



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING • MINUTES

Meridian Parks & Recreation Facilities Tour

Starting Location: Meridian City Hall Amphitheater

33 E Broadway Ave. Meridian, ID

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 • 5:00 p.m.

Mission:

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.

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1. Roll-Call Attendance

☒ Dom Gelsomino, Chair

☐ Brienne Sandow, Vice Chair

☒ Jennifer Bobo

☒ Terry Dennington

☒ Mandi Roberts

☒ John Nesmith

☒ Jo Greer

☒ Alan Helms

☒ Elle Hood

Others present were: City Council – Luke Cavener, Brian Whitlock; MPR Department staff – Steve Siddoway, Mike Barton, Garrett White, Jeremy Aldrich, Rachel Myers, Kim Warren, Renee White, Jenna Fletcher, Maggie Combs, Cassandra Schiffler, Skyler Cook, Jake Garro, Willow Spurlock, Jackie Smith, Monica Salas, Ryan Roberts, Kevin Fipps; Mrs. Whitlock, Caleb Hood, Trevor Smith, Ethan Freeman, Cody Swander, Jennifer Ayala, Jill Siddoway, and Matt Leath.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Participants met at the Meridian City Hall amphitheater at 4:00 p.m. and the meeting began at 4:10 p.m. MPR Director Steve Siddoway welcomed everyone and provided a rundown of the tour schedule. Steve recognized Superior Pools as this year's dinner sponsor.

A. Tour of Meridian Parks & Recreation facilities – Meridian Parks & Recreation Director Steve Siddoway pointed out tour sites, highlighted key topics, and announced the speakers.

- 1.) Meridian Pool/Storey Park (205 E. Franklin Road) – Garrett White and Willow Spurlock spoke about the recently completed swim season, noting it was very successful. Highlights included painting the exterior pool building walls, introducing Parent & Me swim classes, and installing new starting blocks for swim teams. Maggie Combs provided updates on sports programs, noting preparations for the upcoming basketball season, volleyball season, and the Holiday Classic.
- 2.) Homecourt (936 W. Taylor Avenue) – Jake Garro provided an update on Homecourt's usage and highlights from 2025. He reported that the HVAC and floor resurfacing projects are now complete. While at Homecourt, Cassandra Schiffler highlighted the mural that was recently installed in bay 6.

While driving, Kim Warren presented on pathways and trail updates, highlighting several projects currently out for bid, with construction expected to begin soon.

- 3.) Chateau Park (2640 W. Chateau Drive) – Cassandra Schiffler provided updates on the Arts Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission. She noted the new signage, bench, and flower art display at Chateau Park.

While driving, Jeremy Aldrich gave an update on Park Maintenance.

- 4.) Lakeview Golf Course (4200 W. Talamore Boulevard) – Mike Barton reported on the golf course restrooms and highlighted upcoming improvements planned for next year. Ryan Roberts provided an update on operations, and Kevin Fipps gave an update on maintenance.

Dinner was hosted on the patio at Lakeview Golf Course.

Steve Siddoway concluded with an update on the Fields District. Afterwards, everyone boarded the bus to continue the tour.

While driving to Fuller Park, Mike Barton recognized the recent opening of the Eva Plimmer Ninja Course at Discovery Park. He also reported on the medians along Ten Mile and the expansion of Hillsdale Park.

- 5.) Fuller Park (3761 W. Park Creek Drive) – Mike Barton reported on the recently completed Fuller Pathway Connection, which now provides a safe walking route for families and children traveling through the park to and from school. While at Fuller Park, Jeremy Aldrich read Kyle Yorita's forestry update.

While driving, Jackie Smith provided an update on the front desk volunteers at City Hall and on the Park Ambassadors who walk through Settlers Park, Julius Kleiner Park, and Discovery Park.

While driving to the future Community Center location, Jenna Fletcher provided an update on Classes and Camps.

- 6.) Community Center Property (Undeveloped property off Venable) – Garrett White provided an update on the Community Center highlighting the addition of a Dog Park to this property. Steve Siddoway also provided updates and answered questions regarding the future property.

While driving, Skyler Cook highlighted the larger external events hosted in city parks this year and provided an update on field reservations.

- 7.) Settlers Park (3245 N. Meridian Road) – Renee White reported on this year's special events and noted that Jenna Schopp has joined her in coordinating event operations.

On the drive back to City Hall, Steve Siddoway expressed his gratitude to all of the evening's speakers and to everyone in attendance. He also took a moment to recognize Elle Hood, a Parks & Recreation Commissioner serving through the Meridian Youth Advisory Council. Steve thanked her for her dedication and contributions to the Commission, wished her well as she moves forward, and presented her with a plaque commemorating her three years of service.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

4. NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Meridian's Parks and Pathways

Meridian Park System Map

