



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING • MINUTES

Meridian Community Center

201 E. Idaho Avenue, Meridian, Idaho

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 • 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

Commission President Creg Steele called the meeting to order at approximately 5:42 p.m. MPR Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers took roll-call attendance as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creg Steele, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Nesmith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Borton, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Robinson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jo Greer	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Stoll
<input type="checkbox"/> Phillip Liddell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Sturtevant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spencer Meinburg	

Others present were: Mayor Tammy de Weerd; City Council Liaison Anne Little Roberts; MPR Department staff—Director Steve Siddoway, Parks Superintendent Mike Barton, Parks & Pathways Project Manager Jay Gibbons, & Recreation Manager Colin Moss.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Commission President Creg Steele entertained a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commission Vice President Sharon Borton moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jo Greer seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting

Commission President Creg Steele entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commission Vice President Sharon Borton moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hannah Sturtevant seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

4. Announcements

a. Welcome New Commissioner Spencer Meinburg - Steve Siddoway

MPR Director Steve Siddoway welcomed Spencer Meinburg to the MPR Commission and stated Spencer is currently the Pool Manager with the Western Ada Recreation District. Steve expressed Spencer has a passion for parks and recreation issues.

Commissioner Meinburg introduced himself to the Commission. He added he is a world traveler/missionary and partners with various outreach ministries. He has visited 32 countries.

5. Committee Meetings - NONE

a. Recreation & Special Events Committee

b. Parks Amenities & Signage Committee

c. Community Liaison Committee

6. Committee Reports - NONE

7. New Business

a. Volunteer Appreciation Month Recognition - Mayor Tammy de Weerd & Steve Siddoway

In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Month, Mayor Tammy de Weerd presented each Commissioner with a small gift and thanked them for their service. In addition, MPR Director Steve Siddoway expressed his appreciation and presented each of the MPR Commissioners with a card and a small gift.

b. Spring Pathways Tour By Van & Bicycles - Jay Gibbons

With MPR Parks & Pathways Project Manager Jay Gibbons as the tour guide, participants visited the following pathway segments by van:

- 1) Pine Avenue Improvement Project - New pedestrian crossing; ten-foot-wide pathway on the south side to Locust Grove.
- 2) Five Mile Creek Pathway, Segment G (E. James Court Pathway Connection Project) - Ten-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side; Jackson Drain to Meridian Road pedestrian crossing.
- 3) Five Mile Creek Pathway, Segment F (Linder Road Pathway Connection Project) - Ten-foot-wide sidewalk on the west side; HAWK signal to Ustick Road.
- 4) Five Mile Creek Pathway, Segment E (Bellano Creek Park Extension).
- 5) Five Mile Creek Pathway, Segment D (Ten Mile Road to Black Cat Road) - Connect McNellis Pathway via the bridge to the north bank at the west end of Meridian's Wastewater Treatment facility.

Starting at Heroes Park, participants then loaded bicycles and rode the following developed pathway segments which spanned a total of 3.5 miles:

- 1) Heroes pathway to W. Ladle Rapids Street to N. Tignes Avenue, cross N. Goddard Creek Way to the pathway.
- 2) Ride the pathway east on W. Cayuse Creek (south side) to Linder Road.
- 3) Cross Linder, ride the pathway east on W. Cayuse Creek (north side) to W. Valentino to N. Fox Run Way, cross W. Gable Street, ride Gable Street (east side) to W. Producer Drive to Meridian Road.
- 4) Cross Producer Drive to the south corner, cross Meridian Road.

