



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Cassandra Schiffler, Arts & Culture Coordinator
Meeting Date: October 6, 2026
Presenter: N/A
Estimated Time: 0.5 minutes
Topic: Professional Service Agreements for Community Center Public Art

Recommended Council Action:

Approve Professional Service Agreements for the Mayor's signature.

Background:

To enhance the new Meridian Community Center at Settlers Park, the Meridian Arts Commission (MAC) recommends installing five site-specific public art projects. These artworks explore Meridian history and "settler" themes, celebrating the ingenuity of early settlers who transformed an arid landscape into a flourishing community through irrigation.

A stakeholder task force was developed consisting of representatives from the Meridian Arts Commission, Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission, City Staff, and Community Center instructors. The task force participated in project prioritization and planning, local artist selection for an invitational request for proposals, a scoring process for submitted proposals, and design revisions on selected projects. The task force recommended the following works on May 21, 2026. MAC reviewed these recommended projects and unanimously voted on August 13, 2026 to advance them:

1. **"Community Welcome": East Entrance Mural** by Chalk and Cloud - \$11,500
2. **West Entrance Triptych Mural** by Jordynn Eld - \$11,500
3. **"Blue to Green: Following the Settler's Canal": Lobby Wall Resin Panel Installation** by Sue Latta - \$22,000
4. **History Wall: full-wall wrap vinyl mural** with a curated imagery collage by Stephanie Inman and original watercolor illustrations by Beth Trott - \$26,500
5. **Two Wall Dioramas** by Stephanie Inman - \$6,000

All installations are scheduled to be fabricated and installed in time for the Meridian Community Center's grand opening in FY2027.

Strategic Goals Alignment: It meets MAC's Strategic Plan goals for Public Art, and the MAPS Mission, Vision, Goals, and Strategies as outlined in the Public Art Master Plan (pages 18-19).

Total Project Cost and Budget: \$77,500 funded entirely through MAPS. No budget amendment is necessary. This project uses existing MAPS funds (Meridian Art in Public Spaces). (The MAPS Ordinance 15-1642 established the method of appropriating general funds to install visual, tangible artworks for installation on public property in Meridian's public spaces.)

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Selected Artworks:



Front Entry Mural by Jordyn Eld

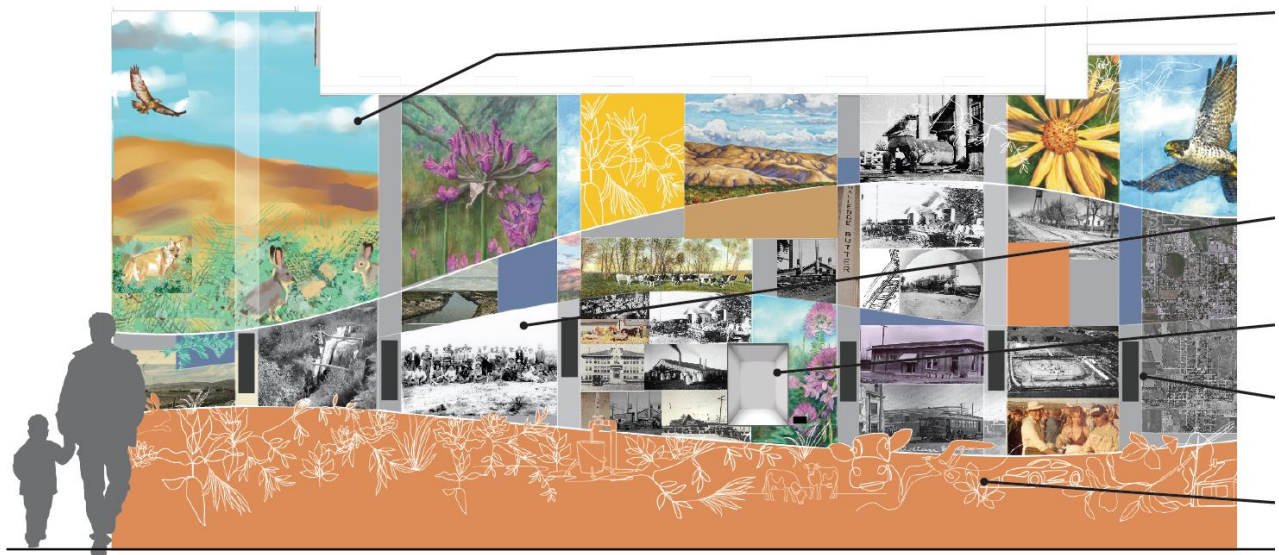


“Community Welcome” West Entry Mural
by Chalk and Cloud



Lobby Wall Resin Panels “Blue to Green: Following the Settler’s Canal” by Sue Latta

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SKETCH OF HISTORY WALL

5/1/26

History Wall Vinyl Installation by Stephanie Inman and Beth Trott



SKETCH OF WALL DIORAMA 1

Nearby plaque text reads:

THE OLD MERIDIAN CREAMERY

What downtown looked like in 1910 (actual date TBD) before a fire destroyed the Old Creamery building, where Meridian City Hall currently stands.



SKETCH OF WALL DIORAMA 2

Nearby plaque text reads:

COMMUNITY CENTER GRASSHOPPERS

They arrived in 1933. They never really left.

Small Dioramas (one in the history wall, one in hallway) by Stephanie Inman