



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, December 07, 2022 at 4:30 PM

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Agenda

VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

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ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

___ Blaine Johnston, President ___ Destinie Hart, Vice President

___ Pam Jagosh

___ Jody Ault

___ Jack Keller

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

- 1. Approve:** Minutes from 10-27-22 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

- 2. Approve:** Monthly Financial Statement

OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

- 3. Discuss:** Preservation Options for Egger's Farm / Black Cat Farm
- 4. Proposal:** TAG North Main Street Survey Project, Phase II
- 5. Proposal:** 360 Virtual Sites Photography Project at Egger Farm / Black Cat Farm

REPORTS

- 6. Update:** History Center at City Hall

7. **Update:** Meridian Speedway Nomination to the National Historic Registry
Returned by National Parks Service for Additional Review

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS / DISCUSSION

8. **Review and Planning:** Previous Student Initiatives and Previous Preservation
Month Activities and Begin Planning for Preservation Month in May 2023

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2023

ADJOURNMENT



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<u> x </u> Blaine Johnston, President	<u> </u> Destinie Hart, Vice President
<u> </u> Vacant	<u> x </u> Pam Jagosh
<u> </u> John Dinger	<u> x </u> Jody Ault
<u> x </u> Jack Keller	

City staff present were Arts and Culture Coordinator, Cassandra Schiffler and City Attorney, Bill Nary.

B. Johnston noted Tyler Ricks is no longer on the Commission and the Mayor's office is in the process of interviewing to fill this vacancy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. Johnston amended agenda by moving Reports (Item #7 (TAG North Main Street Survey and Item #6 (HullFilm 360 Project) to come after the Approval of Monthly Financial Statements.

J. Ault made motion to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by J. Keller and P. Jagosh

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. **Approve:** Minutes from 7-28-22 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

J. Keller made motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by J. Ault

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

2. **Approve:** Monthly Financial Statement

C. Schiffler confirmed a new fiscal year has started and the Commission has a budget of \$10k with no expenditures to date; in addition, all funds were spent last year.

P. Jagosh made motion to approve the monthly financial statements, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

REPORTS [ACTION ITEM]

7. Report on TAG North Main Street Survey Project ~ *Barbara Bauer, TAG Research and Consulting, 20 minutes*

Presentation given by B. Bauer (attached).

C. Schiffler stated the Phase II statement of work for this survey is attached to the meeting packet so Commissioners can review and take action at a later date.

B. Nary stated that Phase II of the survey covers most of FY 2023 with field work proposed to take place in November and December but the next Commission meeting is not scheduled until December 22 and so to keep this project on task, the Commission may want to consider having a special meeting early in December.

B. Johnston stated in the past the Commission has combined the November and December Commission meetings on a special date and this will likely happen again so the Commission can take action on Phase II during this combined meeting.

B. Bauer also stated the Meridian Speedway nomination is still pending at the National Park Service office and has been for about five weeks. B. Bauer stated her contact at the State Historic Preservation Office has no further information or updates on the nomination at this time.

Commission Feedback:

B. Johnston asked B. Bauer if she was surprised at the number of contributing versus non-contributing homes in terms of a historic district. B. Johnston inquired if in-fill projects around historic buildings would deter any attempt at a historic district. *Pleasantly surprised at pockets of well-maintained, historic homes and business buildings. People are excited to hear about the survey and were willing to share stories about their houses. Determining whether or not a historic district is possible will depend on the number of contributing versus non-contributing properties. More than 50% of the properties must be contributing to constitute a historic district. While the entire survey area as proposed may not be a historic district, the boundaries can be tighter to create a historic district as seen in Nampa and Caldwell.*

6. Report on HullFilm 360 Project

B. Hull reported he completed the expansion of the virtual tour project to include East Idaho Street and Highway 16 and has been made aware of one more potential project at the farm on Black Cat. B. Hull stated during the project he realized how much the intersection of Broadway and 2nd could use a 360 tour. B. Hull showed

the Commission various parts of the virtual tour and stated, as budgets allow, he would love to keep expanding the tour for the City.

B. Johnston stated that based on what B. Bauer finds in the North Main Street Survey there may be some buildings to add to the virtual tour.

NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

3. Discuss: Egger's Farm / Black Cat Farm

B. Johnston stated he learned in July or August that the Egger's farmstead was being sold to a developer and on the farmstead there is an old silo, an old barn, and a double-silo granary that to his and others' knowledge, is the only one left in existence in Ada County. B. Johnston requested discussion on what the Commission can and/or should do in terms of preserving these buildings which could range from doing nothing, to having B. Hull document the farmstead buildings, or working with an interested party on moving a structure to another property. B. Johnston stated the Commission has no budget so any desired action would require community involvement and funding. B. Johnston confirmed he has reached out to the developer who gave him permission to go out and photograph the buildings. B. Johnston confirmed he has emailed Ada County Development Services to see if there is anyone in their Parks Department he can talk to see about relocating structures to one of the County parks. B. Johnston stated during the site visit a citizen survey was discussed which would gauge citizens' interest in preserving this site. B. Johnston stated there is a little bit of time as Planning doesn't expect any applications until the first of the year. B. Johnston stated he would contact J. Evarts.

B. Nary confirmed that City of Meridian Code does not contemplate the restrictive nature of development in regards to historical structures and once annexation of a property is requested, it is hard for the City to condition the request to prohibit the developer from tearing a structure down. B. Nary suggested seeing if any other local developers, such as J. Evarts, would be interested in preserving these buildings as part of their own developments.

C. Schiffler confirmed the property has not yet been annexed with the Black Cat industrial project.

C. Schiffler stated the following people attended the site visit in addition to herself and B. Johnston:

- K. Warren, Pathways Project Manager for the City of Meridian, attended the site visit to see about potential signage about the farmstead and buildings that could be incorporated on future pathways slated near the site
- an architectural historian who has some experience moving buildings

C. Schiffler estimated the cost of moving the double-silo granary would be around \$200k and require a lot of citizen support.

4. Consider Proposal: 360 Virtual Sites Photography Project at Egger Farm / Black Cat Farm

C. Schiffler stated there is an \$1800 proposal for the Commission to consider from HullFilm to virtually document the Egger Farm.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discuss: 2022 PastForward Online Conference November 1 - 4, 2022

B. Johnston stated he is not available to participate in any of the online portions of the conference as he had originally thought.

C. Schiffler stated if anyone does attend, fees can be covered under the Professional Development line item of the Commission's budget.

NEXT MEETING: December 22, 2022

Please note that the regularly scheduled meeting on November 24 will be canceled for Thanksgiving.

B. Johnston suggested a special meeting in early December to ensure the Commission meets one more time this year rather than meet on December 22. B. Johnston stated his schedule is fairly open in December.

B. Nary reviewed the schedule of currently booked December meetings to assist the Commission in determining a date and time for a special meeting.

J. Keller, J. Ault, and P. Jagosh confirmed availability during the week after 3pm.

C. Schiffler confirmed she will send out an email poll to the Commissioners with various dates and times to host a special meeting for early to mid-December after 3pm.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Ault made motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Jagosh

All ayes

MERIDIAN UPDATE

Phase 1 Reconnaissance Level Survey

October 27, 2022

Barbara Perry Bauer TAG

Phase 1 Reconnaissance-level survey

Survey area: In its entirety includes approximately 37 city blocks located south of Cherry Lane/Fairview, west of E. 4th Street Avenue, north of Broadway Avenue, and east of NW 1st Street.

Phase 1 boundaries extend north to south from Carlton Avenue to Broadway Avenue and east to west from E. 2nd Street to NW 1st Street.



WHY SURVEY

Surveys provide information to assist in determining the historic significance of buildings and structures.

- ▶ Sometimes called windshield surveys
- ▶ Visual survey, little research
- ▶ Purpose is to identify the general distribution, location and nature of cultural resources within a given area.

RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY

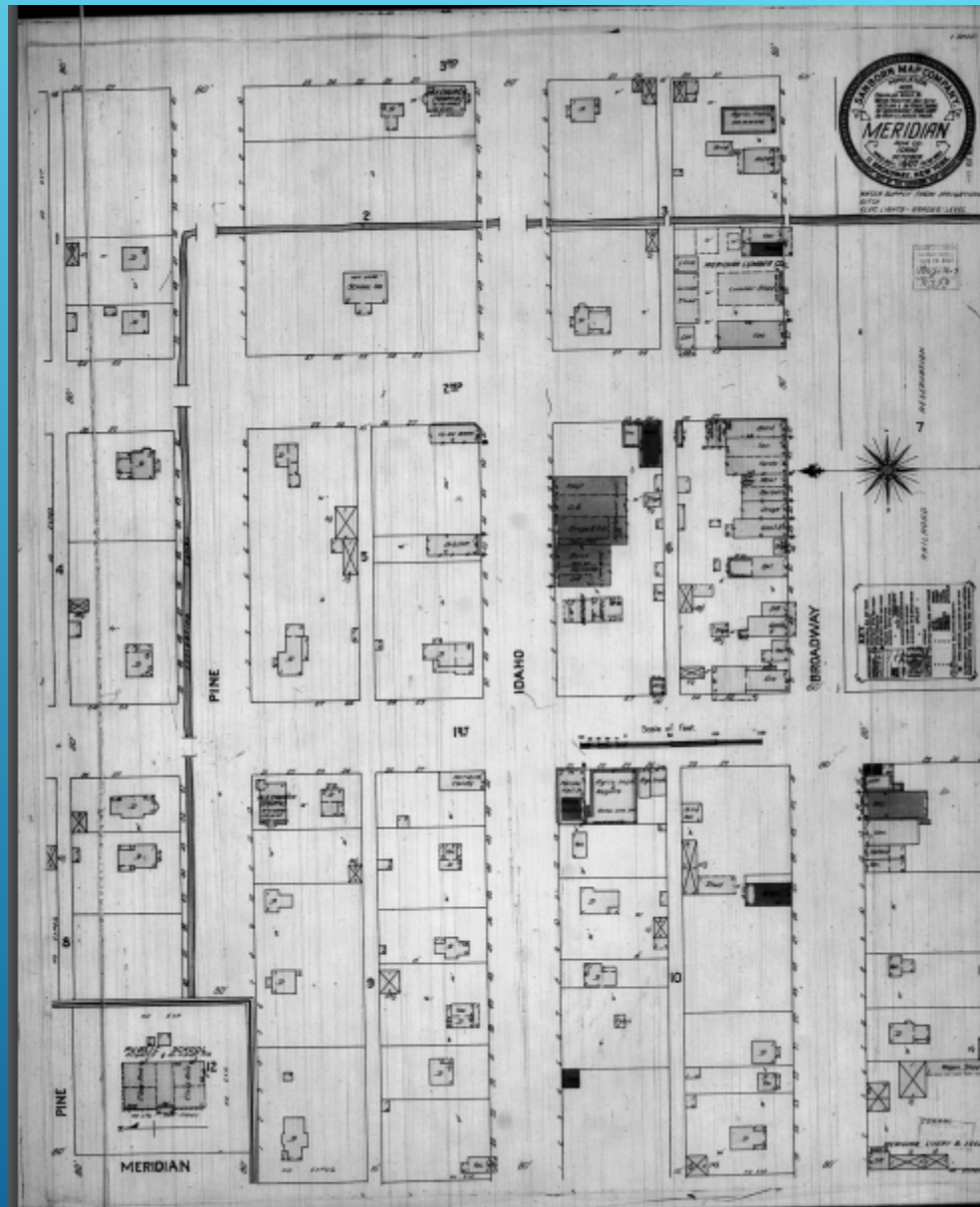
- ▶ Reconnaissance-level survey helps determine if there is enough historic integrity for a historic district.
- ▶ Identifies those sites that could be eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.
- ▶ Is a preliminary step and leads to more in-depth projects.

PRE-FIELD WORK

Item 1.

BACKGROUND RESEARCH

- ▶ Known Written Sources
- ▶ Sanborn Maps
- ▶ Ada County Assessor Records
- ▶ SHPO Literature Review for Previously Surveyed Sites



Meridian Sanborn Fire Insurance map 1907



CONDUCTING THE SURVEY

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Surveys are conducted from a public-right-of-way; street or alley; access to private property is not required for most surveys.
- ▶ If access to private property becomes necessary, permission must be obtained from the property owner.

WHAT TO DOCUMENT?

