



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

### SPECIAL MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 • 4:00 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 Chair Dom Gelsomino called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 p.m. MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

X Dom Gelsomino, Chair

X Jennifer Bobo

X Mandi Roberts

O Jo Greer

X Elle Hood

X Brienne Sandow, Vice Chair

X Terry Dennington

X John Nesmith

X Alan Helms

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway, Parks Superintendent Mike Barton, Recreation Manager Garrett White, Adult Sports Coordinator Maggie Combs, Recreation Coordinator for Sports and External Events Skyler Cook, Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren, Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers, and Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commission Chair Dom Gelsomino asked for a motion to adopt the evening's agenda. Commissioner Mandi Roberts moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Terry Dennington seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

##### 1. January 8, 2025 Special Meeting

*Commission Chair Dom Gelsomino asked for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commission Vice Chair Brienne Sandow moved to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Alan Helms seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2. Upcoming Events**

Director Steve Siddoway spoke regarding the upcoming Unplug and Be Outside event to the commissioners. More information regarding this and other future events will be brought up in more detail at the next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2025.

## **OLD BUSINESS ~ NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. Mandi Roberts Recognition**

Director Steve Siddoway expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Mandi Roberts for her hard work and dedication to the commission, presenting her with a plaque to honor her contributions throughout 2024.

### **4. MPR Department Sports Update**

Sports Recreation Coordinator Maggie Combs and Sports & External Events Recreation Coordinator Skyler Cook presented the 2024 Year in Review to the commissioners, highlighting significant growth in the adult sports leagues. They provided updates on the Holiday Classic volleyball and cornhole tournament fundraisers benefiting the Meridian HeadStart Program. Additionally, they shared details about the annual Summer Fun Kickoff event for youth fast pitch teams, marking the start of the summer season for kids.

The presentation also noted the cancellation of Flag Football Leagues due to low enrollment and the increased demand for softball fields. The basketball league hosted 46 teams, and cornhole leagues were at full capacity, running year-round. A cornhole tournament and a disc golf tournament were held in 2024. Youth sports, supported by multiple community partners, take place on our fields most weekends.

Maggie presented program statistics and discussed upcoming challenges for 2025, such as limited gym space, staffing issues, and the shortage of officials due to the high number of games scheduled per night and week. Donation acknowledgments were made for the businesses that contributed to the Holiday Classic fundraiser which raised approximately \$6,500. These funds helped provide over 560 gifts and necessities for 47 children from the Meridian HeadStart Program.

The floor was opened for questions. Commissioner Dennington inquired about the need for officials. Skyler responded that the need is not unique to Meridian but is

a nationwide issue. Commissioner Dennington thanked Maggie and Skyler for their great job and for continuing to serve the community and its growing recreational needs. She asks for solutions to the challenges due to the growth in our community. Maggie responded that she is having conversations with the West ADA School District partnering up regarding staff from the schools assisting with set up and breakdown. There is currently one staff member for MPR that does all the set up and breakdown. Commissioner Bobo commented that she has heard wonderful things about our program from happy participants and thanked Maggie and Skyler for their continued work.

MPRC Chair Dom Gelsomino inquired on the possibility of a Bocce Ball league. Skyler responded that he has spoken to a Bocce Ball group regarding the courts at Discovery and Kleiner parks and has tried to get these courts on their radar for future use. They stated they were open to the new courts and would be looking at the courts this Spring. MPRC Chair Dom Gelsomino thanked Maggie and Skyler for their time. (Presentation attached)

## **5. Parks Code Update**

Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane presented an updated Parks Code draft. As part of the strategic plan, the City Attorney's Office has been assigned the task of auditing and updating the City Code to improve its accessibility for citizens. Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane has been working on the Parks and Recreation Regulations with Director Steve Siddoway and his staff for about a year regarding the updates and states the document is ready for review. Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane is seeking feedback from the MPR Commission on the changes made to finalize what will be presented to the City Council for approval. Commissioners had questions for clarification regarding the updates which Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane addressed and is adjusting where needed. (PDF with changes attached)

## **6. MPR Department Community Center Update**

Recreation Manager Garrett White provided a presentation with an update on the Meridian Community Center. The Public Open House was December 5<sup>th</sup> to gather feedback from neighboring homes. Key take aways were listed as:

- Needing a traffic light at Venable and Ustick
- Narrow street on Venable that may be difficult to include parking (Working with ACHD for a solution)
- Reduce parking in the neighborhood on Ashby Dr (new parking lot will help address this)
- They loved the location of the Dog Park
- They appreciated the additional parking

City Leadership has been notified regarding the Community Outreach, Staffing plans, Operational budgets, the concept and designs of the new Community center and park Amenities.

The current plans for the community center were shared, including space designs, room layouts, and areas within the facility. This also covers a potential location for a Fire Prevention office. The square footage aligns very well with the requirements for impact fees. Next steps were laid out next in the presentation with details regarding the design, development and construction of the new Community Center if approved. Recreation Manager Garrett opened the floor for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Helms inquired as to why there is a future site indicated rather than proceeding with the construction during the initial build. Director Steve Siddoway responded that we have met the maximum square footage allowed to build with impact fees based on the current population at this time. Currently the site is being built keeping future expansions in mind.

Commissioner Roberts inquired about the location indicated for the expansion, asked about line of sites for restrooms if it is built, and asked if other portions of the park are being considered for future expansion. Director Steve Siddoway responded that, although it is not indicated at this time, there is another potential expansion site that would require a breezeway to allow current classrooms to utilize the outdoor areas as currently designed. (Presentation attached)

## **WORKSHOP ~ NONE**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **7. MPR Staff**

Director Steve Siddoway reported on the following:

1. Pathways tour- In recent years there was a pathways tour in April or May, however, the concern is that there are not a lot of new pathways for a tour. A possible different idea would be to pick a current park and do a behind the scenes deeper dive tour to explore the maintenance facility and discover how the splash pads work or other functional aspects of a park. Commissioner Roberts likes this idea and is also curious about the area of Northwest Meridian "Fields District" as a potential tour site as well. Director Steve Siddoway expressed concern that there is not much to see, however, has suggested there is much to talk about regarding that area. MPR is pursuing obtaining around 40 acres of land in that area and recommends pending the conversation regarding this area until a presentation can be made going over the finer details of that project. This project is heading in a good direction.

Commissioner Nesmith has requested that if the pathways tour is altered this year, consideration be given to reinstating it in the following year.

Director Steve Siddoway has asked the commission to consider moving the September bus tour dates a week earlier to the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the loss of daylight during that time of year.

2. Parks and Recreation Budget. – He is meeting with the Mayor and Council Liaison to go over the base budgets daily currently to ensure prudence with taxpayer dollars. Commission Chair Dom Gelsomino inquired to the timeline regarding updating the ordinance on the start time for the commission meetings. Director Steve Siddoway responded that Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane has taken the request to City Council for discussion and is anticipating approval for the change between March and April.

MPR Parks Superintendent Mike Barton reported on the following:

1. MPR Parks Superintendent Mike Barton reported sidewalk installations are in progress between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> St on Broadway in the Downtown area. Timeline is pending warmer weather to complete the sidewalks. Fuller Park leading from the pathway to the school is also close to completion pending warmer weather. The restrooms at Lakeview are in the process of having utilities added and are moving forward. The next two buildings are on order. The Ninja Course has been approved and will be laid out next Thursday at Discovery Park. A small contractor group has offered to contribute in-kind work. We will cover the cost of supplies, and they will provide the labor, helping us save funds. MPR Parks Superintendent Mike Barton opened the floor to questions. Commissioner Helms commented that the new restrooms at the Lakeview Golf Course are a welcomed visual improvement.

Recreation Manager Garrett White reported on the following:

1. Recreation Manager Garrett White shared that he has been working on budgets and collaborating with Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane on contracts with Meridian Youth Baseball. He has also participated in several staffing interviews and has begun preparations for opening the city pool this summer. The de-winterization process will begin in early April, with the goal of having the pool ready for try-outs in May. Training for new hires starts in May in preparation for the pool to open in June.
2. Seasonals are being hired for the Golf Course.

3. At Homecourt he is trying to lower subsidies and looking for ways to increase revenue. The Homecourt is seeing a lot of activity. The HVAC units are being replaced. August is scheduled for installation as well as the floor resurfacing.
4. Next upcoming event is Unplug and Be Outside.

Recreation Manager Garrett White opened the floor for questions. No questions from the Commissioners.

PATHWAYS Project Manager Kim Warren reported on the following:

1. She has been working on the Parks Master Plan update. She is looking for opportunities to make functional connections on the pathways as well as improvements to the paths. She is looking to design a survey for public outreach.
2. The Rail with Trail project is close to 65% complete. Impact inquiries are slowing the progress.
3. Working with ACHD on the installation of a restroom at the Creek Trail Hub at Ten Mile Road. This project is pending an agreement with ACHD.
4. There is a new pathway segment out by Owyhee High School along the Five Mile Creek west of McDermot road. Designs have been drawn and are pending permission from Nampa Irrigation District to start the bid on that pathway.

Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren opened the floor for questions. Commissioners had no further questions.

