## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**



HEARING

10/21/2025

DATE:

TO: Mayor & City Council

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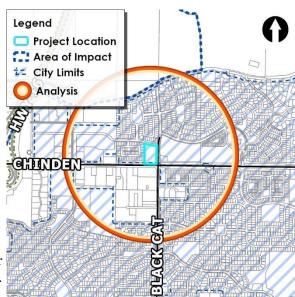
SUBJECT: H-2025-0036

Fairbourne Subdivision No. 4

LOCATION: Generally located at the northwest corner

of W. Chinden Blvd. & N. Black Cat Rd. at 4837 W. Waverton Dr., in the SE 1/4

of Section 21, T.4N., R.1W.



### I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

#### A. Summary

Combined preliminary and final plat consisting of one (1) buildable lot on 5.2 acres of land in the C-C zoning district.

#### **B.** Issues

None

### C. Recommendation

Staff: Approval

#### D. Decision

Commission: Approval City Council: Pending

## II. COMMUNITY METRICS

## **Table 1: Land Use**

Description	Details	Map Ref.
Existing Land Use(s)	Vacant/undeveloped	-
Proposed Land Use(s)	Commercial	-
Existing Zoning	C-C (Community Business)	VII.A.2
Adopted FLUM Designation	MU-C (Mixed Use – Community)	VII.A.3

## **Table 2: Process Facts**

Description	Details
Preapplication Meeting date	3/26/2025
Neighborhood Meeting	4/17/2025
Site posting date	8/22/2025

## **Table 3: Community Metrics**

Agency / Element	Description / Issue	Reference
Ada County Highway District		
<ul> <li>Comments Received</li> </ul>	No	-
Commission Action Required	No	-
• Access	(1) access via W. Waverton Dr. & (1) access via N. Black Cat Rd.	-
<ul> <li>Traffic Level of Service</li> </ul>		-
ITD Comments Received	No comments were received	
Meridian Fire	No comments were received	
Meridian Police	No comments were received	
Meridian Public Works Wastewater		
<ul> <li>Distance to Mainline</li> </ul>	Sewer stub service line is available from Waverton Dr.	
Impacts or Concerns		
Meridian Public Works Water		
Distance to Mainline	Served by Veolia	
<ul> <li>Impacts or Concerns</li> </ul>		

Note: See section IV. City/Agency Comments & Conditions for comments received.

## III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code (UDC)

## A. General Overview

The subject property is designated Mixed Use – Community (MU-C) on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) in the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this designation is to allocate areas where community-serving uses and dwellings are seamlessly integrated into the urban fabric.

**Table 4: Project Overview** 

Description	Details
History	H-2018-0052 Fairbourne Subdivision (Development Agreement Inst.
	2018-098361
Physical Features	NA
Acreage	5.2 acres
Lots	1 buildable lot

## **B.** History

In 2018, this property was included in a rezone, preliminary plat and development agreement (DA) modification application for Fairbourne Subdivision, which included the adjacent residential subdivision to the north and west. A new DA was approved with the modification, which governs future development of the overall property.

Final plat applications were approved for all of the property included in the preliminary plat except for this last remaining area, which was intended to be included in the last phase; however, a final plat application was never submitted, a time extension was not requested, and the preliminary plat has since expired.

#### C. Site Development and Use Analysis

Existing Structures/Site Improvements (UDC 11-1):
 There are no existing structures on the site. Street buffer landscaping was installed along W. Chinden Blvd. and N. Black Cat Rd. with development of the adjacent subdivision improvements.

#### 2. Proposed Use Analysis (UDC 11-2):

Three (3) commercial building pads for retail/office use are proposed to develop on the site per the site plan included below in Section VII.F. The largest pad, "Pad A", is proposed to be a grocery store at 25,623 sq. ft.; "Pad B" is 11,234 sq. ft. and "Pad C" is 4,964 sq. ft. Note: The proposed development plan is consistent with the provisions in the DA.

Retail and professional services (i.e. office) are both principal permitted uses in the C-C district; see UDC Table 11-2B-2 for a complete list of allowed uses in the C-C district.

