



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING • MINUTES

Meridian Parks & Recreation Facilities Tour

Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park

1900 N. Records Avenue, Meridian, Idaho

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 • 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.

1. Roll-Call Attendance

☒ Jo Greer, President
☒ Dom Gelsomino
☒ Jennifer Bobo
☒ Camden Hyde
☐ Autumn Short

☒ Keith Bevan, Vice President
☒ John Nesmith
☒ Jessica West
☒ Jessica Perrault, City Council Ex-Officio

Others present were: Councilmembers Treg Bernt, Joe Borton, Brad Hoaglund, and Luke Cavener; Meridian Parks & Recreation Department Staff - Steve Siddoway, Mike Barton, Garrett White, Jake Garro, Shelly Houston, Kim Warren, Renee White, Roger Norberg, Jeremy Aldrich, Dan White, Chelsea Cantrell, Maggie Combs, Jenna Fletcher, Matthew Perkins, and Rachel Myers; Meridian Co-Op Gardeners President Juli Bokenkamp; Meridian Volunteers/Park Ambassadors Rose Nikolov and Len Schritter; Meridian PAL Vice President Brian Simer and Treasurer Cheryl Guidy; Meridian Public Works Director Laurelei McVey; and Meridian Deputy City Attorney Kurt Starman.

2. New Business

The group gathered at picnic shelter B-1 in Kleiner Park at 5:30 p.m. MPR Director Steve Siddoway welcomed everyone. Dinner was served. Steve recognized Turf Equipment & Irrigation, Inc.—this year's dinner sponsor.

Various pieces of maintenance equipment were displayed on the turf for participants to try out and/or receive a demonstration on how they operate.

Representatives from the Meridian Police Activities League Board of Directors presented a check to the City of Meridian for \$100,000.

Participants visited recent and upcoming projects in Kleiner Park. In addition, updates were provided on a variety of other relevant and timely topics related to Meridian Parks & Recreation as follows:

- Kleiner Community Garden
- Kleiner Maintenance Shop
- Kleiner Arboretum
- Forestry
- Kleiner Story Trail
- Kleiner History Kiosk
- New Future Community Center
- Kleiner Outdoor Gym
- Events (External/Internal)
- Volunteers
- Classes & Camps
- Kleiner Future Pickleball Courts
- Homecourt
- Special Events
- Pathways
- Sports
- Discovery Park, Phase 2

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

JO GREER, PRESIDENT

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KEITH BEVAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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