



After a long and distinguished record of service to our city, **Keith Bird has announced his intention to not seek re-election for his Meridian City Council seat.** In contemplating this open seat, one fact is sure:

Now isn't the time for on-the-job training for the person who should fill his seat. We need someone who's intimately familiar with Meridian and its vision and challenges. Meridian residents deserve nothing less.

I believe that person is Treg Bernt. As a former President of the City of Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission, former member of the Meridian Impact Fees Committee, and as a Meridian Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Treg has immersed himself and rolled up his sleeves to help guide the growth of Meridian. It's given him **the experience Meridian residents expect out of a prospective city councilman.**

Three issues which are important are:

- **Quality Development:** Treg knows what to look for and what to ask, so our growth is beneficial, not just growth for growth sake. As a city councilman, he'll proactively work with area residents to focus growth that is well-planned and well-executed, not rushed. Our neighborhoods and our city are stronger when we work together.
- **A Revitalized Downtown Meridian:** Treg believes, as I do, that we must pursue new, pragmatic, fun initiatives to revitalize and reinvigorate downtown Meridian.
- **Conservative, Collaborative Leadership:** We can all agree that Meridian can help ensure continued economic development by diligently minimizing regulations on business. That's been Treg's perspective as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner and as a small businessman, and will continue as a city councilman.

We've come a long way as a city. We can help keep it that way by ensuring the election of competent, dedicated and proven citizens who are ready to hit the ground running after they're elected. Treg's demonstrated all that, and more, which is why Councilman Bird is joining me in endorsing Treg Bernt for Meridian City Council.

By visiting TregBernt.com, clicking "Donate!" and contributing the maximum amount you feel comfortable with, you can help ensure the city's leaders continue to provide proactive, responsive leadership without skipping a beat.

Thanks so much for your prompt action, and for joining me in supporting Treg!

My best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy de Weerd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.

Tammy de Weerd