**NEXT MEETING ~ WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025, AT 4 PM**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Commission Chair Dom Gelsomino called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice Chair John Nesmith moved to adjourn. Commissioner Brienne Sandow seconded. All were in favor of the motion.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

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DOM GELSOMINO, CHAIR

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DATE

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BRIENNE SANDOW, VICE CHAIR

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Attachments: MPR Department Sports Update -PowerPoint  
Parks Code Update PDF  
Meridian Community Center Update -PowerPoint



# Meridian Parks and Recreation – Adult Sports

**February 2025**





# 2024 Year in Review

## ► Volleyball Leagues

- Winter – 142 teams (increase last year we played by 6 teams)
- Spring – 147 teams (increased by 21 teams)
- Fall – 134 teams



- Holiday Classic Tournament
  - Volleyball Tournament (Saturday)
    - 33 teams
- Cornhole Tournament (Saturday)
  - 8 teams

# 2024 Year in Review

## ► Softball Leagues

- Spring/Summer – 115 teams
- Summer/Fall – 113 teams
  - We saw an increase of 23 teams over all this year
- Senior Softball – Del Drake Softball League; 214 registered players (increase 46 players)
  - Monday Night
  - Tuesday Morning
  - Thursday Morning (New, removed Wednesday)

# 2024 Year in Review

- ▶ Youth Summer Fun Fast Pitch Tournament
  - ▶ 40 teams
    - ▶ Idaho Teams – 38
      - ▶ Meridian – 9
      - ▶ Boise – 8
      - ▶ Nampa – 7
      - ▶ Idaho Falls – 7
      - ▶ Eagle – 2
      - ▶ Caldwell – 2
      - ▶ Emmett – 1
      - ▶ Kuna – 1
      - ▶ Middleton – 1
      - ▶ Parma – 1
      - ▶ Star – 1
    - ▶ Oregon – 1
    - ▶ Utah – 1





# 2024 Year in Review

- Flag Football Leagues

- Canceled due to low numbers and increase in Softball
  - Share the same fields

- Basketball League

- Winter – 46 teams

- Cornhole League

- Spring – 113 players
- Summer – 70 players
- Fall – 82 players
- Fall/Winter – 80 players
- Winter – 78 players



# 2024 Year in Review



- Cornhole Tournament
  - Dairy Days Tournament
    - 12 Teams
- Disc Golf
  - Halloween Tournament
    - Youth Players – 7 players
    - Adult Players – 13 players

# Community Partners

- West Ada School District
- Meridian Youth Baseball & Softball
- Meridian Police Activities League
- Cole Valley Christian School
- I9 Sports, Brayge Sports, Friday Night Flag, Skyhawks, Idaho Storm





# Local Tournaments

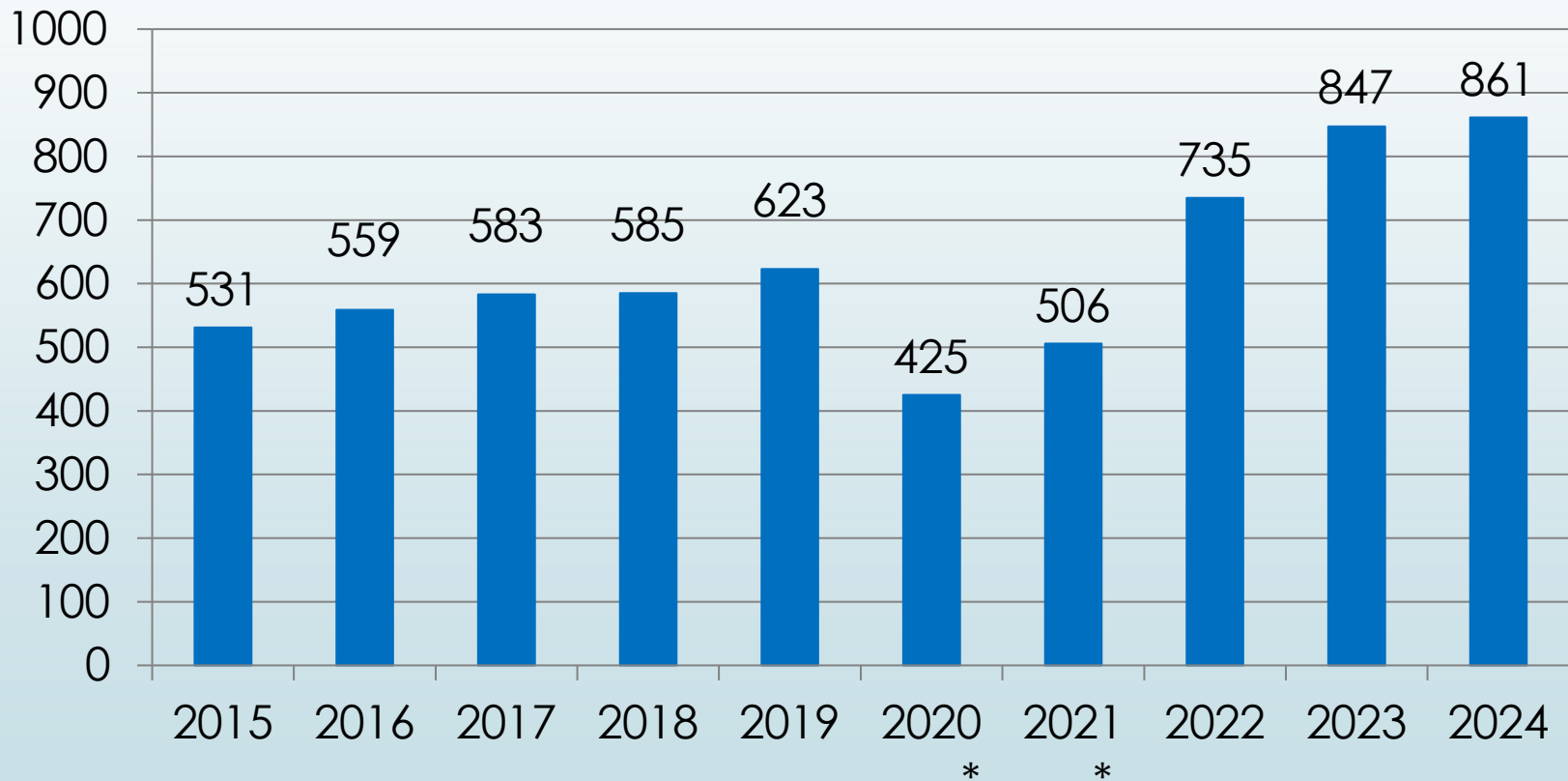
- Adult slow pitch softball
- Youth fast pitch softball
- Youth baseball
- Youth lacrosse
- Youth soccer
- Youth rugby
- Ultimate frisbee
- Spikeball
- Outdoor volleyball





# Program Statistics

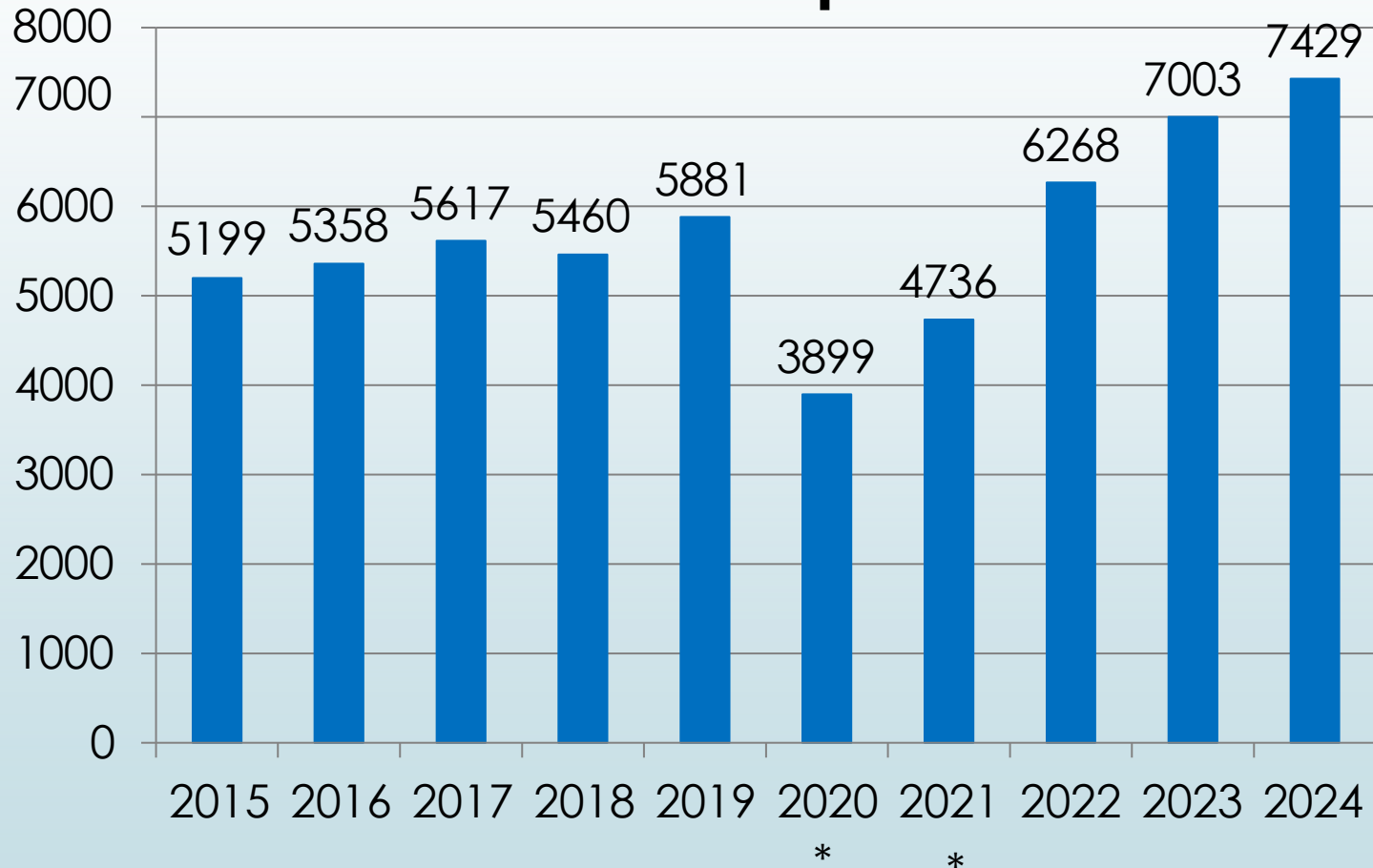
## Total # teams



\* COVID-19

# Program Statistics

## # of Participants



\* COVID-19

# Challenges

- 2025 Challenges
  - Gym Space/ Staffing
    - As we keep growing, we are playing on Friday's not just makeup games
  - To be able to expand into more gyms we need more staff
  - Officials – lack of due to the number of games required in a night/week