- ▶ Property address
- ▶ Brief description of architectural style and features
- ▶ A minimum of two photographs

- ▶ Onsite survey
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Mapping
- ▶ Database entry

SURVEY STEPS

- ▶ Surveys conducted in cities, towns and other populated areas should be recorded on maps obtained from the city or the county.
- ▶ Surveys in rural areas must be recorded on a 7.5' USGS map

MAPPING

- ▶ Digital images are required for every principal building, auxiliary buildings and structures.
- ▶ Photos should include an overview photo
- ▶ One oblique photo for every building, auxiliary building and structure

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

- ▶ Excellent – The roof covering appears to be in weather tight condition and the structure has no apparent broken or missing elements. The siding shows no sign of wear. Vegetation is under control.
- ▶ Good – The roof covering appears to be in weather-tight condition and the structure has no apparent broken or missing elements. No visible structural problems. Vegetation is under control.
- ▶ Fair – Shows some signs of deterioration, evidence of minor roof leaks, some missing or broken parts.
- ▶ Poor – Obvious major roof leaks, evidence of major structural problems, extensive broken or missing parts. Extensive, unwanted vegetation

CONDITION GUIDE

- ▶ A contributing building is one whose construction date falls within the proposed historic district's period of significance.
- ▶ In addition the building must “contribute” to the overall feeling and quality of the historic district and retain a high integrity of materials and design.

CONTRIBUTING

- ▶ Construction date is outside of the period of significance
- ▶ Historic structure altered through the application of replacement materials, addition of inappropriate detailing, exterior form changes, or significant additions which impact or diminish the historic integrity of the building.

NONCONTRIBUTING

POST FIELD WORK

- ▶ Data Entry
- ▶ Photo Identification
- ▶ Collate Information

HOW TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

National Register Bulletin 15 provides guidance on how to apply the Criteria for Evaluation to determine the significance of a historic property and its eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.

1. 50 years old or older;
2. Retain their historic appearance (called “integrity”); and
3. Are historically important (referred to as “significant”) at the local, state, or national level under one of four Criteria identified by the National Park Service.

The Criteria are:

Criterion A: Association with events that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of history (agriculture, mining, community planning, homesteading)

Criterion B: Association with the productive lives of persons significant to our past (not many properties qualify for this criterion)

Criterion C: Embodiment of distinctive characteristic of a type, period, or method of construction; represent the work of a master; possess high artistic values; or represent a significant vernacular structure (bridges, railroad trestles, courthouses, residences, etc.) □

Criterion D: Properties that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in precontact or post-contact—archaeological sites



ARCHITECTURAL STYLE SAMPLER

- ▶ **Queen Anne Style** houses feature a front-facing gable with a side gable attached at an L-angle or at the rear. These houses may be one or two stories, and usually feature a shed-roofed porch within the L.
- ▶ Circa 1880 -1910

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES

MEMO TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Topic: Historic Preservation Commission Budget

Below is a report generated from OpenGov's Historic Preservation Commission's budget on 11/28/22:

Meridian City		
Budget to Actual - Yearly - Project		
Download generated on 11/28/2022		
	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Actual
(11159) Consulting/Photography - MHPC	5,230	0
(11157) Historic Walking Tour App Maintenance - MHPC	1,000	0
(11155) Printing & Promotional - MHPC	1,200	0
(11152) Training - MHPC	1,000	0
(11156) Continuing Education Program - MHPC	700	0
(11154) Memberships - MHPC	420	0
(11160) Historical Society Budget - MHPC	300	0
(11158) Student Initiative - MHPC	150	0
Total	10,000	0

The Historic Preservation Commission budget can be found at:

https://meridianid.opengov.com/transparency/#/12604/accountType=expenses&embed=n&breakdown=3a47e743-1b70-4bca-bb63-cd0945429d52¤tYearAmount=cumulative¤tYearPeriod=years&graph=bar&legendSort=desc&proration=true&saved_view=null&selection=A4EF3C81FB254158A5F7163C67FFCCCF&projections=null&projectionType=null&highlighting=null&highlightingVariance=null&year=2022&selectedDataSetIndex=null&fiscal_start=2022&fiscal_end=latest

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September 9, 2022

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RE: EGGERS FARMSTEAD

Dear Mr. Barton,

The Ada County Historic Preservation Council (ACHPC) was recently informed by Blaine Johnston of the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission that your company recently purchased the Eggers Farmstead at 820 S. Black Cat Road in Meridian.

The Eggers Farmstead is listed in the Ada County Historic Sites Inventory and is historically significant to Ada County and Meridian. The farmstead has the only remaining dual silo in Ada County. The ACHPC finds that it is important to protect buildings and sites which reflect the County's historic agricultural heritage. The structures on the property, in particular the silo represents the County's past agricultural heritage.

