

MEETING AGENDA
MERIDIAN DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING
December 03, 2014, 2pm, City Hall, City Council Conference Room

Attendees: Ashley Squyres, Anne Roberts, Justin Lucas, Dan Basalone, Kelly Ryan, Joe Kozlowski, Callie Novak, Caleb Hood, C. Jay Coles, Eric Davis

1) **Downtown Business Association Update [Joe/Dan]**

Joe discussed the following with the committee:

- *Recent board elections
- *The forthcoming website being created by Tribute Media
- *The membership numbers of approximately 25
- *The next meeting will be held at noon on December 19

2) **City of Meridian Update [C.Jay/Mayor Tammy]**

C. Jay reviewed the following with the committee:

- *Upcoming holiday events the city is hosting during the month of December
- *The status of the Innovation Center that will locate in old city hall
 - *Will have shared working space
 - *Rick Ritter will be the administrator of the center
 - *The YEA program will coordinate with the Innovation Center on programs
 - *The City is currently obtaining a bid for TI's and the goal is to have it open in early 2015

3) **Meridian Chamber of Commerce Update [Anne]**

Anne reviewed the following with the committee:

- *The new YEA [Youth Entrepreneur Academy]
 - *This is a national program
 - *Will take place in the West Ada County School District
 - *It is a 3-hour class once a week on a variety of topics such as budgeting, reading an accounting spreadsheet, etc.
 - *There will be a local competition at the end of the program with the winner competing at the regional competition, then that winner will competing at the national competition and that winner competing on the show Shark Tank
- *The next steering committee meeting will be held on December 12

4) **MDC Update [Ashley/Dan]**

A. Branding Effort for Downtown Meridian

Ashley provided an update on the project status and the public involvement efforts to date and which logos are the finalists. MDC is working with the consultant on final modification options and anticipates making a decision in January.

B. Project Development Plan

Ashley reviewed the scope and timeframe with the committee for the project development plan.

C. Downtown WIFI Expansion

Ashley discussed the Capital Matrix Grant for the proposed Unwired City expansion.

5) **ACHD Update [Justin]**

A. Update on Five Year Work Plan and Pine Avenue

Justin reviewed the proposed Pine Avenue project from Meridian Road to Locust Grove. MDC and the City will be working with ACHD to scope the project based upon needs and budgets. Design will occur in FY15 with right of way acquisition occurring in FY16 and construction in FY17.

B. Other Projects?

Justin reviewed the other projects that ACHD is pursuing near or in downtown:

*Connectivity projects on West 1st and 4th Streets and Fairview to East Third Street

*Lighting project on Cherry Lane from Meridian to Linder