# Donations

- Volleyball and Cornhole Tournament Donations
  - D & B Supply - \$50 Gift Card
  - Boise Art Glass - \$150 Gift card & Decorative Glass Christmas Tree
  - Vertical View Climbing Gym – 2 day passes and 2 rentals
  - TopGolf - \$50 off game play
  - A round of Golf at Lakeview Golf Course and Pass to Meridian Pool
  - Jump Time – Gift card
  - At home Coffee basket
  - Swissmar 8 person party grill
  - Dutch Bros – Gift basket with coffee REBEL, stickers, gift card, and mug
  - Independence Indoor Shooting passes
  - 1-Hour Backcountry Flight in Owyhee Mountains
  - Reading Basket with blanket
  - Scheels - \$500 gift card and Yeti Bundle basket
  - Meridian 10-Mile Grocery Outlet - \$1000 donation towards Christmas gifts for Headstart program
  - Texas Roadhouse – Gift certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> place teams

# Fun Facts of Adult Sports

- ▶ The Holiday Classic raised approximately \$6,500. This helped purchase 560+ gifts for 47 children from the Meridian Head Start Program.
- ▶ Funds were raised from team fees, donations, raffles, and officials working for a reduced rate
- ▶ 22 kids from the Meridian Head Start Program were purchased for by others from the tournament. Along with toothpaste and toothbrushes that was donated by a local dentist office.







# Fun Facts of Adult Sports

- ▶ During the Softball season, **39,086** total runs were scored this year in the **111** days of softball or **352** runs per night on average.
- ▶ The 3 seasons of Volleyball Leagues combined scored **90,352** points, averaging **594** points scored per night on average over the **152** nights played this season.



Questions?





**TITLE 13-5 – PARKS**

**CHAPTER 21. PARKS AND RECREATION REGULATIONS**

**13-2-1. Parks and Recreation Department created.**

~~There is hereby created an administrative department within the city to be known as the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department.~~

**13-2-25-1-1. Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

A. Administrative policy. A written policy, rule, or practice of the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department, approved by the Director and ~~by resolution of City Council~~ posted on the Department's website, concerning the administration, regulation, or operation of park amenities, recreational programming, or other function of the department.

B. City park. Any and all designated park or recreational lands or facilities that are open to or accessible by the public and are owned by the City of Meridian.

C. Commission. The City of Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission.

D. Contract concessionaire. A person or entity who sells, trades, gives away, or offers or displays for sale, trade, or giveaway, any good or service pursuant to a currently effective, written agreement with the City of Meridian.

E. Department. The Meridian Parks and Recreation Department.

F. Director. The Director of the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department or his/her designee.

G. Director's order. A written or verbal order of the Director establishing a decision or directive regarding a specific inquiry or issue concerning the administration, regulation, or operation of park amenities, recreational programming, or other function of the Department.

H. Mobile soup kitchen. A temporary establishment, conducted by a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax under 26 USC section 501(c), engaged in the preparation and provision of food to and/or for the needy, including persons who by reason of age, disability, or illness are unable to prepare meals for themselves.

I. Outdoor market. See definition in title 3, chapter 4 of this Code.

J. Park amenity. Any facility, physical space, land, recreational or utilitarian equipment, infrastructure, building, plant, landscaping, field, sports complex, swimming pool, golf course, trail, pathway, or other attraction, whether natural or manmade, that is in and/or part of a city park.

K. Nonreservable park amenity. A park amenity that may not be reserved, as specifically designated as such by the Department, or as may be implied by omission.

L. Reservable park amenity. A park amenity that may be reserved by prior arrangement with the Department and payment of any required fee.

M. Private gathering. A gathering of persons not open to the general public.

**Commented [EK1]:** Moving Parks and Rec Code from Title 13 to Title 5 to close gap (i.e. no Title 12). Title 5 is currently Fire Department - to be moved to Title 6 (currently Police) which will become Public Safety.

**Commented [EK2]:** Covered by Meridian City Code section 1-8-1

N. Public tree. Any tree, including roots within the critical root zone, whose trunk is located, partly or in whole, on City property.

**Commented [EK3]:** Added to clarify provisions related to City's/City Arborist's responsibilities.

O. Sell. To exchange goods or services for money; to trade or give away goods or services; or to offer or display goods or services for sale, trade, or giveaway.

**Commented [EK4]:** Added to clarify provisions related to commercial activity in City parks.

P. Short term concessionaire. A person or entity in any city park who sells to the public, trades, gives away, or offers or displays for sale, trade, or giveaway, any food or beverages.

Q. Special event. See definition in title 3, chapter 4 of this Code.

R. Sponsor. A person or entity allowed or engaged by the Department to provide monetary or in-kind support for a department event, program, or facility.

### **13-2-3. Director of Parks and Recreation.**

There is hereby established the office of Director of Parks and Recreation, who shall be appointed as set forth in title 1 of this Code, and who shall superintend, direct, and manage the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to those powers, duties and functions necessarily or fairly implied or incidental to, or those essential to, the management of the department, the Director shall have the following expressly delegated and specified powers, duties and functions.

**Commented [EK5]:** Moved to Meridian City Code section 1-8-4.

- A. ~~Exercise general supervision of Meridian public parks, recreational programming, all officers and employees of the department, city forestry, and the acquisition, planning, protection, operation, maintenance, development and use of public parks and other properties, buildings or facilities as may be assigned to the Department.~~
- B. ~~Where necessary for the efficient management and oversight of parks and park amenities, adopt, and make available to the public, administrative policies or Director's orders, which shall have the effect of law upon their approval and adoption by resolution of the Meridian City Council.~~
- C. ~~Prepare, and submit to City Council for approval, an annual budget for the operation of the department.~~
- D. ~~Supervise and direct all officers and employees in the department, including the implementation and establishment of employee performance standards and procedures for employees of the department, including, but not limited to, establishment of a dress code, duties assigned to the department's employees and procedures and protocols for the conduct and operation of day to day park and facility maintenance and upkeep.~~
- E. ~~Furnish and provide, upon request of the Mayor, City Council, or any other department, reports, services, labor, materials and information as may be requested and as resources permit.~~
- F. ~~Perform such other functions and duties as required of him or her by the mayor, the City Council and ordinances now in existence or hereinafter enacted.~~

### **13-2-45-1-2. Use of park amenities.**

- A. ~~Parks to be regulated~~Compliance with regulations. No person in any park shall fail or refuse to comply with directions given by police officers or duly authorized representatives of the Director in regulating the time, place, and manner of any activity in any park when necessary to maximize use and secure the safety, comfort, ~~and or~~ convenience of all park users.

B. *Regulations for use and reservation of all park amenities.* The following regulations regarding the time, place, and manner of the reservation and use of all park amenities shall apply generally to the use of any and all park amenities:

1. *First come, first served.* Unless reserved in accordance with department procedures and policies, all park amenities shall be available on a "first come, first served" basis. No person shall be authorized to use any unreserved park amenity to the exclusion of other persons or uses except at such time at which and by such person by whom a park amenity is reserved pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
2. *No admission to be charged.* No person or organization, including a person or organization with a reservation, may charge admission to any park or park amenity without written permission of the Director.

C. *Regulations for use and reservation of all reservable park amenities.* In addition to the regulations applicable to the reservation and use of all park amenities as set forth above, the following regulations regarding the time, place, and manner of the reservation and use of reservable park amenities shall apply generally to the use of any and all reservable park amenities.