The ACHPC is aware that the acreage surrounding the farmstead will likely develop into a subdivision; however, they believe that the farmstead and the residential subdivision can coexist together. We ask for you to think about incorporating the farmstead into the design of the subdivision. Ada County has a couple of different developments that have incorporated historic structures into their community. The most successful of these is the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead in the Hidden Springs development. The farmstead serves as a focal point for the community and ties Hidden Springs to the history of the land and is a part of the community's identity. The silo could be a great focal point for your community and give it a unique identity to differentiate it from other subdivisions in the area.

If you are not able to save these structures, we ask that you allow for an architectural historian to document the site before the structures are torn down. As a reminder in Ada County before a structure is torn down you will need to obtain a demolition permit from the Ada County Building Department.

The ACHPC is available to meet and work with you to preserve and document the site. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting with the ACHPC. I can be reached at (208) 287-7913 or via e-mail at bdanielson@adacounty.id.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Danielson". The script is cursive and fluid.

Brent Danielson, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Ada County Historic Preservation Council
Senior Planner
Ada County Development Services

Cc: Board of Ada County Commissioners (via e-mail)
Blaine Johnston, Meridian Historic Preservation Commission (via e-mail)
Caleb Hood, Meridian Planning Department (via e-mail)



RE: Eggers Farmstead

October 26, 2022

Dear Mr. Barton,

Preservation Idaho was informed that your company recently purchased the Eggers Farmstead at 820 S. Black Cat Road in Meridian. We'd like to congratulate you on your acquisition of this property. For over 50 years, Preservation Idaho has worked to protect and preserve places that are significant to Idahoans and that make Idaho unique. We rely on collaboration with public and private property owners to ensure they understand and appreciate the architectural and historic value of their property.

The Eggers family farming legacy started with a move to Idaho in 1918 and the purchase of a dairy on Ten Mile and Overland roads. Chester Eggers Sr. and his uncle, opened a dairy farm and prune growing business in 1921 on Franklin Road in West Meridian called Black Cat Farm. Chester Eggers Sr. purchased a large sign detailing a black cat and placed it on the corner of Franklin and Black Cat roads – though at the time, Black Cat Road was known as Post Road. Years later, Ada County renamed the road in honor of the beloved black cat on the sign Eggers had placed there.

As you likely know, The Eggers Farmstead is listed in the Ada County Historic Sites Inventory and is historically significant to Ada County and Meridian. The farmstead has the only remaining dual silo in Ada County, thus increasing the significance of its own agricultural heritage, as well as the County's agricultural heritage. Preservation Idaho sees a very special and unique opportunity for your development of this property. We believe the farmstead and your development can and should coexist, creating a sense of harmony that will set your design apart from similar developments in the area.

We would love to see your development incorporate the farmstead into your design. Ada County has a couple of different developments that have incorporated historic structures into new developments – such as the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead within the Hidden Springs development. The Schick-Ostolasa farmstead serves as a Historic and visual landmark for the new development while serving as inspiration for the entire development. The designs of newer homes have been inspired by traditional houses within the farmstead's time period of significance and the entire community has adopted a very Americana-feel. The Hidden Springs development has been physically incorporated into the history of the land and together, the new

and historic structures have become embedded into the Hidden Springs' sense of community identity.

The dual silo located on your property could be a central, focal point while offering unique design inspiration and a sense of identity that differentiates it from other similar type developments in the surrounding area. It could become a commercial complex holding a neighborhood cafe or perhaps a clubhouse for community members to utilize. The Magnolia Market at the Silos in Waco, TX are a beautiful and iconic example of retail/commercial-reuse of the historic Brazos Valley Cotton Oil Mill by developers, Chip and Joanna Gaines. Before you start any work, we highly suggest that you allow for an architectural historian to document the site as it presently stands.

In the event you are not able to utilize these structures, we ask that you consider moving the remaining structures to another location in Ada County where they can be maintained and preserved. As aforementioned, this is the only remaining dual silo in Ada County. As present-day farmers move towards other storage methods, it's imperative that our only remaining piece of this type of agricultural history remain so present and future generations can learn, engage, and appreciate Ada County's agricultural growth over time.

