



CITY OF MERIDIAN and TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

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MERIDIAN TO PURCHASE YMCA HOMECOURT

Meridian, ID – The City of Meridian (City) and the Treasure Valley Family YMCA (Y) have approved an agreement for the City to purchase the YMCA Homecourt facility. The agreement provides for a \$4 million purchase price that will be executed on September 30, 2016. This purchase represents the partnership between the City and the Y and their combined commitment to expand programming and services to all.

The Y is allocating the funds from the purchase to the construction of a new full-service YMCA facility in South Meridian (near the intersection of Amity and Eagle Roads), which will provide the opportunity to expand the reach of healthy living and youth development services and programs to thousands of youth, teens, adults, and families. In addition, the residents of Meridian will still have access to the Homecourt facility, where the City will continue offering existing programs and many new ones.

“This is a prime example of the importance of solid partnerships. In addition to be able to provide more space for indoor recreation, the City is able to support the YMCA’s efforts to build a new facility adjacent to our new park in South Meridian to benefit our citizens in that part of our community,” said Mayor Tammy de Weerd, City of Meridian.

The Y’s President and CEO David Duro said, “The Y and the City of Meridian have the shared goal of meeting the needs of every community member, regardless of their age or ability level. This will increase the reach of both organizations. We are so excited that the goal of bringing the Y’s focus on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility to South Meridian is becoming a reality. And we know it would not be possible without the dedication from and work of our many volunteers, community members, and partners. We thank the City of Meridian and passionate community members and partners who are working to bring a Y to their community.”

While the agreement was approved this evening by the Meridian City Council, Homecourt will remain a YMCA membership facility until the South Meridian YMCA opens, which is currently projected to happen in 2017. The City of Meridian plans to add additional evening recreational opportunities at the facility beginning in the fall of 2016.



“This purchase allows us to expand our community sports programs and grow our current class offerings. Residents have long hoped for an indoor facility, and we are thrilled to make that a reality very soon at a facility that is centrally located,” said Steve Siddoway, Meridian Parks and Recreation Director.

The Homecourt facility is located near Downtown Meridian off Franklin Road at 936 Taylor Avenue, Meridian, Idaho, 83642.

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The City of Meridian is located in the heart of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. 24/7 Wall Street named Meridian the Number One Place to Live in America. America's Promise Alliance/ING recognized the city as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit www.meridiancity.org.

The Treasure Valley Family YMCA (Y) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to strengthen the foundation of our community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility. We provide support and opportunities that empower people and communities to learn, grow, and thrive. Learn more at ymcatvidaho.org.