

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MERIDIAN DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING**  
**August 24, 2015, 4:00pm, City Hall, Conference Room A**

Attendees: Ashley Squyres, Eric Davis, Dan Basalone, Bruce Chatterton, Walt Lindgren, Justin Lucas, Tammy de Weerd and Marty Shindler

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

\*Next DBA meeting in on Friday, August 26 at noon at the COMPASS/VRT Building.

\*Discussed a need for better publicity of downtown events and if the City's summer flyer is something that can be sent to the DBA for distribution downtown. The Mayor stated that the best way to stay informed is to stay engaged on social media.

\*The DBA is interested in being a Christmas light sponsor.

\*Marty discussed that the DBA is working with the City on a parklet idea for Idaho Avenue. The DBA is working with individual property and business owners on Idaho Avenue and will have a group meeting next month.

2) **City of Meridian Update [Bruce]**

\*The website for the multi-purpose center is up. You can find information on the project at: [www.dreambigmeridian.com](http://www.dreambigmeridian.com).

\*There is one week left for RFP's to be submitted for the multi-purpose center. At this time, one RFP has been submitted.

\*An update on the New Ventures Lab:

\*Five new companies have joined the space.

\*There are a few upcoming events. Most notably a startup weekend in October entitled "One weekend, endless possibilities". There are also weekly speed mentoring events.

\*The new parking lot on the west side of Meridian Road, across from City Hall is for employees only during regular business hours. After hours, it will be available to the public.

\*The Mayor described the forthcoming Youth Farmer's Market and the vision and logistics behind the market. The first event will be on September 10 from 4:30-7pm on the City Hall plaza. There will be regular events beginning in 2016.

\*Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29 at City Hall.

\*The City is petitioning to the County to become an early voting site.

\*On Thursday, August 27, the Mayor will have an announcement at Generations Plaza at 4:30pm.

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

\*The Economic Excellence Breakfast featuring Lt. Governor, Brad Little will be held on September 22 at 7:30am at Renaissance High School.

\*The Summer Sendoff at Kleiner Park will occur on September 24 from 4:30-8pm.

\*Meridian Business Day is September 17 and the Chamber will host their business after hours at ClearVoice Telecom.

4) **ACHD Update [Justin]**

\*Justin Lucas reviewed the draft Five Year Workplan projects in and or near downtown Meridian.

5) **MDC Update [Ashley]**

\*Ashley reviewed the FY16 budget that will be going before the board on Wednesday.

\*Updated on the progress of 713 North Main TI's for the Meridian Library District's "Unbound" digital hub.

\*Ashley discussed the revised branding effort that is on-going.