This is a very exciting experience for CBH Homes. Preservation Idaho would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you on site to further discuss your plans and answer any questions you may have about the historic nature of this property. We will bring along an employee of the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to serve as a technical expert. They will provide you with additional preservation options and resources, as well as more information on the architectural features while taking a deeper dive into the period of significance of this property and its impact on Idaho's agricultural heritage.

Please let us know when is most convenient for you to host us on-site.

Sincerely,

Brittney Scigliano
Board President
Preservation Idaho



a/b/n of The Arrowrock Group, Inc.

Reconnaissance Survey Meridian North Main Street to Cherry /Fairview Avenue

In September 2022, TAG Historical Research and Consulting completed the first phase of a two-phase reconnaissance-level survey of selected streets in Meridian. The objective of the survey is to identify eligible or potentially eligible properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The following is a Scope of Work for Phase 2.

Proposed survey area

The survey in its entirety includes approximately 37 city blocks (with approximately 400 properties) located south of Cherry Lane/Fairview, west of E. 4th Street Avenue, north of Broadway Avenue, and east of NW 1st Street. The boundaries for Phase 1 included the area north to south from Carlton Avenue to Broadway Avenue and east to west from E. 2nd Street to NW1st Street. Phase 2 will include those blocks not surveyed in Phase 1.

Methodology

New properties surveyed will be consistent with Idaho State Historic Preservation Office *Idaho Historic Sites Inventory Requirements and Standards for Documentation* and database entry will be according to the *Idaho Historic Sites Inventory Automated Database Manual*.

Project Tasks

Fieldwork

- Conduct fieldwork, which includes photography of each recorded site as well as gathering information to complete the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI database)
- Minimal research for properties recommended eligible using but not limited to records of the Ada County Assessor and resources available at the Idaho State Archives, local history resources at the Meridian Public Library, and online resources providing access to newspapers and genealogical information and other resources as identified.

Report Production

- Preparation and/or supervising data entry by Clerical Support and preparation of photo logs, required maps, and other information.
- Draft survey report to include findings from Phase 1.
- Complete final edits of the report based on review and incorporation of any comments received from the client or SHPO.

Deliverables

Final products will include digital files of the survey report and all site forms, photographs, maps and attachments as well as the IHSI database for submission to SHPO according to current SHPO requirements. Digital files will be made available via a shared link or on a thumb drive, depending on the client's preference and SHPO requirements.

Assumptions

- HPC Preservation Council will mail notices to all residents of the survey area outlining the project and noting that architectural historians will be visiting the area taking photographs and making notes about historic integrity.
- Notify the Meridian Police Department of the project and provide them with a fieldwork schedule. If possible, we ask that police officers include the survey area in their daily patrol during scheduled fieldwork days.
- TAG will provide a monthly progress report to the Meridian HPC staff liaison.

Budget Estimate

The budget for this project is \$5,000.00 and includes fieldwork, research, data entry preparation of photo logs, maps, and survey reports.

Estimated Timetable

November 1 – December 30, 2022

Phase 2 pre-field research and data collection.

January – April 30

Conduct fieldwork, photography and survey.

May 1, 2023 – July 1, 2023

Phase 2 Inventory forms completed and submitted to HPC and SHPO for review. 30 days allowed for review and comment.

By October 1, 2023

Phase 1 survey report updated with additional information from Phase II.

Project Team Personnel and Qualifications

The project team includes Barbara Perry Bauer and Elizabeth Jacox. Clerical support and data entry will be provided by TAG's office assistant, Ellen Jacox.

Our team is equipped with the necessary equipment (digital cameras, computers, scanners, and printers) to successfully produce documents to the standards set by SHPO and the NPS. We are experienced at all levels of historic surveys.

We are familiar with the SHPO and NPS standards and since 1993 have provided documentation that meets or exceeds these standards.

This proposal and the attached budget estimate will remain valid for 45 days from the date of submission.

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Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement

TAG Historical Research & Consulting (a/b/n of The Arrowrock Group, Inc), is committed to equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability or any other protected status. We are committed to this policy by the laws of our country and by our own value system.

Our policy of Equal Employment Opportunity applies to all aspects of employment at *TAG Historical Research & Consulting*, including hiring, compensation, promotion, transfer, training and disciplinary action. It is also our policy to conduct all business without regard to age, race, color, religion, gender or national origin.