1. *Reservation request ~~procedure~~.* Any person or organization may request that the department reserve a reservable park amenity for its lawful use. Upon receipt of such request and payment of applicable fees as established by fee schedule, the department shall reserve the reservable park ~~amenities~~ amenity at the time and place, in the manner, and according to the procedures for equitably allocating reservations as enumerated by administrative policy. No reservation fee shall apply to historic Meridian special events as defined in title 3, chapter 4 of this Code.
2. *~~Limited~~ Scope of reservation.* The authority of a reserving party to exclude other persons or uses from a reservable park amenity extends only to that imparted by the specific terms of a valid reservation. The reservable park amenity specified on a written reservation shall be the only park amenity reserved by and for the reserving person or organization. In no case shall the reservation of a reservable park amenity impart authority to physically touch or remove any person, object, or use from a shelter ~~park amenity~~, or to violate any other provision of law.
3. *Insurance ~~may be required~~.* Any person required to maintain liability insurance coverage as specified in this chapter or by any other applicable law, policy, or permit shall maintain such coverage at all times during such party's use of a reservable park amenity.
4. *~~Reserved park amenity to be left in same~~ Condition following use.* Reserving parties shall leave reserved park amenities clean of debris and in the same condition after use, which ~~duty~~ shall include the disposal of waste, garbage and other refuse in disposal receptacles provided. If no such ~~trash~~ receptacles are available, then the reserving party shall remove its refuse and trash from the park area upon vacating the park. ~~Upon violation of this section, in~~ addition to other civil and criminal remedies, the department may deny or revoke subsequent reservations to the violating any person or organization who violates this section.
5. *~~Commercial u~~ Use of reservable park amenities; goods and services.* Except as otherwise allowed by Director's order or written permit, during any reservable time, no person shall use a reservable park amenity to sell or offer for sale any good or service that a contract concessionaire sells or offers or

**Commented [EK6]:** Update since we now take reservations of amenities other than shelters.

displays for sale at that park. Provisions of this chapter regarding specific regulated use of parks may also apply to sales of goods or services in parks.

6. ~~Commercial use~~ *Use of reservable park amenities; recreation.* Except as otherwise allowed by Director's order or written permit, during any reservable time, no person shall use a reservable park amenity to sell or offer for sale any recreational programming that is available to the public from or offered to the public by the Department at that park.

### **13-2-55-1-3. Specific regulated uses of parks.**

In addition to laws or policies of general applicability, the following standards regarding the time, place, and manner of operation or occurrence of these specific park uses shall also apply:

- A. *Special events and outdoor markets.* A "special event" or "outdoor ~~market~~, market," as such terms are defined in title 3, chapter 4 of this Code, shall be allowed in a City park subject to compliance with each and all of the following regulations on the time, place, and manner of operation of such ~~use~~ use:
  1. *Temporary use permit required.* No person shall operate a special event in a City park without first obtaining a temporary use permit from the City Clerk's Office.
  2. ~~Short-term concession permit not required. Short-term concessionaires specifically enumerated and permitted under a City of Meridian temporary use permit are not required to obtain a short-term concession permit.~~
  3. *Reservable park amenity reservation required.* Where a special event is occurring at, utilizing, or would impede the typical use of a reservable park amenity, the organizer of the special event shall be required to reserve such amenity and all reservation fees shall apply.
- B. *Mobile sales units.* A "mobile sales ~~unit~~, unit," as that term is defined in title 3, chapter 4 of this Code, shall be allowed to operate in a City park subject to compliance with each and all of the following regulations ~~on the time, place, and manner of operation of~~ applicable to such use.
  1. *Mobile sales unit license required.* No person shall operate a mobile sales unit in a park without first obtaining a City of Meridian mobile sales unit license from the City Clerk's Office and express, written approval from the Director or designee.
  2. *Director approval.* The approval of the Director or designee to operate a mobile sales unit in a park shall be limited as to the park(s), scope, and authority conveyed by such approval. The Director may decline to approve the application of any mobile sales unit to operate in a park where such mobile sales unit seeks to provide or offer:
    - a. ~~Is providing or offering~~ sServices or programming otherwise available from the department;
    - b. ~~Is providing or offering~~ gGoods that a contract concessionaire sells at that park;
    - c. ~~Is providing or offering~~ gGoods, services, or programming that are incompatible with other lawful park uses or administrative policy.
  3. ~~Short-term concession permit not required. Short-term concessionaires specifically enumerated and permitted under a City of Meridian mobile sales unit license to operate in city parks are not required to obtain a short-term concession permit.~~

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C. *Short-term concessionaires.* A "short-term ~~concessionaire~~, concessionaire," as that term is defined in this chapter, shall be allowed to operate in a park subject to compliance with each and all of the following regulations on the time, place, and manner of operation of such use.

1. *Invitation required.* It shall be unlawful to operate or act as a short-term concessionaire in a park without first obtaining a written invitation to operate such concession from ~~the the holder of a valid reservation of a reservable park amenity or the organizer of a public or private event~~ Director or designee. Such invitation must be expressly conveyed, and shall be nontransferable and limited to the scope and authority conveyed by such invitation. ~~Such invitation may be conveyed in the form of a reservable park amenity reservation. The Director may decline to extend an invitation to any short-term concessionaire:-~~

**Commented [EK8]:** Changes inviting party from MPR Director to reservation holder.

**Commented [EK9]:** Moved below.

- a. ~~Which is providing or offering services or programming otherwise available from the Department;~~
- b. ~~Which is providing or offering goods that a contract concessionaire sells at that park; or~~
- c. ~~Which is providing or offering goods, services, or programming that are incompatible with other lawful park uses or administrative policy.~~

2. *Limit one.* A party reserving a reservable park amenity or the organizer of a public or private event shall not extend an invitation to more than one (1) short-term concessionaire. If two (2) or more short-term concessionaires are present, a temporary use permit shall be required.

**Commented [EK10]:** Differentiates regular reservations and special events.

3. *Director approval.* The approval of the Director or designee of a short-term concessionaire in a park shall establish the location, scope, and authority conveyed by such approval. The Director may decline to approve the application of any short-term concessionaire to operate in a park where such short-term concessionaire seeks to provide or offer:

- a. ~~Services or programming otherwise available from the department;~~
- b. ~~Goods that a contract concessionaire sells at that park;~~
- c. ~~Goods, services, or programming that are incompatible with other lawful park uses or administrative policy.~~

24. *Health Department approval may be required.* No person shall operate as a short-term concessionaire in a park without first obtaining any and all licenses, permits, certifications, and/or inspections required by the Central District Health Department.

35. *Amenity reservation may be required.* Any person operating as a ~~short short~~-term concessionaire in or upon a reservable park amenity during a reservable time shall first reserve such reservable park amenity with the department; ~~unless such short-term concessionaire is operating under a City of Meridian Temporary Use Permit or City of Meridian Mobile Sales Unit License.~~

**Commented [EK11]:** Language not necessary since TUPs, MSUs, and STCs are three separate and distinct entities/purposes.

46. *Short-term concession permit required.* No person shall operate as a short-term concessionaire in a park without first obtaining a ~~short short~~-term concession permit from the department; ~~unless such short-term concessionaire is operating under a City of Meridian Temporary Use Permit or City of Meridian Mobile Sales Unit License.~~

- a. Application for a short-term concession permit shall be made to the department, and shall include a completed application form provided by the department, which form shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (1) The name, ~~and~~ address, ~~and tax identification number~~ of the applicant, and/or, if the applicant is a partnership, company, or corporation, the name, ~~and~~ address, ~~and corporate or tax identification number~~ of such entity. Addresses

required by this subsection shall include both local and corporate addresses, as well as both physical and mailing addresses.

~~(2)~~ ~~The names and addresses of all employees and/or persons who will be establishing, operating, or acting as a short-term concessionaire under the short-term concession permit.~~

~~(3)~~(2) A description of the operations, including any goods and/or services to be sold, traded, given away, offered, displayed, and/or delivered, or any activities or events scheduled to occur, under the ~~short~~ short-term concession permit.

~~(4)~~(3) A description of any and all motor vehicles to be used by or in the course of the operation, including license plate state and number, make, model, color, and other means of identification of such vehicle(s).

~~(5)~~(4) A description and/or schedule(s) of the hours, locations, and means at and by which activities, sales, trades, giveaways, offers, and/or displays will occur under the short-term concession permit.

~~(6)~~(5) Proof of an insurance policy, issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in Idaho, protecting the applicant from all claims for damages to property and bodily injury, including death, which may arise from operations under or in connection with the ~~short~~ short-term concession permit. Such insurance shall name the city as additional insured and shall provide that the policy shall not terminate or be canceled prior to the expiration date without thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the city. Such insurance shall afford minimum limits of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per person bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence bodily injury, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per occurrence property damage.

~~(7)~~(6) Application fee as set forth in the department's fee schedule, except that no application fee shall apply:

- (A) Where applicant is or represents a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax under 26 USC section 501(c);
- (B) Where applicant is or represents a governmental entity; or
- (C) Where applicant is seeking a short-term concession permit for the purpose of conducting fundraising activities for a school or youth organization.

b. A complete application for a short-term concession permit shall be submitted to the Department at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to operating as a short-term concessionaire. Within ~~twenty-one (21)~~fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of a complete application for a short-term concession permit, the department shall either issue a short-term concession permit to the applicant or deny the application.

c. The department shall ~~deny~~an application for a short-term concession permit where:  
(1) The application is incomplete or required application materials or fees have not been timely submitted;

(2) Investigation of such application or application materials reveals that provided information is invalid, false, or incomplete;

(3) The product to be offered or sold is offered or sold by a contract concessionaire at that park;

(4) The product to be sold is incompatible with other lawful park uses or City policy;  
or

(5) Denial is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

**Commented [EK12]:** Shorter application processing period.

**Commented [EK13]:** Enumerating standards for denial of STCP.

~~Where an~~ application is denied, the department shall notify the applicant of such denial in writing, which shall include notice of the right to appeal such decision as set forth in ~~this chapter~~ Title 3, Chapter 1, Meridian City Code.

~~ed.~~ The City of Meridian short-term concession permit shall include, on its face:

- (1) The name(s) of the permittee and any employees and/or persons permitted to operate as a short-term concessionaire under such permit;
- (2) The time(s), date(s), place(s), and manner at and by which the short-term concession is permitted to occur;
- (3) Any and all other conditions of operation that are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare or mitigate effects on park users.