- 5) Ride the pathway east on Producer to E. Ironstone Drive. Ride northeast into Ironstone Court.
- 6) Pick up the pathway at the end of the cul-de-sac (Ironstone Drive).
- 7) Ride the pathway southeast to N. Claret Cup Way, Joshua Tree Street, south on N. Diamond Creek Way to the pathway connection to Saguaro Canyon Subdivision.
- 8) East on pathway to N. Red Horse Way, north on the west side of Red Horse, cross E. Joshua Tree Drive.
- 9) Cross E. Giant Saguaro Street, continue on the west side of N. Red Horse, cross E. San Pedro, continue on the west side to E. Segundo Street.
- 10) Ride east on E. Segundo Street (south side), seven-foot-wide detached sidewalk to N. Morpheus Way.
- 11) Pick up the pathway on the east side of Morpheus, cross N. Larkwood Avenue, ride to N. Starry Night Avenue.
- 12) Ride on the south side of E. Segundo Street to Locust Grove Road, south on the east side to Locust Grove to the LDS Church parking lot on the ten-foot-wide pathway.

Participants then loaded the van and viewed the remaining site as follows:

- 1) Pathway connection across the ACHD storm drainage facility connecting the Zebulon Subdivision pathway to the pathway in the Settlement Bridge Subdivision.

8. Old Business - NONE

9. Workshop - NONE

10. Staff Reports - NONE

11. Adjourn

Commission President Creg Steele entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Nesmith moved to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice President Sharon Borton seconded. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:



 CREG STEELE, PRESIDENT

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 SHARON BORTON, VICE PRESIDENT

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PARKS COMMITTEE



MISSION:

The mission of the Parks Committee is to help steer future locations, park identities, amenities, and art to better serve the demands of the City of Meridian and to work closely with the MPR Department to develop and implement concepts into functional parks that serve all citizens.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES • Fiscal Year 2015-2016:

1. Implement the master amenities plan for all parks.
 2. Recommend the design, construction, and installation of two artificial shade structures at Bear Creek and Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Parks.
 3. Assist in the design and development of the future South Meridian 77-Acre Park and three new neighborhood parks: Hillsdale, Bellano Creek, and Bainbridge.
 4. Develop specific recommendations for adult amenities.
 5. Work with the Arts Commission in using art to reinforce the identities of the three parks—Heroes, Champion, and Renaissance.
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MINUTES • Wednesday, March 9, 2016

The Parks Committee met on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in the City Council Conference Room at Meridian City Hall, 33 East Broadway. The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Attending:

X Sharon Borton, Commissioner & Chairwoman

- X Phil Liddell, Commissioner (Minutes Taker)
- X Craig Robinson, Commissioner
- X Mike Barton, MPR Dept.
- X Rachel Myers, MPR Dept.

1. Follow-up: Discuss Finished RFQ

Hillary Bodnar (Arts and Cultural Specialist for the City of Meridian) and the Meridian Arts Commission have finalized our request to formulate and tailor a standardized Request for Qualifications for compiling a roster of qualified persons to contract with for the purpose of creating public art to bring individual identities to selected Meridian City Parks. We reviewed that document which has already been released for public response with a date of Friday, May 6, 2016 at 4:00 PM MDT for application return. A selection process will take place the week following, resulting in a list of qualified artists. The Parks Committee will subsequently decide upon one of the following three parks for art creation: Champion, Heroes, or Renaissance.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

2. Review Committee Goals & Objectives

Goal #1: Will remain the same.

Goal #2: Strike Renaissance Park and replace with Julius M. Kleiner Park.

Goal #3: Assist in the design and development of the future South Meridian 77 acre park and three new neighborhood parks: Hillsdale, Bellano Creek, and Bainbridge.

Goal #4: Will remain the same.