#### 3. Dimensional Standards (UDC 11-2):

Compliance with the dimensional standards listed in UDC Table 11-2B-3 for the C-C district is required.

Business hours of operation are limited from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm adjacent to residential uses per UDC 11-2B-3B; extended hours may be requested through a CUP. Extended hours are not anticipated.

#### D. Design Standards Analysis

1. Structure and Site Design Standards (Comp Plan, UDC 11-3A-19):
The proposed site design and commercial structures are required to comply with the structure and site design standards listed in UDC 11-3A-19.

#### 2. Landscaping (UDC 11-3B):

Internal parking lot landscaping is required to comply with the standards in UDC 11-3B-8C.

A minimum 35-foot-wide street buffer is required along W. Chinden Blvd., an entryway corridor, and a minimum 20-foot-wide street buffer is required along W. Waverton Dr. and N. Black Cat Rd., both collector streets, measured from back of curb. Landscaping is required within the street buffers per the standards in UDC 11-3B-7C. Additional landscape design features are required along entryway corridors per UDC 11-3B-7C.3f. The existing landscaping was installed with the adjacent subdivision improvements and was never reviewed for consistency with UDC standards or approved prior to installation. The existing landscaping will need to be supplemented with additional landscaping to comply with current UDC standards. The landscape plan submitted with the final plat for City Engineer signature should demonstrate compliance with these standards.

A 25-foot-wide buffer is required along the west boundary of the site adjacent to existing residential uses, landscaped per the standards in UDC 11-3B-9C. This buffer will be required with lot development and is not a subdivision requirement.

#### 3. Parking (*UDC 11-3C*):

Off-street vehicle parking is required to be provided on-site for non-residential uses in commercial districts based on the gross floor area of the structure per UDC Table 11-3C-6B.1.

4. Building Elevations (Comp Plan, Architectural Standards Manual):
Conceptual building elevations were submitted for the proposed grocery store, included below in Section VII.G. Final design is required to comply with the design standards in the Architectural Standards Manual.

Loading docks are prohibited in commercial districts facing collector (i.e. Waverton & Black Cat) or arterial (i.e. Chinden) streets per the Architectural Standards Manual (#5.3A).

### 5. Fencing (UDC 11-3A-6, 11-3A-7):

A fence exists along the west boundary of this site along the back side of existing homes. All existing fencing will either be retained and protected during construction or replaced – the developer will coordinate with all affected neighbors.

## E. Transportation Analysis

ITD submitted comments stating, "Per ITD's TIS Acceptance Letter dated March 3, 2018, Fairbourne Development was conditioned for the installation of a westbound right turn lane at Chinden Blvd. & Black Cat Rd. This improvement was to be installed prior to development occupancy and has yet to be completed. This turn lane remains a priority; therefore, Fairbourne Development will need to work with ITD to determine a proportionate share contribution to ensure this improvement is completed." Because this improvement is located along the frontage of the property located at the northeast corner of Black Cat Rd. and Chinden Blvd. as shown below, which is off-site, Staff is not recommending a condition of approval that the developer comply with this request with the subject application.



1. Access (Comp Plan, UDC 11-3A-3, UDC 11-3H-4):
Access is proposed via one (1) existing access driveway from W. Waverton Dr. and one (1) access driveway from N. Black Cat Rd.; no access is proposed or allowed via W. Chinden

Blvd. An emergency access exists to this site via a blanket easement across the common lot (Lot 17, Block 7) in the abutting Fairbourne Subdivision No. 2 per the plat.

2. Multiuse Pathways (UDC 11-3A-5):

The Pathways Master Plan depicts a 10-foot-wide multi-use pathway along the east boundary on this site adjacent to N. Black Cat Rd. There is an existing 5-foot-wide detached sidewalk within the street buffer, which the Park's Dept. is allowing in lieu of a wider pathway.

3. Pathways (*Comp Plan, UDC 11-3A-8*):

No pathways are proposed or required with this development.

4. Sidewalks (UDC 11-3A-17):

A 10-foot wide detached multi-use pathway/sidewalk exists along W. Chinden Blvd. and 5-foot wide detached sidewalks exist along W. Waverton Dr. and N. Black Cat Rd. in accord with UDC 11-3A-17 and UDC 11-3H-4C.4.

