

MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. at the Murray City Center, 5025 South State Street in the Council Chambers.

Board Members Present:

Murray City Council

Pam Cotter – President - Conducting
Diane Turner
Garry Hrechkosy
Phil Markham
Rosalba Dominguez - Excused

School Board

Elizabeth Payne – Vice President
Jill Weight
Jaren Cooper
Kelly Taeoalii
Kami Anderson

Others Present:

Mayor Brett Hales
School Superintendent Jennifer Covington
Jennifer Kennedy
Doug Hill
Tammy Kikuchi
Chief Burnett
Richard Reese
Kim Sorensen
Bruce Holyoak
Lori Edmunds

Soni Hirasuna
Loran Pasalich
Crystal Brown
Pattie Johnson
Adam Hock
Sheri VanBibber
Bob VanBibber

Welcome – Approval of Minutes

Ms. Cotter began the meeting at 4:45 p.m. by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Ms. Cotter asked for approval of the minutes from January 11, 2023. Mr. Hrechkosy moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

Murray City Parks and Recreation Report – Kim Sorensen

Mr. Sorensen began his report by presenting four handouts to the room which included a list of youth and adult programs, cultural events, and activities provided by Murray Parks and Recreation and an overview of the areas in which Murray Parks and Recreation work in conjunction with Murray School Districts sport, recreation and cultural arts needs. Mr. Sorensen then summarized the areas of focus for Murray Parks and Recreation which are community sports, recreation, leisure, and activities that serve the citizens of Murray City. (See Attachment #1)

Mr. Sorensen reported on the City Parks that the School District uses for a variety of activities throughout the school year which are maintained by the Parks and Recreation. Department (See Attachment #1). He reviewed the Youth Recreation Programs supporting Murray High School sports.

Mr. Sorensen spoke of the current and future status of The Ken Price Ball Field and the overall feasibility of this venue. He stated the Ball Park is 50 years old and according to the architectural survey which was conducted two years ago to complete renovations to maintain the current field could cost as much as 6

million dollars. Mr. Sorensen stated there are primarily three groups that use this facility. The first group is the Murray Schools Baseball Programs which used the field 59% - 70% of the time between 2021-2023. Second, The Babe Ruth Youth Baseball Program used the field 24% of the time in 2021, 3% of the time in 2022 (a total of 6 times) and will use the field 15% of the time in 2023. The third group is an Adult Baseball League which rents the facility around 20% of the time when it would otherwise go unused.

Mr. Sorensen asked if anyone had any comments or questions for him. Council Member Garry Hrechkosy asked about the Youth Football League. Mr. Sorensen stated that youth football, Murray Soccer Club, as well as Little League Baseball, are competitive leagues that are run by volunteer organizations and the Parks and Recreation Department collaborates with these leagues to provide needed services such as lining and maintaining the fields.

Council Member Phil Markham asked if there would be value in coordinating with Salt Lake County Recreation. Mr. Sorensen stated there would be value in this collaboration.

A School Board Member then asked whether there would be value in creating a committee to coordinate with the School District, Parks and Recreation, and the Competitive leagues in Murray. Mr. Sorensen agreed this would be helpful.

Business Items:

- Community and Economic Development Report – Jared Hall (See Attachment #2)
 - Mr. Hall presented handouts to the group and began by discussing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). He explained the Planning Commission and the City Council had recently approved a change to ADU requirements by decreasing the required lot size for Detached ADUs to increase these types of residences within the city. Currently, the city has 88 approved Detached ADUs and 4 new approved units for the year 2023.

Mr. Hall presented the newly approved residential developments for 2023. These projects include Ridges at Murray which will have 66 townhomes, Murray Station with 6 townhomes, and Tripp Lane Subdivision with 12 lots. He went on to present the developments currently under construction. These include Murray Heights with 31 townhomes, 4800 Lofts with 365 apartment units plus commercial, The Vine with 96 units plus commercial, Bullion Place with 60 townhomes, and The Current with 305 apartment units plus commercial. Mr. Hall then presented various developments that are under review or in different stages of approval within the city. Mr. Hall stated two major projects are coming up for consideration in the next year, the AISU School/ Fun Dome/ Galleria site and the old city hall building at 5025 S. State St.