Goal #5: Will remain the same.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

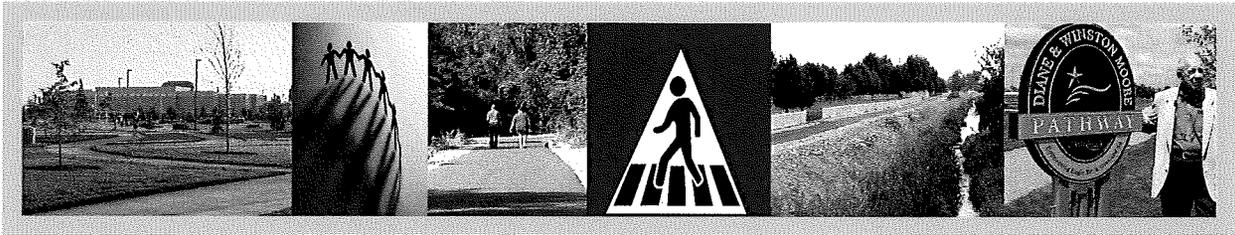
AGENDA • Wednesday, May 11, 2016

5:30 p.m. • Meridian City Hall, Council Chambers, 33 E. Broadway Avenue, Meridian, ID

1. Review "Off-the-Shelf" Catalogs for Appropriate Parks Artwork in Lieu of Utilizing a Professional Artist
2. Review the RFQ Status Update/Evaluation and Begin to Consider which of the Three Parks (Champion, Heroes, Renaissance) to Consider First for Professional Artwork
3. Briefly Review the Changes Implemented in Our Goals & Objectives for Correctness (See changes under item #2 above)



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PATHWAYS COMMITTEE



MISSION:

The mission of the Pathways Committee is to identify opportunities to implement and develop a connected pathway system that enhances the quality of life through transportation alternatives.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES • Fiscal Year 2015-2016:

1. Plan for the April 13, 2016 Spring Pathways Tour.
 2. Plan for the November 9, 2016 Pathways Priority Workshop.
 3. Prioritize pathway projects.
 4. Help identify any gaps or missing pathway sections, etc. in the community to get these segments developed and/or upgraded.
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MINUTES • Wednesday, March 9, 2016

The Pathways Committee met on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in Conference Room A at Meridian City Hall, 33 East Broadway. The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Attending:

- John Nesmith, Commissioner & Chairman
- Matt Stoll, Commissioner
- Jay Gibbons, MPR Dept.

1. Discuss Current Pathway Development Projects

The group discussed the Five Mile Creek Pathway, Segment H2 project from Badley to Fairview. Jay is diligently working on getting some easements and other tasks to complete this section of pathway.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

2. Plan for the Spring Pathways Tour & Set Route

Committee members went over the agenda for the Pathways Tour scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Participants will tour current pathway development projects by vehicle and bicycles. Jay will finalize the plan.

Action Items:

- Jay to finalize the plan.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

3. Discuss Any Missing Pathway Segments Not Yet Identified in Meridian

Committee members discussed a strategy to investigate the pathway segment off of Cherry Lane that goes behind the high school.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

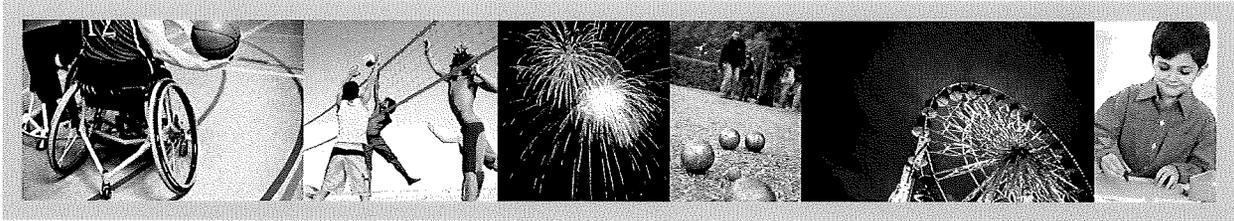
AGENDA • Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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1. Spring Pathways Tour Debrief
2. Update on Current Pathway Development Projects: Lemp/Larkwood Pathway
3. Discuss Missing Pathway Segments Not Yet Identified in Meridian: Zebulon/ACHD Drain Pond Connection



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MARKETING COMMITTEE



MISSION:

The mission of the Marketing Committee is to promote events, programs, signage, and amenities in the City of Meridian, as well as develop and maintain relationships with community organizations.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES • Fiscal Year 2015-2016

1. Update and complete the Parks & Pathways Z-Cards for printing and distribution.
 2. Finalize and distribute a Meridian "Year at a Glance/Top Meridian Events" calendar.
 3. Create a calendar for the MPR Commissioners to sign up and commit to upcoming events—at least one to two people at each event.
 4. Reach out/solicit to community organizations the Meridian Parks & Recreation presentation—once created—to emphasize the economic benefits.
 5. Identify marketing/promotional items for the MPR Department to have at events for distribution.
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MINUTES • Wednesday, March 9, 2016

The Marketing Committee met on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in the Clerk's Conference Room located at Meridian City Hall, 33 East Broadway. The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Attending:

X Jo Greer, Chairwoman & Commissioner (Minutes Taker)

- X Creg Steele, Commissioner
- O Hannah Sturtevant, Commissioner
- X Shelly Houston, MPR Dept.
- X Colin Moss, MPR Dept.

1. Solidify Committee Goals & Objectives for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Prepare a List

The group identified their goals and objectives and ran through the list of items the Committee has been working on.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

2. Update on Parks & Pathways Z-Card Map/Printing Sponsor

Rachel Myers received an updated quote on the printing of the z-cards of \$1,141, quantity 1,000. MPR staff will work with the IT Department to update the map and overall design.

Action Items:

- MPR staff to set a meeting with IT.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

3. Update: Commissioner Presence in the Community - Use Calendar

A few of the Commissioners will be attending the next Coffee With the Mayor. The Committee would like to get a calendar of events together of different activities the Commissioners could be present at. This is a work in progress.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

4. Update: Parks & Recreation Marketing; Review Catalog

The Committee went over pricing on some items, such as small footballs or basketballs that Shelly brought flyers for. These balls run anywhere from \$0.89 to \$1.15 each if 1,000 are purchased. This expense would have to come out of the MPR Department's marketing budget.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

5. Update: Year at a Glance in Meridian/Top Meridian Events Calendar

Shelly prepared a draft calendar that would fit in an envelope. The group went over the list and had some minor changes. Shelly will make revisions and return to the Committee with the updated version in May.

Action Items:

- Shelly to update draft calendar.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

6. Use MPR Presentation and Solicit to Community Organizations - Spear-headed by Committee

The MPR Department does have a community presentation, which has not yet been updated this year, but can be. Steve Siddoway stated the Committee may want to use the new presentation members are working on with the Chamber of Commerce as the traveling show for a while (see agenda item below). The group discussed being available for different presentations, reaching out to the community, and spearheading appointments to help solicit the MPR Department.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

7. Ask Chamber of Commerce to Build a New Presentation Emphasizing the Economic Benefits of the MPR Department (Build Off of Twin Falls)

The Committee would like to have a presentation emphasizing the economic benefits of the MPR Department. Anne Little Roberts is working on this project at the moment and has requested a copy of Twin Falls' presentation.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Recommendations to Commission:

- None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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1. Update on Parks & Pathways Z-Card Map
2. Update on Commissioner Presence in the Community - Use Calendar
3. Update on Parks & Recreation Marketing
4. Update on Year at a Glance in Meridian/Top Meridian Events Calendar
5. Update on MPR Presentation and Soliciting to Community Organizations - Spear-headed by Committee
6. Update on Chamber of Commerce to Build a New Presentation Emphasizing the Economic Benefits of the MPR Department (Build Off of Twin Falls)



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORTS

May 11, 2016

Administration Division

Department Director's Report:

STEVE SIDDOWNAY

(Please note, a verbal report will be provided at the May 11, 2016 MPR Commission Meeting.)