5. Subdivision Regulations (UDC 11-6):

The proposed subdivision should comply with the subdivision design and improvement standards in UDC 11-6C-3.

The proposed development is consistent with Comprehensive Plan policy #2.02.01D, "Require pedestrian access in all new development to link subdivisions together and promote neighborhood connectivity."

#### F. Services Analysis

The proposed development is consistent with Comprehensive Plan policy #2.02.02, Maximize public services by prioritizing infill development of vacant and underdeveloped parcels within the City over parcels on the fringe.

1. Waterways (Comp Plan, UDC 11-3A-6):
There are no waterways that lie on or adjacent to the site.

2. Pressurized Irrigation (UDC 11-3A-15):

Underground pressurized irrigation water is required to be provided in each development as set forth in UDC 11-3A-15.

3. Storm Drainage (*UDC 11-3A-18*):

An adequate storm drainage system is required in accord with the adopted standards, specifications and ordinances; design and construction shall follow Best Management Practice as adopted by the City per UDC 11-3A-18.

4. Utilities (Comp Plan, UDC 11-3A-21):

All utilities for the proposed development are required to be installed in accord with the standards listed in UDC 11-3A-21.

#### IV. CITY/AGENCY COMMENTS & CONDITIONS

#### A. Meridian Planning Division

- 1. Future development shall comply with the provisions in the existing development agreement for Fairbourne Subdivision (H-2018-0052) recorded as Inst. #2018-098361.
- 2. The final plat shall be revised as follows:
  - i. If ACHD allows the proposed access via N. Black Cat Rd., modify note #6 to *not* prohibit access.

- ii. Note #10: Include the recorded instrument number of the development agreement (i.e. #2018-0098361.
- iii. Note #11: Include the recorded instrument number of the ACHD license agreement for landscaping.

The revised plat shall be submitted with the final plat application for City Engineer signature.

- 3. The landscape plan shall be revised as follows:
  - i. Depict landscaping within the street buffers along W. Chinden Blvd., W. Waverton Dr., and N. Black Cat Rd. per the standards in UDC 11-3B-7C. Additional landscape design features are required along entryway corridors (i.e. Chinden Blvd.) per UDC 11-3B-7C.3f. The existing landscaping was installed with the adjacent subdivision improvements and was never reviewed for consistency with UDC standards or approved prior to installation. The existing landscaping will need to be supplemented with additional landscaping to comply with current UDC standards.
- 4. Staff's failure to cite all relevant UDC requirements does not relieve the applicant from compliance.
- 5. The combined preliminary/final plat approval shall become null and void if the applicant fails to either: 1) obtain the City Engineer's signature on a final plat within two years of the date of the approved findings; or obtain approval of a time extension as set forth in UDC 11-6B-7.

See the Agency Comments folder contained in the project file in the public record for other City Department and Agency comments and conditions: (copy the link into a separate browser)

https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=409718&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity

#### V. FINDINGS

## A. Combined Preliminary and Final Plat (UDC-6B-6)

In consideration of a preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat, or short plat, the decision-making body shall make the following findings:

- 1. The plat is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and is consistent with this unified development code;
  - The Commission finds the proposed plat is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and will be consistent with the UDC if the Applicant complies with the above-noted conditions.
- 2. Public services are available or can be made available and are adequate to accommodate the proposed development;
  - The Commission finds that sewer service is stubbed to the site and water service will be provided by Veolia.
- 3. The plat is in conformance with scheduled public improvements in accord with the city's capital improvement program;
  - The Commission finds the proposed plat is in conformance with scheduled public improvements in accord with the City's CIP.
- 4. There is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development; *The Commission finds there is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development.*

- 5. The development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare; and *The Commission finds the proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare.*
- 6. The development preserves significant natural, scenic or historic features.

  The Commission is unaware of any significant natural, scenic or historic features that need to be preserved with this development.

#### VI. ACTION

#### A. Staff:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed combined preliminary and final plat with the conditions included above in Section IV.