D. *Sponsors.* A "~~sponsor~~", "sponsor," as that term is defined in this chapter, shall be allowed to operate in a park subject to compliance with each and all of the following regulations ~~on the time, place, and manner of~~ regarding the operation of such use.

1. *Invitation required.* It shall be unlawful to operate or act as a sponsor in a park without first obtaining a written invitation to operate such concession from the Director or designee. Such invitation must be expressly conveyed, and shall be nontransferable and limited to the scope and authority conveyed by such invitation. The Director may decline to extend an invitation to any sponsor which is providing or offering:
  - a. ~~Which is providing or offering s~~Services or programming otherwise available from the department;
  - b. ~~Which is providing or offering g~~Goods that a contract concessionaire sells at that park;
  - c. ~~Which is providing or offering g~~Goods, services, or programming that are incompatible with other lawful park uses or administrative policy.
2. *Health department approval required.* No person shall operate as a sponsor in a park without first obtaining any and all licenses, permits, certifications, and/or inspections required by the Central District Health Department.

E. *Mobile soup kitchens.* A "mobile soup ~~kitchen~~", "kitchen," as that term is defined in this chapter, shall be allowed in a park subject to compliance with each and all of the following regulations ~~on the time, place, and manner of~~ regarding the operation of such use:

1. *Short-term concession permit required.* No person shall operate a mobile soup kitchen in a park without first obtaining a short-term concession permit from the department. The short-term concession permit fee shall be waived.
2. *Amenity reservation may be required.* Any person operating a mobile soup kitchen in or upon a reservable park amenity during a reservable time shall first reserve such reservable park amenity with the department. The reservation fee shall not be waived.
3. *Health department approval required.* No person shall operate a mobile soup kitchen in a park without first obtaining any and all licenses, permits, certifications, and/or inspections required by the Central District Health Department.

#### **13-2-65-1-4. General park regulations.**

Except as expressly authorized by written order of the Director or designee, the following prohibitions shall apply in all City parks. Except as otherwise set forth in this section, violation of any of the following provisions shall be an



infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). These prohibitions shall not apply to police officers or MPR personnel acting in the course and scope of their duties:

**Commented [EK14]:** Recommending general penalty for all violations to simplify enforcement.

- A. *Incompatible uses.* Uses incompatible with those enumerated ~~herein in this chapter~~, as determined by the Director, shall be prohibited. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK15]:** Moved the default penalty to above for clarity.

- B. *Airborne objects.*

- ~~1. Model rockets. When other persons are present, no person shall launch a model rocket which is propelled by or includes a motor, black powder, composite propellant, or electric or explosive igniter. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK16]:** Moved to Toys and Recreational Equipment, below.

- ~~2. Aircraft. Except by written order of the Director, n~~No person shall launch, ride, land, tether, pilot, jump from, or dive from a hot air balloon, airplane, helicopter, hang glider, or other device designed for human flight. ~~A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.~~ This provision shall not apply to miniature or toy versions of such aircraft, though other regulations may apply to the use of same.

- C. *Alcohol.* The sale, service, offer, provision, consumption, and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in a city park shall be prohibited, except where sold, served, offered, provided, consumed, or possessed in compliance with the following requirements:

1. *Serving alcohol at a public event.* At an event or activity open to the public, a person may sell, serve, offer, provide, or offer an alcoholic beverage to another person only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a valid temporary use permit duly issued for that event, and a valid alcoholic beverage catering permit duly issued by the City Clerk, if applicable. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve, offer, or provide an alcoholic beverage to another person, at an event open to the public, in violation of this provision. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.
2. *Consuming alcohol at a public event.* At an event or activity open to the public, a person may consume or possess an alcoholic beverage only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a valid temporary use permit duly issued for that event. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess an alcoholic beverage in violation of this provision. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~
3. *Serving alcohol at a private event.* At an event or activity not open to the public, a person may sell, serve, offer, or provide an alcoholic beverage to another person only with a valid shelter reservation, and a valid alcoholic beverage catering permit duly issued by the City Clerk, if applicable. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve, offer, or provide an alcoholic beverage to another person, at an event not open to the public, in violation of this provision. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.
4. *Consuming alcohol at a private event.* At an event or activity not open to the public, a person may consume or possess an alcoholic beverage only in conjunction with a valid shelter reservation. ~~Any person consuming alcohol pursuant to this provision shall remain within twenty feet (20') of the reserved shelter.~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess an alcoholic beverage in violation of this provision. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK17]:** Added to codify practice of tying alcohol use to shelter reservation.

- D. *Amplified sound.* No person in any park shall operate or aid in the operation of a private radio, stereophonic or sound amplification device at a greater volume than sixty-two (62) decibels measured from such devices to a distance of twenty (20) feet therefrom, except as ~~such device is~~ otherwise allowed under a valid City of Meridian amplified sound permit ~~or, temporary use permit, or as~~ otherwise allowed by applicable provisions of law or policy, ~~in which case such device may be operated~~

~~at a volume no greater than sixty-two (62) decibels measured from such devices to the perimeter of the City park.~~

1. Application for an amplified sound permit shall be made to the department, and shall include a completed application form provided by the department, which form shall include applicant's name, physical address, phone number, date of birth, and driver's license number; description of the location at which amplified sound will be used; and the time of day, length of time, and date the amplified sound will be used.

2. Within ~~twenty-one (21) calendar~~ seven (7) days of receipt of a complete application for an amplified sound permit, the department shall either issue an amplified sound permit to the applicant or deny the application.

3. The department shall ~~deny an application for an amplified permit where:~~

a. ~~The application is incomplete or required application materials or fees have not been timely submitted;~~

b. ~~Investigation of such application or application materials reveals that provided information is invalid, false, or incomplete;~~

c. ~~The proposed activity to be permitted will not be conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of law or policy, including, but not limited to, this chapter; department policy; and/or Director's order; or~~

d. ~~Denial is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.~~

~~If Where~~ an application is denied, the department shall notify the applicant of such denial in writing, which shall include notice of the right to appeal such decision as set forth in ~~this chapter~~ Article 1, Chapter 1, Section 101.00.

34. The amplified sound permit shall include, on its face:

a. The name(s) of the permittee and any employees and/or persons permitted to use amplified sound under such permit;

b. The time(s), date(s), place(s), and manner at and by which the amplified sound permit is effective;

c. Any and all other conditions of operation that are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare or mitigate effects on park users.

4. ~~A violation of this subsection shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

E. *Boating, swimming or wading.* No person shall boat, windsurf, swim, bathe or wade in any water or waterways, ~~or pool in any park,~~ except in such water and at such places as are provided therefor and in compliance with all applicable and/or posted rules and regulations. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

F. *Camping.* No person shall set up a tent, shack, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of camping, except by order of the Director, nor shall any person leave in a city park after closing hours any tent, shack, movable structure or vehicle that is or could be used for such purpose. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.

G. ~~Commercial use of City parks.~~ No person shall use a City park, park amenity, or any portion thereof, to sell, trade, give away, or offer or display for sale, trade, or giveaway to the public, any good or service without a temporary use permit, short-term concession permit, or other written approval from the Director or designee for such use. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.

~~G.H.~~ *Defacement and damage prohibited.* No person in any City park shall:

**Commented [EK18]:** Recommending that sound levels be established by policy since each park is different based on location and proximity to residential areas. MPR has prepared written policy.

**Commented [EK19]:** Shorter application processing time.

**Commented [EK20]:** Enumerating standards for denial of ASP.

**Commented [EK21]:** Recommended to regulate commercial use of parks. Helps MPR provide better resources to users, avoid reservation/user conflicts, assess and mitigate risks and liability.

~~1. willfully~~ Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any building, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities ~~utility, or parts or appurtenances whatsoever,~~ either real or personal, or have in his possession any of the foregoing things or objects, or any part thereof.

2. Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds, of any tree or plant; attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant; dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas; climb trees; or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.

A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.

~~H.~~ H. *Dogs.*

1. *Control of dogs.* No person owning or having the care, custody, possession, or control of a dog shall permit or allow such dog to enter or remain except:
  - a. Where such dog is controlled by a leash.
  - b. Where such dog is confined in a motor vehicle.
  - c. Where such dog is carried by such person owning or having the care, custody, possession, or control of such dog.
  - d. ~~At the bark park and/or~~ At dog parks or such areas designated by the department or Director as dog training and exercise grounds, subject to the rules and regulations ~~therein~~ and as may be prescribed.
2. *Removal of fecal matter.* No person owning or having the care, custody, possession, or control of a dog shall:
  - a. Fail to have in his/her possession the equipment necessary to remove his/her dog's fecal matter when accompanied by said dog in any park.
  - b. Fail to remove the fecal matter deposited by his/her dog in any park before the owner leaves the immediate area where the fecal matter was deposited.

~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus court costs.~~ This provision shall not apply to police officers and their service animals during the official performance of their duties; handlers of search and rescue animals during the official performance of their duties; or persons with disabilities utilizing assistance animals.

~~H.~~ H. *Fences and restricted areas.* No person in any park shall climb upon or go inside security fences, maintenance service areas, or other permanently or temporarily restricted or closed areas. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.

~~J.~~ J. *Fires.* No person in any park shall light, build, or maintain a fire, except for culinary purposes in grills or fireplaces designated for such purpose, and no person shall leave the immediate area without first extinguishing such fire. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

~~K.~~ K. *Fireworks.* No person in any park shall discharge, or have in his possession, any fireworks, except as specifically authorized by Director's order. A violation of this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor.

