

Limestone benches.

When planning for the Walnut Street redesign, the City along with the newly formed Meridian District, brought to town the Design South Dakota group. As a part of the Design South Dakota meetings with community stakeholders, having more seating and areas where pedestrians could gather to be social and create community was a focal point. Limestone benches had been used in the Meridian Bridge Plaza so they were also used in the Walnut Street corridor plan to carry this design element into the downtown area and create continuity. The Walnut Street corridor leading into the Meridian Plaza is a great connection point to the river and the Meridian Bridge. Limestone benches are now found on 2nd Street also between Walnut and Capital as public parking lots are found in this corridor. The Welcome to Walnut celebration commemorates the important community investment in a public space aimed at making the downtown a really great experience for citizens and visitors.