#### **B.** Commission:

The Meridian Planning & Zoning Commission heard this item on September 4, 2025. At the public hearing, the Commission moved to recommend approval of the subject PFP request.

- 1. Summary of Commission public hearing:
  - a. <u>In favor: Ben Semple, Applicant's Representative</u>
  - b. In opposition: None
  - c. Commenting: Paul McGloughlin; Larry Walker; Bob Misko; Jessica Pierce
  - d. Written testimony: None
  - e. Staff presenting application: Sonya Allen
  - f. Other Staff commenting on application: None
- 2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:
  - a. Access and traffic concerns pertaining to vehicles turning left into the development and stacking issues that may occur; safety concerns pertaining to traffic and children in the area.
  - b. Belief that the Chinden/Black Cat intersection needs to be re-built for safety reasons to accommodate the high volume of traffic in this area.
  - c. Concern pertaining to landscaping between the site and the abutting residential neighborhood to the west to ensure residents aren't looking at a parking lot.
- 3. Key issue(s) of discussion by Commission:
  - a. Traffic generated from the proposed development;
  - b. The use and zoning are not the subject of this application.
- 4. Commission change(s) to Staff recommendation:
  - a. None
- 5. Outstanding issue(s) for City Council:
  - a. None

#### C. City Council:

Pending

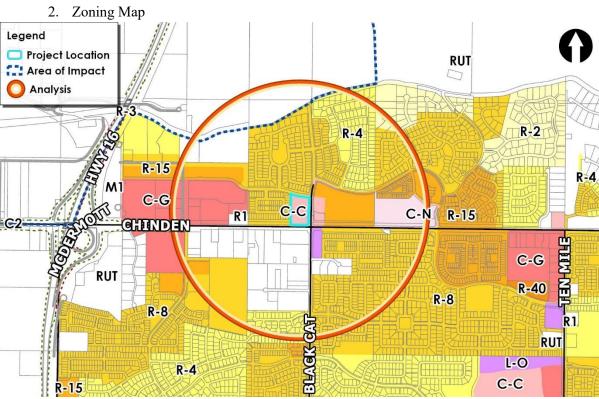
## VII. EXHIBITS

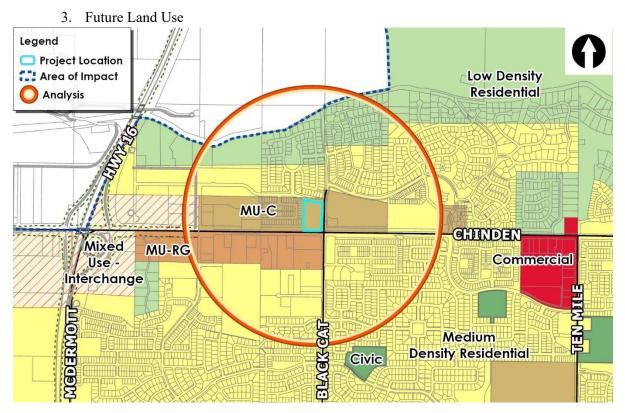
## A. Project Area Maps

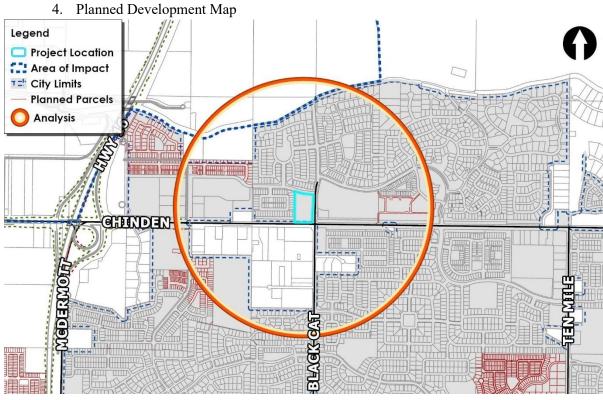
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1. Aerial