~~L.~~ L. *Fishing.* ~~No person shall fish in any waters in any city park, whether by the use of a hook and line, net, trap, or other device, except in waters designated for that use and in compliance with all applicable and/or posted rules and regulations. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs. Fishing licenses shall be required pursuant to Idaho department of fish and game regulations.~~

Commented [EK22]: Moved to Hunting and Fishing, below.

M. ~~Glass.~~ No person shall use, carry, or be in the possession of any container made of glass ~~when such person is on a hard surface. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus court costs.~~

N. ~~Golf.~~ Golfing or driving golf balls is prohibited except ~~at Lakeview Golf Course,~~ in specifically designated facilities. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK23]:** Added because City now runs LGC.

~~O. Horseback riding prohibited. No person shall ride or lead a horse in, through, or over any city park. This subsection shall not apply to police officers and their service animals during the official performance of their duties. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK24]:** Recommend deletion of prohibitions that are not a typical issue in City parks.

~~P. Hunting and fishing prohibited.~~ No person shall hunt, harm, kill, trap, or throw projectiles at any animal or bird; nor shall any person collect, remove, or possess the eggs, nest, or young of any animal or bird. ~~A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs. Fishing shall be allowed in compliance with all applicable and/or posted rules and regulations. Fishing licenses shall be required pursuant to Idaho department of fish and game regulations.~~

**Commented [EK25]:** Fishing is allowed in some park facilities.

Q. ~~Motor vehicles.~~

- ~~1. Enforcement of traffic regulations.~~ No person shall fail to obey the direction of any police officer, park employee, or other person authorized by the Director to direct traffic in, into, or out of ~~the a~~ city park.
- ~~2. Obey traffic signs.~~ No person shall fail to observe any traffic sign indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping, parking restrictions or regulations, or other sign posted for proper control of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- ~~3. Speed of vehicles.~~ No person shall ride or drive any vehicle, whether motorized or unmotorized, at a rate of speed exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour, except as otherwise designated by posted signs.
- ~~4. Vehicles confined to roads.~~ No person shall drive any vehicle, whether motorized or unmotorized, on any area except the paved park road or parking areas, or such other area as is specifically designated by the Director as a parking or driving area.
- ~~6. Reckless operation.~~ ~~No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a park in a reckless or dangerous manner, including, without limitation: racing; performing doughnuts, burnouts, drifting, rapid acceleration, squealing tires, or engine revving; or allowing passengers to ride partially or fully outside of the motor vehicle.~~
- ~~5. Penalty.~~ A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.

**Commented [EK26]:** Recommended to address vehicular issues in parks. Borrowed from Ohio "hooning" bill: [https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general\\_assembly\\_134/bills/hb740/IN/00/hb740\\_00\\_IN?format=pdf](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_134/bills/hb740/IN/00/hb740_00_IN?format=pdf)

~~R. Park closure.~~ No person shall be in the park during hours of closure, except for purposes of transit through the park, or as authorized by permit or Director's order. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.

**Commented [EK27]:** Moved to Trespass in Parks, below.

~~S.R. Parking in parks.~~ The provisions of Title 7, Chapter 2, Meridian City Code ~~section 7-2-6(B), - regarding parking,~~ shall apply in city parks and pathway facilities.

~~S. Pathways.~~

**Commented [EK28]:** Recommended to address use of vehicles on pathways, and speed of pathway users.

1. No person shall operate on a pathway: a motor vehicle, as such term is defined in Idaho Code section 49-114(17), an off-highway vehicle, as such term is defined in Idaho Code section 67-7101(17), or neighborhood electric vehicles (also known as golf carts), as such term is defined by Idaho Code section 49-123(1)(i).

2. No person shall travel upon a pathway at a speed greater than is, or in a manner that is not, reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

~~T. Remote controlled objects. No person shall operate a remote controlled toy, vehicle, or other object when other persons are present. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK29]:** Recommend deletion of prohibitions that are not a typical issue in City parks.

~~U. Rules and regulations. No person shall violate any rules and regulations for the use of a park, or any of its facilities or programs as such are or may be posted or promulgated by the department, and/or the Director. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

~~V. Signs. Except as otherwise specifically allowed by written authorization of the Director and/or by permit or reservation approved by the Director, no person in any park shall paste, glue, tack or otherwise post or affix any sign, plaque, advertisement, or inscription, whether temporary or permanent, to or upon any park real or personal property, facility, or surface. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus court costs. This subsection shall not apply to plaques, tablets or signs posted or affixed by the city.~~

~~W. Smoking. No person shall light, use, or consume any tobacco product or electronic cigarette in any city park, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to parking lots in City parks or to Harold Cox Monument. The definition of the terms "tobacco product" and "electronic cigarette" shall be as set forth in Idaho Code § 39-5702. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs.~~

~~X. Tennis courts. No person in any park shall fail to observe and/or violate the rules and policies regarding the use of such courts as promulgated by the Director. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK30]:** Covered by Rules and regulations, above.

~~Y. Thrown objects. No person in any park shall throw, propel, or take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as stones, arrows or javelins except in areas specifically designated for such forms of recreation. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK31]:** Moved to Toys and Recreational Equipment, below.

~~Z. Trees, shrubbery and vegetation. No person in any park shall damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds, of any tree or plant. Nor shall any person attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or climb trees, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK32]:** Moved to Defacement and Damage, above.

~~W. Toys and recreational equipment.~~

1. Model rockets. When other persons are present, no person shall launch a model rocket which is propelled by or includes a motor, black powder, composite propellant, or electric or explosive igniter.

**Commented [EK33]:** Consolidated these provisions into one section.

2. Remote controlled devices. No person shall operate a remote-controlled toy, vehicle, unmanned aerial vehicle (drone), or other object when other persons are present.
3. Thrown objects. No person in any park shall throw, propel, or take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as stones, arrows or javelins except in areas specifically designated for such forms of recreation
4. Wheeled devices. No person in any park shall ride or operate a skateboard, roller skates, scooter, in-line skates, bicycle or other wheeled recreation equipment on any ornamental surface, picnic table, bench, tennis court, fountain area, splash pad, playground equipment, planter, sculpture or other structure unless otherwise specifically designated for such activity.

X. C. Trespass in parks. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Enter, remain in, or be present within or upon the premises of a park or park facility or any portion thereof during the hours when the park is closed to the public, except for purposes of transit through the park, or as authorized by permit or Director's order.
2. Enter, remain in, or otherwise be present within an area of the park clearly delineated by signs or barriers as temporarily or permanently closed to the public.
3. If ejected from a park by authorized personnel enumerated in section 5-1-6(A), fail to leave promptly and peaceably, or to return to the city park on the same calendar day of the ejection.
4. If issued a park exclusion notice by authorized personnel enumerated in section 5-1-6(A), fail to leave promptly and peaceably, or to return to any city park during the exclusion period.

**Commented [EK34]:** Moved from sections 13-2-9/5-1-6(B) and (C), below.

~~AA. Wheeled devices. No person in any park shall ride or operate a skateboard, roller skates, scooter, in-line skates, bicycle or other wheeled recreation equipment on any ornamental surface, picnic table, bench, tennis court, fountain area, splash pad, playground equipment, planter, sculpture or other structure unless otherwise specifically designated for such activity. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.~~

**Commented [EK35]:** Moved to Toys and Recreational Equipment, above.

**13-2-7-5-1-5. Park operating policy operations.**

- A. *Hours of operation.* Parks shall be open to the public every day of the year from dawn to dusk, which shall be defined as thirty (30) minutes before sunrise to thirty (30) minutes after sunset. Visitors and vehicles shall be excluded during the hours of closure except when authorized by permit, where hours are otherwise posted, or for transit through a park. The Director shall have the authority to change the hours of any park by Director's order.
- B. *Closed areas.* Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Director at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regularly and/or stated intervals and either entirely or merely to certain uses, as the Director shall find reasonably necessary.

**13-2-8. Denial or revocation of permits, appeal.**

The following provisions shall apply to short term concession permits and amplified sound permits:

- A. Written notice of the denial of a permit shall be sent via U.S. mail to the applicant at the address set forth on the application.
- B. The department shall deny an application for any of these permits where.