**HULLFILM****EAGLE, ID. 83616****HULLFILM.COM****208-866-7874****BRANDON@HULLFILM.COM****To: Cassandra Schiffler, Meridian HPC****From: Brandon L. Hull, HULLFILM****Date: 08/29/22****Re: Meridian Historical Virtual Tour**

OVERVIEW: To continue the interactive virtual tour consisting of Panoramic 360's and Large-Format Stills highlighting the history of the city of Meridian. The Virtual Tour features compatibility with computers, tablets, and mobile phones.

ABOUT THE TOUR: The next stage of the virtual tour will focus on one location:

1. Black Cat Farm

LOCATION 1: Black Cat Farm

2 x Panoramic 360's

+ up to 24 augmented POI's

4 x Large-Format Stills (To be selected by HPC)

COST AND TIMELINES: The suggested offering above featuring **2 Panoramic 360's** and **4 Large-Format Stills**, along with the full update and delivery of the virtual tour, would cost \$1,800. Once production has commenced, the project will take approximately 60 days to deliver the final working tour.

CONCLUSION: This continues to be a very exciting time in the history of the City of Meridian, with changes occurring in every direction. Having the foresight to capture and preserve the City as it is at this time using cutting-edge technology that can be accessed by the vast majority of citizens, will encourage preservation. The images produced for the tour are history as soon as the photo is taken, and with the assistance of the virtual tour tool, over time it will be possible to shoot the same locations again and see the changes at each. This is a long-term project, built in individual pieces over time.

Thank you for considering this,

Sincerely,

Brandon

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Meridian History Center Logistics

www.mld.org/history

Phone: 208-888-4451 ext. 1023

Email: history@mld.org

Open 10am-4pm Monday-Friday for self-guided visits.

- The History Center doors will automatically unlock at 10am and lock at 4pm Monday through Friday.
- Meridian Library Digitization Technicians may be working on projects in the office during some of those hours but the display space is unstaffed. Please refer to the FAQs for specific questions and provide contact information for anything further.
- Please help us out if you can, especially on Fridays!
 - The light switch is on the east wall, near the creamery display.
 - 10am M-F: the light should be ON in the display space
 - 4pm M-F: please turn the light OFF just before the door locks, and check that the doors are both closed completely at 4pm.
 - If you notice anything amiss any time of the day, please let us know! Call 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 to leave a voicemail or email history@mld.org.



Meridian History Center FAQs

www.mld.org/history

Phone: 208-888-4451 ext. 1023

Email: history@mld.org

What are the hours of the Meridian History Center?

The exhibit space is open from 10am-4pm Monday through Friday for self-guided visitation. We will soon have interpretive panels installed to provide more historical context for the objects you see on display.

Can I schedule a tour of the Meridian History Center?

We do not currently offer guided tours and invite you to visit the exhibits any time during our open hours.

Is this the Meridian Historical Society? Does Lila Hill still work here?

After decades of serving the community as the leader of the Meridian Historical Society, Lila has retired and the collection has been transferred to the Meridian Library District. Let us know how we can help you!

How do I donate historical items to the collection?

Meridian Library District is accepting donations of materials related specifically to the history of Meridian and its surrounding area. Please review our [History Materials Collection Development Policy](#) to find out if your items fall within the scope of our collection before contacting us. Call 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 or email history@mld.org to connect with our staff regarding your donation.

Do you offer help with genealogy research?

Meridian Library District staff can help you get started - please fill out the [Book a Librarian form](#) online or give us a call at 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 to set up an appointment.

Can I come in and do Meridian history research?

We do not have open office hours for individual research at the History Center. Please fill out the [Book a Librarian form](#) online, email history@mld.org, or call 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 and we can help you get started.

Can I volunteer at the History Center?

We are working on completing a grant project and we do not currently have open volunteer opportunities at the History Center. Please check back in the new year (2023) or check our website at mld.org/volunteer for posted openings.

Do you have a digital collection?

We are currently working on digitizing much of the collection, funded by a federal SHARP grant administered by the Idaho Humanities Council. Please check back for updates at the end of the year 2022.

I heard the City of Meridian is going to use the space for something else; what will happen then?

The City of Meridian has graciously provided this space until it is needed for City operations but there is no set date for that transition. In 2024 the Meridian Library District will remodel the Cherry Lane location, to include a Meridian History Room. Once complete, we plan to offer quiet research space and assistance, rotating exhibits, and public programming.