# **B.** Service Accessibility Report

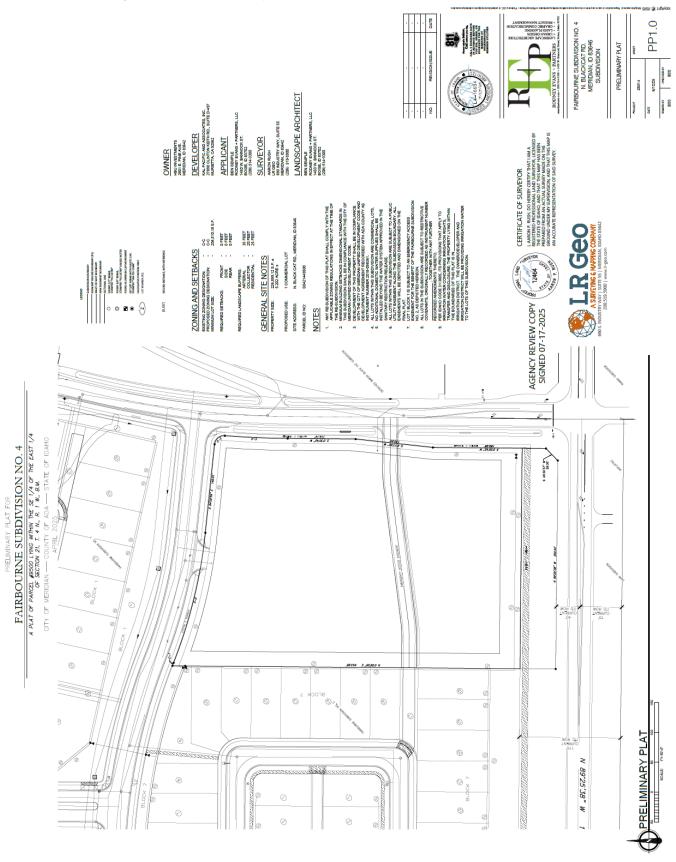
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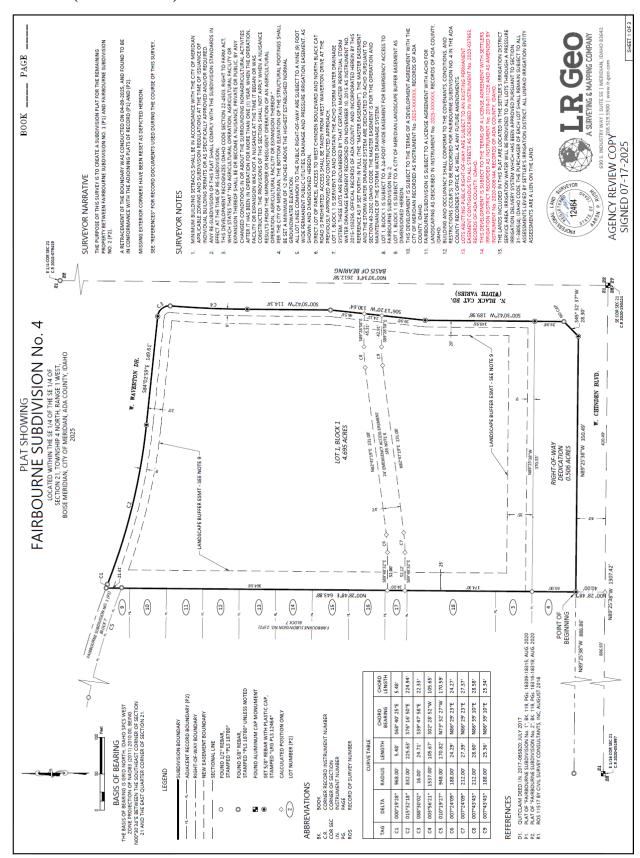
Criteria	Description	Indicator
Location	In City Limits	GREEN
Extension Sewer	Trunkshed mains < 500 ft. from parcel	GREEN
Floodplain	Either not within the 100 yr floodplain or > 2 acres	GREEN
Emergency Services Fire	Response time 5-9 min.	YELLOW
Emergency Services Police	Not enough data to report average response time	RED
Pathways	Within 1/4 mile of current pathways	GREEN
Transit	Not within 1/4 of current or future transit route	RED
Arterial Road Buildout Status	Ultimate configuration (# of lanes in master streets plan) > existing (# of lanes) & road IS in 5 yr work plan	YELLOW
School Walking Proximity	Within 1/2 mile walking	GREEN
School Drivability	Either a High School or College within 2 miles OR a Middle or Elementary School within 1 mile driving (existing or future)	GREEN
Park Walkability	No park within walking distance by park type	RED

