

**Murray History Advisory Board**  
**Minutes for January 27, 2015**

Attendance: Wendy DeMann, Sara Roach, Will Perez, Brittany Bremer, Ian Wright, Peter Steele, Reed Wahlquist, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

1. Minutes for November 25, 2014 were approved as written. Mary Ann welcomed new board member, Will Perez. Mary Ann noted Peter is moving. She thanked him for his valuable service. He provided a recommendation for a replacement and she is going through the appointment process to fill that vacancy.
2. We had about 600 people attend the museum last year which is lower than in the past. Part of that was due to the fact that schools scheduled tours in the spring instead of the typical fall time. However fewer schools are participating in the tours. We are exploring more hands-on activities to address some of the feedback from school teachers. Part of it is due to teachers being overwhelmed with many other things to do in the classroom. Mary Ann is working on including the museum in the Unplugged program for this summer which provides free activities for children. A business sponsors the “tags” that children earn for completing a specific activity. It is designed to get children away from the TV and computers. Murray is creating its own Unplugged Program. The children matinee series went from 150 people attending to 300-400 people last summer. This could really boost attendance at the museum.
3. Board members may be contacted to participate in the city master plan.
4. The Amundsen home and Bennion Mill were approved by the state committee to forward to the National Registry review process. The Boyce-Newman home was rejected. Korral will contact the owners to see if they want to move it forward anyway with a negative recommendation. The Brad House and Diesel Plant was formally designed to the National Register. The Brown house has some integrity issues. The board suggested we follow what the state staff suggests. If it receives negative feedback from staff, then we shouldn't move a nomination forward. MaryAnn noted that a national nomination is partially designed to help provide tax credits and the Brown home has already been significantly updated. We need to be a careful moving forward with nominations since the new state board review committee is being pickier.
5. Museum Day is scheduled for March 3. Mary Ann will be out of town but she will talk to Bunny to see if she is available. Bunny could work with Sara to share a table with Wheeler Farm. Board members are welcome to attend. The day is designed to educate legislators on the financial needs of museums.
6. Mary Ann explained the DUP marker for the Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward is ready. She wasn't really impressed with the historical text they used which is focused on the history of Bergertown but it is already fabricated. She is ordering a national register plaque that will describe the architectural elements. They will have a formal meeting when these plaques are ready.
7. Mary Ann noted that a city CDA plan is being finalized for the area around the Ore Sampling Mill. She has encouraged them to include wording in the specific language that acknowledges the existence of a historic site and building with possible tax credits. Ian would like to have a tour of the building. Board members thought it would be a great rehab project. Ian wondered how expensive a rehab would be if there was environmental cleanup issues. Mary Ann thought that the environmental issues have largely been addressed. Mary Ann explained tax credits exist to help cover other rehab costs. Peter said that the demolition costs are expensive also.

8. The mobile app preparation is almost complete. A few suggestions were made for the final text. Ian and Reed thought it was very interesting. Mary Ann explained the grant allows us to list 20 stops. Currently we have 19 stops which include all 20 buildings on our protected list in the MCCD. We can add one more stop. She described 2 other buildings that are not on the protected list but might be interesting for the tour and mobile app including the old Safeway store on Poplar (now Ballet Centre) and the Sprouse Ritz building on State Street (old Elks Lodge). Sara wondered if we wanted to have city hall/museum as a stop. Mary Ann said the city hall will be gone soon. Ian asked if we could do the whole main street. Peter suggested a stop at the corner of with a photo of the whole street might work. Mary Ann said that we do have a historic photo of State Street at the beginning of the app. She said that the Spotter's Guide is designed to describe the street, past and present. Board members liked the idea of adding the old Safeway store. Reed said people could skip over it if they are not interested. Mary Ann said that the app could skip over any building to address interest or reduce the length of the tour. Brittany said that the Heritage Foundation sends out instagrams to encourage people to explore various locations. We will inform our residents once the apps are available.
9. Board members reviewed ideas for the next CLG grant. Everyone agreed it would be better to do ILS surveys first before moving forward with formal nominations so we get a better idea of what would qualify. It should make a formal nomination cheaper since we have much of the material gathered. We don't have to get permission but it might help us get a foot in the door for the nomination. We have a good pool of buildings from prior RLS surveys. We could also update the RLS survey for the area south of 4800 South to see if that area might qualify as a district or add it to the current downtown residential district. It has some good colonial type architecture. Peter thought it would be the next time period after the downtown residential district. He thought it probably should be separate but it depends on how many buildings and how cohesive the boundaries are.
10. Potential activities for the coming year were reviewed. Heritage Month in May could include awards, block parties, home tours and cemetery tours. The downtown neighborhood didn't seem to have interest in the block party. Brittany said a block party may not work for the Hillside District this year either. Mary Ann wanted to do a street tour for the Hillside District. Brittany will ask if there are a few homeowners that might allow an interior tour of their home. We will follow up on this next month.

We will also be celebrating museum day in September, a Halloween tour along the Jordan River Parkway in October, and a possible traditional crafts day. Mary Ann said the Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts might be brought in on occasion or we could use some of their crafts people. Ian asked if we could turn it into a crafts fair. Mary Ann said a festival can really get involved with permits and food. Sara said that Wheeler Farm does an activity in May that typically includes traditional crafts. We could work with them.

Ian wondered if we could go inside some of the buildings on the mobile app tour. Mary Ann said most of the buildings have changed the interior. Wendy wondered if we could tag along with Salt Lake City's July 24<sup>th</sup> tour. Ian suggested we could do our own pioneer home tour activity. It might include a bus tour of a few prominent pioneer homes such as the Miller home, Amundsen home, Wheeler Farm, and Wesley home along with the Relief Society Granary. The Labrum home would be cool but the owner hasn't been very cooperative. Sara said the interior has nothing left. Reed wondered if anything could be seen where the old LDS girl's camp was located. Mary Ann said nothing is left. Mary Ann didn't want to over schedule. We don't need to do everything at once.

11. Peter reminded the board of the Utah Heritage Foundation conference on March 13. We need to get our application in for the CLG scholarship.