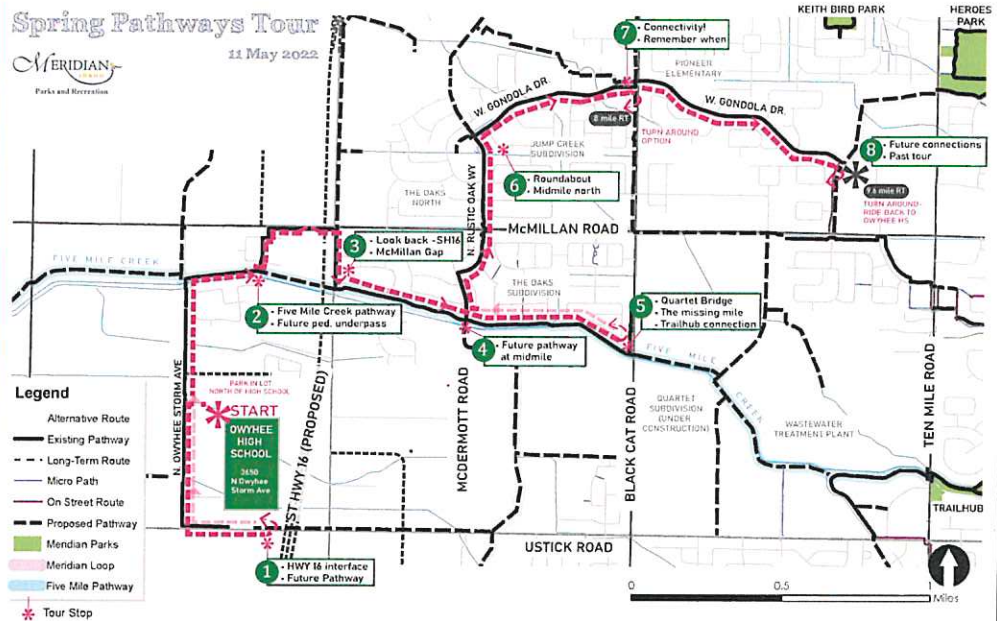


Figure 3-1. The Meridian Pathways System



Tour Route



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Discussion ✨ Thoughts ✨ Observations

- General Comments
- Length / Distance
- Ideas for next year



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MERIDIAN POOL

Update June 8th, 2022



Pool Information:

- First day of Open Swim and Swim Lessons (Session 1) will be Monday, June 6th, 2022
 - >2022 Swim Lessons update: LEVELS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 **ARE FULL FOR ALL SESSIONS**
 - >Opening day of swim lesson registrations = \$25K revenues
 - >Private Lessons have a waiting list but will begin in Session 2 (June 20th)
- Open Swim hours for 2022 will be Monday - Friday from 1:30pm - 4:30pm
 - >CLOSED ON WEEKENDS due to available staffing.
 - >Open Saturday, June 25th for Dairy Days from 1:30pm to 4:30pm for Public Open Swim.
- Admission is based on a first come, first served basis with no exceptions. Family pass holders are not guaranteed admittance when the pool is at capacity.
- Pricing;
 - >Group Lessons - \$45
 - >Open Swim –
 - Kids 3 and under = \$2,
 - Ages 4 to 17 = \$3
 - Adults = \$4
 - >Season Pass -Family Pass = \$160
 - This is for a family of 4. Each additional family member is an additional \$20

- ▶ Access Prevention - The western access gate does not meet code and needs adjusted.
- ▶ Concrete repairs
- ▶ Building Door Repairs
 - > Replace Chemical Room door handles.
 - > Place shield on chemical room door.
 - > Repair Pump Room door arm (leaks oil)
 - > Adjust the conference Room double doors to close properly.
 - > Adjust front door to close properly

PROJECTS COMPLETED

6/8/2022

- ▶ Kiddie Pool backwash valve replaced
- ▶ Replacement of Zekaflex around big pool
- ▶ Replacement and repairs of deck drain covers
- ▶ On deck AED replaced
- ▶ Emergency Grab Bag updated and restocked
- ▶ Guard tubes replaced.
- ▶ Guard chairs replaced.
- ▶ Guard umbrellas replaced.



PROJECTS COMPLETED - CONTINUED

6/8/2022

- ▶ Men's locker room ADA shower hand rail repairs.
- ▶ Auto Vac System for pool vacuuming.
- ▶ Several IT Updates:
 - >Phones Updated
 - >Laptop Upgrades
 - >Security Camera Updates
 - >WIFI upgrades
- ▶ Chemicals stored in the pump room were separated and put on shelves/cabinets.
- ▶ Pump room organization.
- ▶ Pool Fence latches replaced.



PROJECTS COMPLETED - CONTINUED

- ▶ Men's and Women's lock room changing areas are now ADA compliant.
- ▶ ADA Compliant Family Restrooms updated (relocated items for door clearances)
- ▶ Virginia Gram Baker Drain Covers were updated and replaced.
- ▶ Contract with Personnel Plus for hiring of guards.
- ▶ Hired 42 guards.
- ▶ CPO Certification



PROJECTS COMPLETED – CONTINUED

- ▶ Big Pool UV System Replacement
 - >Installation date TBD. Waiting on contractor availability.
- ▶ Baby Pool UV System Replacement
 - >Installation date TBD. Waiting on contractor availability.
- ▶ 1 Meter Diving Board platform and Board Replacement
 - >RFP is with Procurement Department
 - >Release date is June 17th
- ▶ ADA Chair Lift Repairs
 - >Parts were ordered months ago.
 - >Last part is being shipped by manufacturer on the 13th
- ▶ Pool Slide Repairs
 - >Part is ordered (10 weeks out)
- ▶ Update pool automation system
 - >Waiting on contractor availability
- ▶ Provide a place for maintenance tools and equipment
- ▶ Provide a place for maintenance equipment and for storage of pool water acid carboys
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POOL PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

6/8/2022

- ▶ Facility Painting
 - >Top ring of pool
 - >Outdoor stairs and railing
- ▶ Misc. Pump Room Updates
 - >Flow rate gauges
 - >Pool Heat Thermometers
 - >etc.

FUTURE PROJECTS

6/8/2022

Questions?



6/8/2022