Parks Division

Parks Superintendent's Report:

MIKE BARTON

1. **Pine Avenue Road Widening** - Significant coordination is occurring on this project between MDC, ACHD, WH Pacific, The Land Group, and staff. We are currently reviewing 75% plans.
2. **Bellano Creek (Reta Huskey) Neighborhood Park** - Coleman Homes has submitted their final plat for phase 4 that includes the park lot and multi-use paths. We are reviewing that final plat and look forward to having the transfer complete along with the pathway connections all the way to Ten Mile. We were unable to find any new information regarding Reta Huskey.
3. **Bainbridge Park (William Watson) Neighborhood Park** - We have finished the schematic design and are currently negotiating a cost share with Brighton

Corporation. Once complete, we can finalize the level of effort compared to our budget and move forward into design development.

4. **77-Acre Park Phase One Design** - We have an approved agreement to begin design of this new park. A kickoff meeting was held on May 5th to get organized. Look for more updates and workshops coming this summer.
5. **Kleiner Park Shade** - I've been working on some different concepts and prices that would be for shade sails over the playground at Kleiner Park. Once we get a design that falls within budget and is functional, we can share that at a future meeting; stay tuned.
6. **Hillsdale Park** - The design of this project is getting ready to start back up again. The Commission will see progress in the coming months.
7. **Construction Management** - We use construction management for the delivery of new parks. With four new parks in design, we are busy hiring a construction manager for each one. For Hillsdale, we have chosen The Russell Corp because they are already involved with the school and YMCA. For the 77-Acre Park, an RFQ was issued, and Kreizenbeck Constructors was the top rated firm for this project. We are asking City Council for approval of an agreement for pre-construction services on this project. For Bainbridge and Bellano Creek Parks, we are developing a master roster of qualified firms so we can choose the one that fits best for these projects.
8. **Maintenance Activities in the Parks** - Crews are busy checking all of our irrigation systems. With the warm spring weather, the need for sprinkler water has started early. Crabgrass preventer and systemic insecticide for bill bug control is being applied to all turf areas. Regular mowing, trimming, and janitorial duties are in full swing. Splash pads are being assembled and readied for a Memorial Day turn on.

City Arborist's Report:

ELROY HUFF

1. **Park Forestry Contracts** - We have started work on the five-year park tree pruning cycle. We started at Tully Park this year. We have also had other trees trimmed and have removed some this spring.
2. **Arbor Day Celebration** - This year's Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 29, 2016 at Chief Joseph Elementary School. A Giant Sequoia tree was planted.

3. **Downtown Tree Box Replacement 2016** - This project is in progress. There are nine (9) affected sites this year. We will also replace some existing trees in downtown. In coordination with the tree contract, we are doing some irrigation repairs.

Parks & Pathways Project Manager's Report:

JAY GIBBONS

1. **Five Mile Creek Pathway - Segment H2, Badley to Fairview** - Staff continues to pursue easements to allow construction of a multi-use pathway building on the success of the H1 project completed in 2012. CTA Architects has been hired to provide design and survey services for the pathway segment. The consultant has provided three exhibits for review and discussion of the pathway alignment, amenity locations, and connections to streets. Staff is currently reviewing the draft construction documents for the project. Final plans and the floodplain application are being finalized. Easement request letters and exhibits have been sent to the three property owners.
2. **Rail With Trail Pathway** - A Regional RWT Pathway Workgroup has been created and has met twice regarding expanding the City's project to encompass a pathway from the depot in Nampa to the depot in Boise. Members of the workgroup represent each city, the highway district, and COMPASS. The COMPASS Board has approved a work plan to assist the group with research, studies, and project development support. Work is ongoing.
3. **Transportation Improvement Projects** - Staff is working with Development Services and Public Works to coordinate roadway and intersection improvements for near-term projects. These projects include Pine Avenue - Meridian to Locust Grove, Meridian/Ustick Intersection, and Meridian Road Widening - Cherry to Ustick.
4. **FY16 Five Mile Pathway System Project** - The funded project is to secure pathway easements for all proposed segments from Black Cat Road to Eagle Road. Staff has created and mapped the system and identified the property owners to be contacted. The second aspect of the funded project is to construct widened existing sidewalks in two locations; west side of Linder - Bud Porter to Ustick, and the south side of East James Court to the Jackson Drain Pathway. Easement request letters are being prepared for all affected properties. The Land Group has been hired as a design consultant to provide survey work and preparation of construction documents. We are working with Idaho Power to relocate the electrical infrastructure.
5. **Lemp Canal/Larkwood Pathway Connection** - The project will close the gap between two existing multi-use pathways running parallel to McMillan Road between Locust Grove and Meridian Roads across the frontage of the Larkwood Subdivision. Staff has contacted the Settlers Irrigation District to assess the