**Commented [EK36]:** Covered by (and references above changed to reference) Title 3, Chapter 1, Meridian City Code.

1. ~~The application is incomplete or required application materials or fees have not been timely submitted;~~
2. ~~Investigation of such application or application materials reveals that provided information is invalid, false, or incomplete;~~
3. ~~The proposed activity to be permitted will not be conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of law or policy, including, but not limited to, this chapter; department policy; and/or Director's order; or~~
4. ~~The Meridian Police Department recommends denial in order to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.~~

C. ~~Appeal of the denial of an application for any of these permits may be made by the applicant within fourteen (14) days of the mailing of such denial. Such appeal shall be made in writing, shall state the reasons for such appeal, and shall be delivered to the City Clerk via U.S. mail or in person. Upon receipt of such appeal, the City Clerk shall schedule a public hearing on the appeal at a City Council meeting within thirty (30) days. The City Council's decision on such appeal shall be a final decision.~~

D. ~~In addition to any and all other applicable civil or criminal penalties, the department may revoke any of these permits where:~~

1. ~~Any term or condition of the permit is violated by the permittee or by any employee or person operating or acting under such permit.~~
2. ~~In the course of operating or acting under such permit, the permittee or any employee or person operating or acting under such permit violates a provision of law or policy, including, but not limited to, this chapter; department policy; and/or Director's order.~~
3. ~~It is found, after issuance of such permit, that it was issued pursuant to falsified, inaccurate, or incomplete information on the application therefor.~~
4. ~~The operation of the permit and/or any component thereof varies materially from the approved time, place, and manner therefor.~~

~~The Department shall notify the permittee of such revocation in writing, and shall mail such notice to the applicant at the mailing address set forth in the permit application. Such revocation shall be effective immediately upon mailing by the department. Appeal of the department's revocation of a permit may be made by the permittee. Such appeal shall be made to the City Council in writing, shall state the reasons for such appeal, and shall be delivered to the City Clerk via U.S. mail or in person. Upon receipt of such appeal, the City Clerk shall schedule a public hearing on the appeal at a City Council meeting within thirty (30) days. The City Council's decision on such appeal shall be a final decision.~~

### **13-2-9,5-1-6. Enforcement.**

- A. ~~Officials~~ Personnel authorized to enforce. ~~Except where otherwise provided herein, peace officers, code enforcement officers, community service officers, the Director, and any other duly authorized City of Meridian representative of the Director shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.~~
- B. *Ejectment.* ~~Authorized personnel enumerated in section 5-1-6(A) shall be authorized A police officer, the Director or a duly authorized City of Meridian representative, shall have the authority to eject from a city park, as defined in this chapter, any person acting in violation of this chapter by verbally ordering such person to leave the park. Any person ejected from a city park shall leave promptly and peaceably and shall not return to the city park for any reason on the same calendar day of his ejectment. It shall be unlawful for any person ejected from the park to fail to leave promptly and peaceably, or to return to the city park on the same calendar day of his ejectment. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, punishable by a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00).~~

**Commented [EK37]:** Updated to reflect current MPD staffing.

**Commented [EK38]:** Moved to enumerated prohibitions, above.



**DB.** *Seizure of property.* A police officer shall have the authority to seize and confiscate any property, thing or device used in violation of this chapter.

**EC.** *Removal of vehicles.* Any vehicle parked in violation of this chapter or administrative policy is subject to removal.

**FE.** *Exclusion notice.* ~~Authorized personnel enumerated in section 5-1-6(A) shall be authorized to~~ ~~The Director or designee may, by delivering an exclusion notice in person to the offender,~~ exclude from a city park anyone who, within a city park, violates any park rule, any provision of this chapter, or of Idaho State Code, ~~by providing a written exclusion notice to the offender by personal delivery or U.S. Mail.~~ The offender need not be charged, tried, or convicted of any crime or infraction in order for an exclusion notice to be issued or effective. The exclusion may be based upon observation by the ~~officer,~~ Director, or designee or upon the sort of civilian reports that would ordinarily be relied upon by police officers in the determination of probable cause.

1. The Director or his designee may exclude the offender from ~~the city park in which the current violation occurred all City parks~~ for a period not exceeding ~~seven (7)~~fourteen (14) days from the date of the exclusion notice.
2. The exclusion notice shall be in writing and shall contain the date of issuance. The exclusion notice shall specify the length and places of exclusion. It shall be signed by the issuing individual. Warning of the consequences for failure to comply shall be prominently displayed on the notice.
3. An offender receiving an exclusion notice may, within two (2) days excluding weekends and holidays from service or receipt of the exclusion notice, appeal to the ~~City Council~~Police Chief or designee for the purpose of ~~having the city council~~reviewing the exclusion. The notice of appeal shall be filed with the City Clerk. The appeal must be in writing and must set forth the reason why such exclusion should not be enforced. The exclusion shall be stayed upon filing of a notice of appeal. The ~~City Council~~Police Chief or designee shall hear the appeal ~~at the second regular council meeting within thirty (30) days~~ following the date the appeal is filed with the City Clerk. The ~~City Council~~Police Chief or designee may uphold the exclusion, overturn the exclusion, or shorten the length of the exclusion. ~~City council's~~The Police Chief's or designee's decision shall be a final decision. No determination of facts made by the ~~City Council~~Police Chief or designee shall have any collateral estoppel effect on a subsequent criminal prosecution or civil proceeding and shall not preclude litigation of the same facts in a subsequent criminal prosecution.
4. This section shall be enforced so as to emphasize voluntary compliance with laws and park rules and in such a way that inadvertent minor violations can be corrected without resort to an exclusion notice.
5. ~~Issuance of an exclusion notice pursuant to this section does not preclude the issuance of a citation or other criminal charge for the same behavior.~~

### **13-2-10.5-1-6. Penalties.**

Except where otherwise provided herein, the violation of any provision of this chapter, any duly effectuated administrative policy of the department, or Director's order, shall be a misdemeanor. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as to limit ~~city~~City employees or other authorized persons from performing their official or ~~city~~City-authorized duties.

### **13-2-11.5-1-7. Establishment and duties of the City Arborist.**

~~The following provisions are adopted pursuant to requirements of the National Arbor Day Foundation regarding the City's designation as Tree City USA:~~

- A. *Designation.* The Director ~~of the parks and recreation department~~ shall designate a staff member as the ~~city~~City arborist, and shall authorize such person to perform the duties imposed by and exercise the powers granted by this section.

**Commented [EK39]:** Changed per MPD request.

**Commented [EK40]:** Extended exclusion period in order to include weekends.

**Commented [EK41]:** Recommending change to allow appeal of exclusion notice to Chief of Police, instead of City Council.

**Commented [EK42]:** These provisions may evolve as we work with subject matter experts to draft code that complies with Tree City USA requirements.

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- B. *Duties.* The ~~city~~ City arborist, subject and in addition to the provisions of this chapter and available resources, is hereby authorized to carry out the following duties:
1. Develop, administer and maintain a community forestry management plan and budget.
  2. ~~Establish and maintain an inventory of public trees.~~
  3. Establish policies to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
  4. ~~Establish and maintain specifications for tree planting on public property.~~
  5. Provide information and advice to citizens and city employees, including Code Enforcement Officers, regarding the health and condition of trees and maintenance necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
  6. Manage and regulate the planting, maintenance, protection, removal, and replacement of all public trees ~~within city limits, as such term is defined in this chapter.~~

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# MERIDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

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2-12-25

## Community Outreach

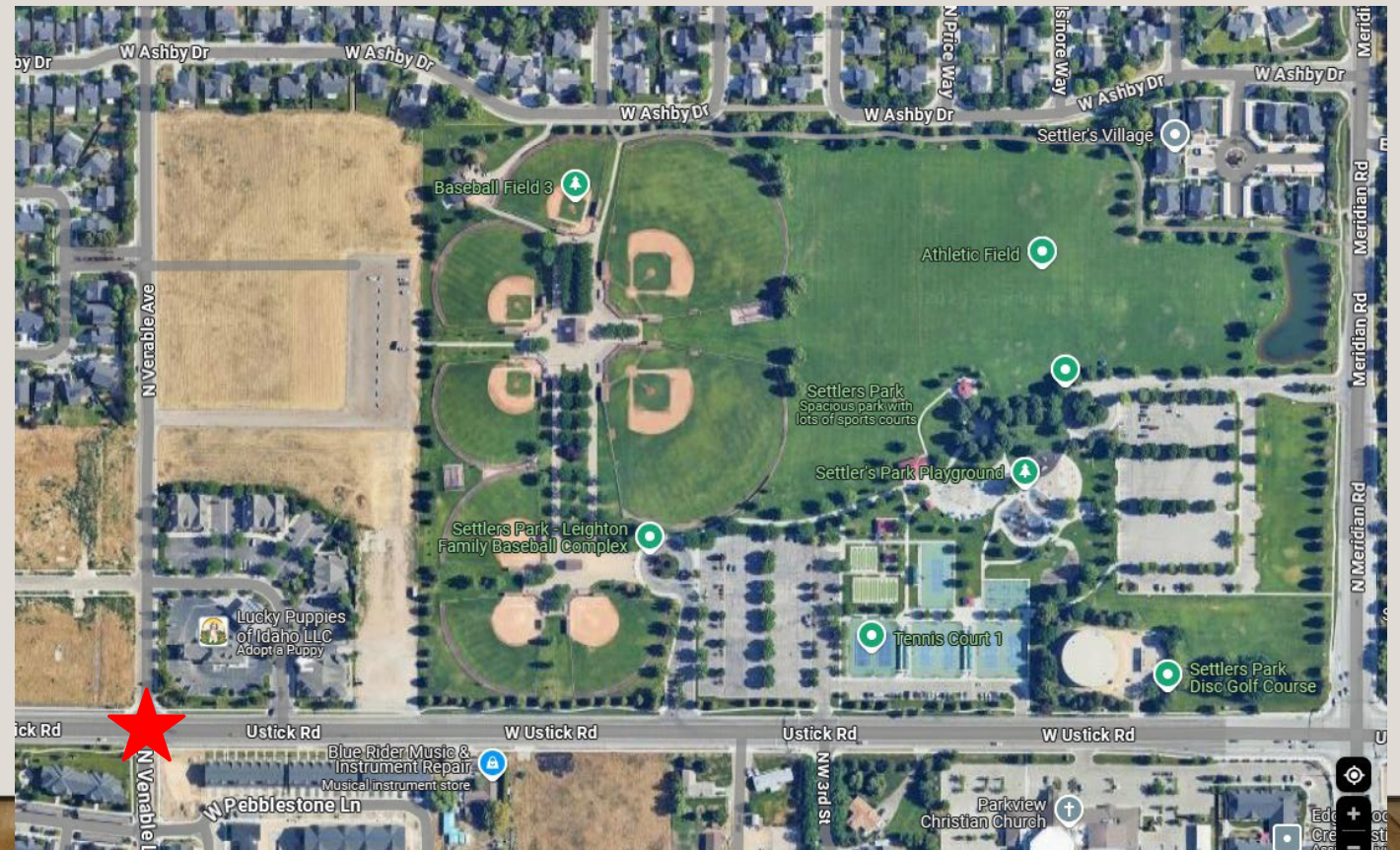
We held a Public Open House on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to gather feedback from neighboring homes.

