

**Murray History Advisory Board**  
**Minutes for June 28, 2016**

Attendance: Sara Roach, Wendy DeMann, Syanna Madsen, Will Perez, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Ian Wright, Rebecca Santa Cruz

1. Minutes for May 24, 2016 were approved.
2. Upcoming calendar was reviewed. The pioneer home tour is set for July 23. Wendy will serve as the guide for the Miller home and Rebecca will guide the Hunsaker/Walton home.
3. Sara and Jennifer Broschinsky now have admin access for the facebook page and Jennifer will start to post things with some cross posting with the arts facebook page. Board members need to start sending items to Jennifer.
4. The two part-time museum staff that came in last fall will finish their jobs on June 30. Bunny will continue until December 2016 unless her health declines.
5. Korral will be finishing up the ILS and RLS projects in the area north of 4800 South over the next month. They are due August 1. We then need to decide if we want to create a national registry district or pull it into the current downtown residential district. We will have to list the homes individually to our local register.
6. Mary Ann is looking for new board members. Mary Ann will ask Debbie Hansen. Other suggestions included Karen Kezerian, Linda Low, and Angie Abrams. Angie would be good because we need another professional on the board. Sara has one other idea she will check on. Will can reach out to a few people in the downtown area.
7. Fall projects were reviewed. Board members wanted to combine several activities so we have good attendance to a museum day. Mary Ann wanted to create new city hall exhibits as part of that. We could feature families and a Murray High centennial exhibit. There is a plein air activity at the end of September that could feature an art show at city hall. Will wondered if we could have a high school art exhibit, possibly related to Murray history. Mary Ann could talk to the high school art teacher to see if they could participate in the plein air activity. Maybe we could feature some historic art work. Sara suggested we invite families to provide an artifact with a suggested label. We could ask the oldest alumni from Murray High to provide an artifact. We could combine several of these ideas.

The Halloween activity should be scheduled on a weekend that doesn't have a lot of community conflicts. October 15 and 22 are possibilities. Mary Ann needs to confirm when the Haunted Woods program is scheduled in Murray Park. Mary Ann wondered if we could incorporate the schools Haunted Tales storytelling night into this event somehow. Sara said the Pumpkin festival runs through October. Wendy and Sara couldn't find scary stories related to Wheeler Farm. Korral found an unrelated murder story that is pretty gruesome where a mother tried to poison her whole family - two children died. It was a big scandal. She was sent to the Utah Mental hospital at first and then was sent to prison. Jenkins Soffe Mortuary organized the funeral for the children at the Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward building which was packed and they were buried in the

Murray Cemetery. Wendy thought she could create a script to feature a courtroom setup and present the whole story as a theater piece. It would take more formal rehearsals. We could do it like a melodrama with signs to get the audience involved. We would do it 2-3 times if we could keep it to 30-45 minutes. Board members liked the idea of having the event at the Alano Club which was formerly the Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. This would take care of weather related issues. We could have photos of the people and their headstones and exhibits about the funeral and Jenkins Soffe in the hallway while the patrons are waiting to go in.

8. The revised vision statement was reviewed. Mary Ann reorganized the sequence and put it in a bullet format. She moved the space and staffing to the beginning to emphasize the need for best practices in museum administration which requires professional staffing. Board members thought it looked good. Mary Ann will put it on the agenda for next month for final approval. Wendy wondered if we should change the word in front of steward to “a” steward instead of “the” steward. Syanna agreed and wanted to encourage other people to get involved. Mary Ann explained that we had that conversation last month and changed it to “the” steward because it needs to identify who is responsible for the history of the city. We want to encourage other people to preserve Murray history, but the city entity should be the administrative steward.
9. Mary Ann noted that the historic street signage will be pushed forward. The first district will be installed later this summer and the last district will be in 2017.
10. Some headstones were found in an excavation project. The state was called in to determine if this was an unknown burial site. It turned out it was a dump site where some random headstones had been dumped as infill.