project timing with regard to the upcoming irrigation season. The District will require an existing ditch be tiled under the east end of the pathway connection and may require canal bank stabilization. The pathway will impact the subdivision's entry landscape and frontage. Several meetings have been held to discuss the project with property owners and the HOA to identify how to address these impacts and their wishes to improve the entry in conjunction with the pathway project. Decisions are pending. Agreements to follow.

Recreation Division

Recreation Manager's Report:

COLIN MOSS

1. **Recreation Coordinator (Special Events)** - Renee White started April 28th as our new Recreation Coordinator over Special Events. She has a wealth of special event knowledge and experience with organizations, such as the Botanical Gardens and the Canyon County Fair. I will continue to help Renee get up to speed with all the events we run during the year. We are extremely excited for her to join the team!
2. **Temporary Use Permits** - The special event requests continue to come in. There have been 56 events booked for 2016 so far and a big jump in "Event Days" to over 120, due to weekly Food Truck events at Settlers and the new weekly Youth Farmers Market at City Hall.
3. **Park Concessions Contracts** - We have a new concessionaire at Settlers Park after going through the RFP bid process. The new vendor is in the process of moving into the concessions building and will be open for weekends of nice weather in May, but for sure for the opening of the splash pad Memorial Day weekend. At Tully Park, we did not get any responses to our RFP, but we are negotiating with the new Settlers Park vendor to potentially set up a stand at Tully as well.
4. **Field Scheduling** - Spring is the busiest time of year for sports organizations to be utilizing our fields. Keeping up with the schedules of all the sports organizations is a constant challenge.

Recreation Coordinators' Report:

GARRETT WHITE, JAKE GARRO, & RENEE WHITE

1. **2016 Summer Activity Guide** - The 2016 Summer Activity Guide will be released on Friday, May 13. Registration for summer classes will begin May 16. Summer classes will begin June 6 and conclude August 19. Summer fees to be presented at City Council for approval on Tuesday, May 3.
2. **Camp Mer-IDA-MOO, Outdoor Adventure Camp, & Sports Camp** - Jake is finalizing the details of our summer camps. Camp Mer-IDA-Moo will begin the week of June 13 and conclude August 12. Camp Mer-IDA-Moo will take place at Siena and Prospect Elementary Schools. Outdoor Adventure Camp will begin June 20 and conclude August 5. Camp Mer-IDA-Moo is for children ages 6 - 11, and Outdoor Adventure Camp is for children ages 9 - 14. Sports Camp is for children ages 6 - 11. This camp will begin the week of June 13 and conclude August 12. Sports Camp will take place at Chateau and Heroes Park.
3. **Summer Staff Interviews** - Jake is currently finalizing our summer staff. Camp Mer-IDA-Moo will be made up of 12 seasonal/part-time staff. Outdoor Adventure Camp will be staffed with two employees during the summer, and Sports Camp will have three employees directing the activities of that camp during the summer months. We have a number of returning staff members this summer.
4. **Active Senior Day Trips** - Jake will take a number of active seniors to Shoshone Falls on Friday, May 6. On the way to Shoshone Falls, we will stop at Malad Gorge to take in the views of the canyon and water below. Once we make our way to Twin Falls, we will enjoy lunch at Centennial Park while taking in the views of the Perrine Bridge.
Jake is in the process of putting together a day trip for seniors to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker, Oregon and rafting trips on the Payette River for late August or early September.
5. **Spring Volleyball League** - We are a little over half way done with the Spring Volleyball League with only three weeks to go. The league will be finishing up the regular season on May 19th. We have 76 teams in the league this year.
6. **Spring Basketball League** - The Spring Basketball League ended the last Thursday in April. Garrett has been working with Ross to order shirts/awards for the division winners.
7. **YMCA Partnership** - Each week we continue to meet with the YMCA to discuss the partnership. Garrett has been working with YMCA staff at the current facility to resolve the roof issue. Garrett has also reached out to all