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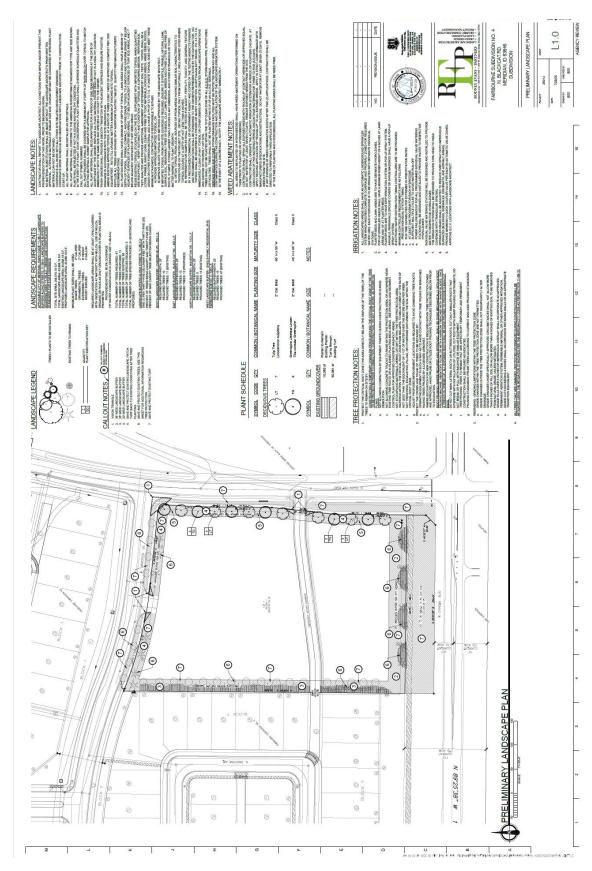
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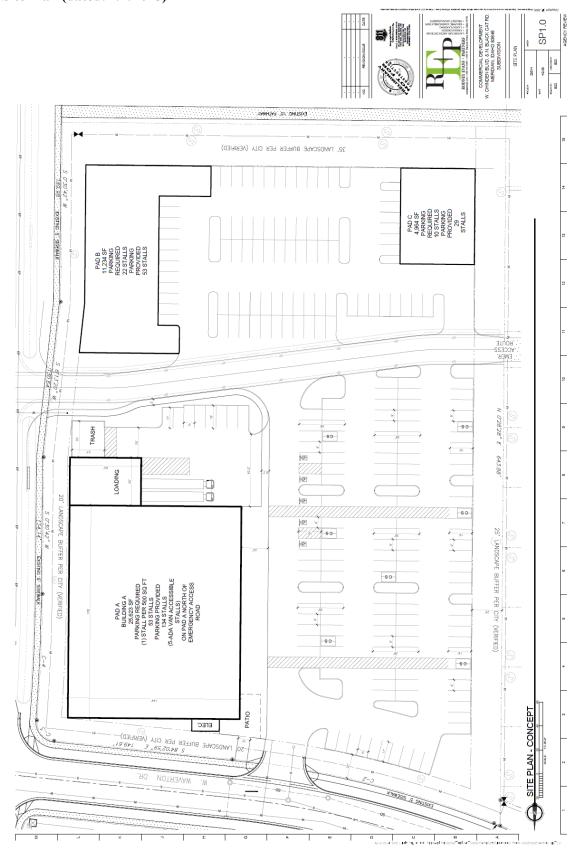
## D. Final Plat (date: 7/17/2025)



# E. Landscape Plan (date: 7/30/2025)



# F. Site Plan (dated: 4/2/2025)



# G. Conceptual Building Elevations (dated: 4/17/2025)