### Key Take Aways

- Need a Traffic Light at Venable and Ustick
- Parking on Venable
- Parking in neighborhood on Ashby Dr.
- Loved location of Dog Park
- Appreciated additional Parking

### City Leadership Discussions

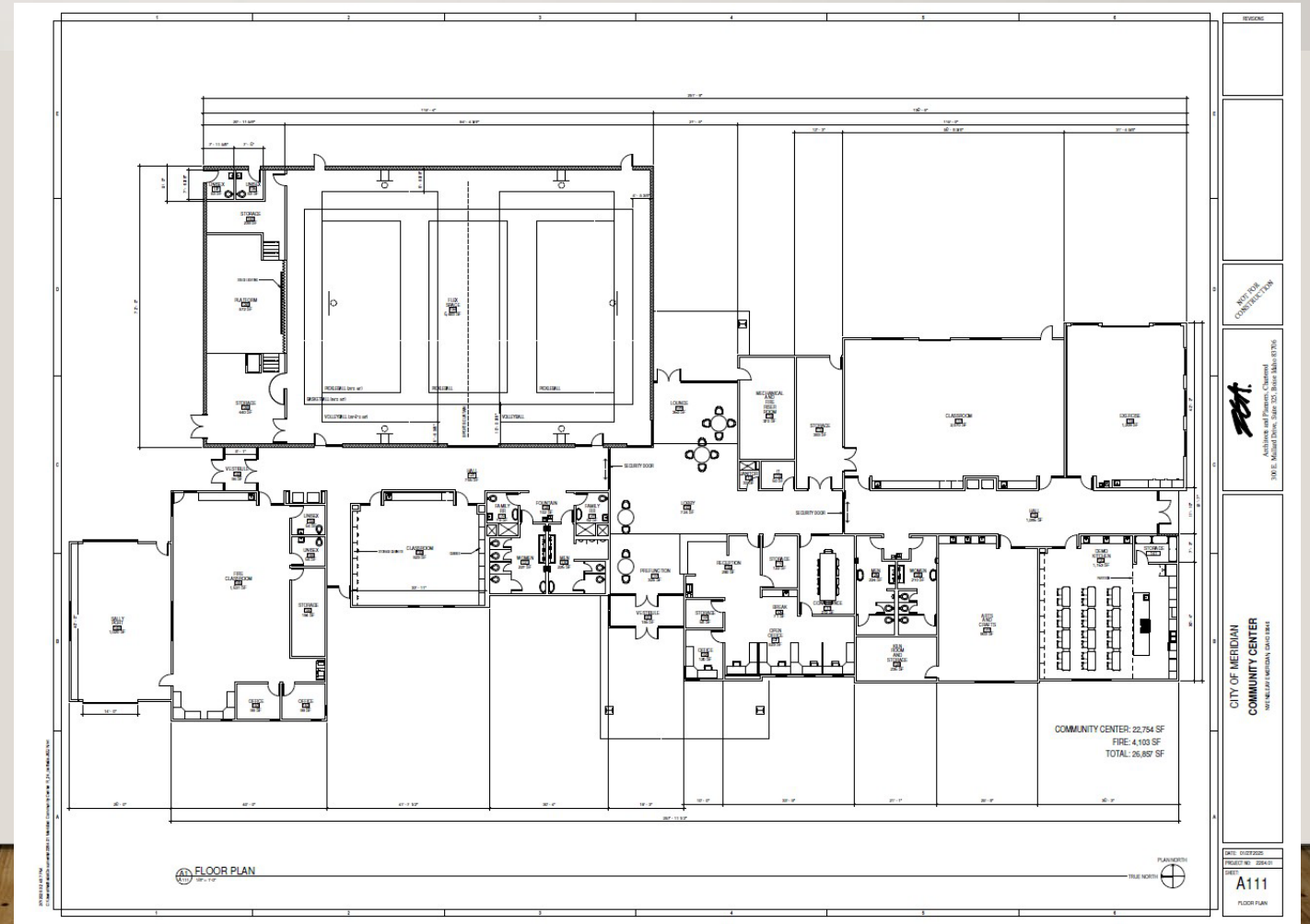
- Community Outreach Review
- Staffing Plans
- Operational Budgets
- Concepts / Design
- Park Amenities



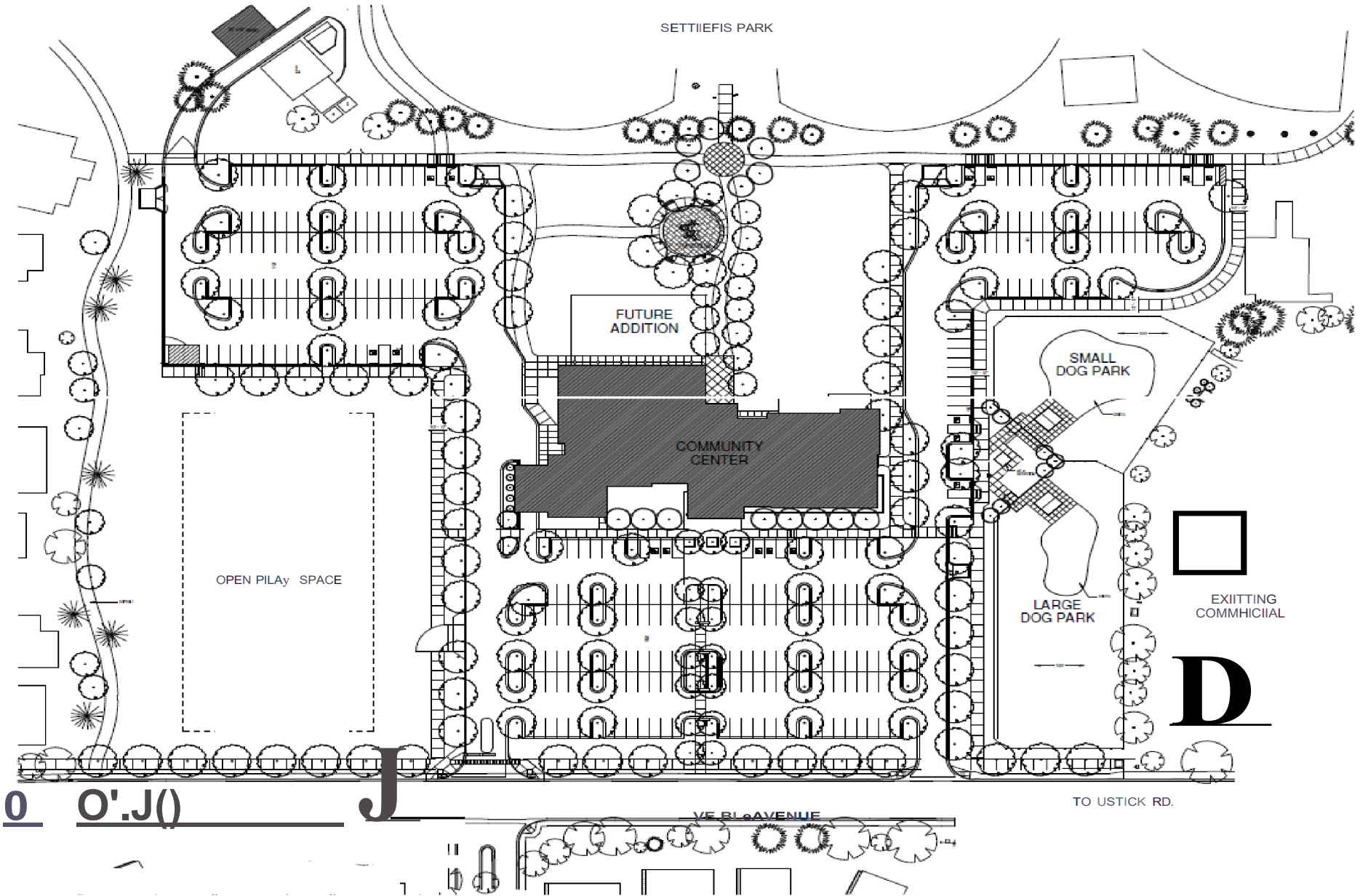


- Flex Space/Gym
- Standard Classroom to host future Summer Camps
- Stage (24' x 25')
- Fitness Room (2100 sq. ft.)
- Exercise Room (1200 sq. ft.)
- Cooking Classroom
- Arts Room with Kiln Room
- Office / Front Counter Area
- Access Control
- Outdoor Patio Area
- Possible Fire Prevention Office Location

- Review Room Sizes
- Review Room Layout
- Staff questions on does and don'ts







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## Next Steps

- Complete Schematic Design Development
- Move to Design Development
- City Leadership Check In
- Move to Construction Documents
- Bid the Community Center and Park Expansion in October of 2025
- Break ground Spring of 2026
- Open in FY28





Questions?

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