community organizations and user groups that have reserved time at the Home Court in the past year.

8. **Spring Softball League** - The Spring Softball League registration is closed, and we turned away 12 teams. We have 101 teams registered this year. The registration deadline was March 18. Garrett has been creating the second half schedule and will begin creating the end-of-season tournament in the next few weeks.
9. **Staffing** - Garrett has been working with HR to hire seasonal Scorekeepers for Softball.
10. **Summer Fun Kickoff Tournament** - Registration is now open, and we have 33 teams registered already. The deadline is May 13th. We had 35 teams registered last year. Garrett has been working with Parks staff in regards to getting the fields ready and assigning field prep staff during the tournament.
11. **Training & Park Tours** - Renee's first day as Recreation Coordinator was Thursday, April 28. Her background includes 20 years of producing special events, and she is thrilled to be a part of the Meridian Parks & Recreation team. With the guidance of Colin Moss, she has been reviewing the electronic and paper files for City of Meridian special events. She and Colin took a park tour to review the event layouts and park amenities. The tour also included the City Hall and a visit to the Park's Shop with special time spent on storage sites for event equipment and supplies. Training will continue this week with lessons on ActiveNet and a meeting with Kenneth Corder to get acquainted with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC).
12. **Unplug & Be Outside Week** - Unplug & Be Outside Week is a week full of free activities to inspire and empower families to get off the couch and get active. It took place on Monday, April 25 through Saturday, April 30. The week featured 30 separate events produced by 10 different organizations, including: Meridian Library District, Meridian United, About the Kids Lacrosse, Idaho Tennis Association, Idaho Fish & Game, I9 Sports, Treasure Valley Children's Theater, Meridian Coop Gardeners, and Lakeview Golf Club. Activities ranged from scavenger hunts to sports clinics and culminated with the crowd-pleasing Treasure Valley Kite Festival.
13. **CableONE Movie Night in Meridian** - The popular outdoor movie night kicks off Friday, June 3 and runs every Friday night through August 26 in Settlers Park. Family-friendly movies have been selected and are posted on the City's Parks &

Recreation website. Returning season sponsors include CableOne, Rocky Mountain Audio Visual, and Saint Alphonsus Medical Group. Mountain America Credit Union is joining as a new season sponsor. Nightly sponsors have been secured for each movie. We are looking forward to a great year.

14. **Gene Kleiner Day** - The 3rd Annual Gene Kleiner Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 11. The Meridian Symphony Orchestra will once again perform in the Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park bandshell. Parks & Recreation Director Steve Siddoway has been in contact with the Kleiner family to determine if they will be attending this year.
15. **Independence Day Festival** - Planning is underway for the City of Meridian's Independence Day festivities. The partnership with the Meridian Speedway continues for the fireworks presentation. Three bands have been scheduled to provide entertainment starting at 3 p.m. in Storey Park. This year the personal fireworks area has been discontinued, due to safety concerns.
16. **Barn Sour Race** - Planning is underway for the 13th Annual Barn Sour Race. The event features a 10k, 6k and One Mile Fun Run. The date was changed to Saturday, August 20 this year to avoid conflict with another popular race event.