Council Member Markham asked the School Board Members for their overall thoughts regarding the additional housing coming into the district and whether these plans impact their schools. Superintendent Covington stated, as of now the new housing developments that have been completed in the School District have had no impact on the declining student enrollment within the district and is concerned that Murray City is not attracting families with school-age children at this time. Council Member Cotter asked if the declining enrollment has led to empty classrooms in the schools. Ms. Covington replied that some empty classrooms are now being used for Itinerant Services but the increased space has enabled the district to implement all-day kindergarten.

- Police Report – Chief Craig Burnett

- Chief Burnett reported most of the schools are not having issues. However, a few of the concerning trends they have seen over the winter were at Hillcrest Jr. High with former students returning to the campus after school and causing problems. He stated at Murray High School the Police Department has tried to minimize their involvement as much as possible because the Peer Court program they are currently using at the school has been very effective thus far and helps to keep kids out of the judicial system. Chief Burnett reported on an incident at the High School in February involving what turned out to be a fake firearm. He reported this incident was handled quickly and effectively. The School was put into lockdown, police were on site in minutes and the incident was resolved within an hour.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Brett Hales
 - Mayor Hales began his report with an update on the Old Murray Theater project. He stated it is a big project but is progressing well with an expected finish date sometime in the summer of 2024. He also stated the new City Hall building open house will be on June 29, 2023, and city employees will begin moving over to the new building beginning in the middle of May. Mayor Hales reported on the extensive flooding preparation that has been completed around the city as well as the free residential sandbagging sites throughout the city and many volunteer programs and procedures that are in place, if and when needed in the upcoming months. Superintendent Covington reported that the School District has also been working to shore up the schools and the Nature Center in case of flooding and 400 extra sandbags are ready to go. Ms. Covington stated the High School Football team wants to volunteer their help and will be on hand to assist in the case of emergency when, and if, needed.
- Superintendent's Report – Jennifer Covington (See Attachment #3)
 - Ms. Covington began her report by passing out handouts to the group. She wanted to begin by thanking the city for allowing the school district to install LTE Network equipment on the Murray City Tower. This helped to provide internet access to all students living within the city.

Ms. Covington reported on the new Standard Response Protocol. This protocol demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility with five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. Training on this protocol will occur on June 12, 2023, for all Murray City School District Administrators.

Ms. Covington reported on the new legislation regarding Teen Centers in schools. Teen Centers are located in the High Schools and offer assistance to all K- 12 Utah students who are struggling to have their needs met due to circumstances beyond their control. The Teen Centers have a food pantry, laundry facilities, shower and toiletry kits, Family Advocate workers, and space for mental regulation needs. Ms. Covington then asked the City Council if they would be interested in partnering with the School District to do a Teen Center that is not located on the campus of the High School that could reach more of the residents in the city. Council Member Cotter

commented that there is an organization she is aware of that wants to become more involved in this area of need and would be willing to collaborate with the schools.

Ms. Covington reported on the Murray City School District Facility Plan. She stated many options are being considered and they will be seeking public input and arranging a third-party survey regarding this plan. Council Member Hrechkosy asked what the timeline is for this plan. Ms. Covington stated this plan has many factors under review, including decisions regarding re-districting so it is difficult to estimate a timeframe.

Council Member Hrechkosy asked how Murray Schools rank with other schools in the state. Ms. Covington addressed this question by referring inquiries to www.datagateway.schools.utah.gov for Murray School District's standardized testing and state ranking because this website will give the most accurate information based on many factors.

Ms. Covington addressed the many aspects involved in school safety such as physical, mental, and emotional safety. She stated the schools are utilizing the \$1.1 million allocated to Murray City School District from the 2022 Legislative Session for enhanced security measures and plan to apply for grants to access the \$63 million available from the 2023 session.

Other Items from School Board or City Council Members:

Council Member Cotter commented on the positive experience she had at both Riverview Jr. High and Murray High School while attending their theater presentations.

Internal Business Items:

Ms. Cotter announced the next meeting would be held on October 11, 2023, in the new city hall building.

Adjournment: 6:26 pm

**Crystal Brown
Council Office Administrator I**

ATTATCHMENT #1

RECREATION	
YOUTH PROGRAMS	ACTIVITIES WITH MURRAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 V 3 Winter break Basketball Tournament Activities for Toddlers Class Art Class at The Park Center Basketball & Flag Football Camps (4 & 5 year olds) Boys Fall High School Basketball League Coach Pitch Baseball Leagues Spring & Fall Coed Volleyball (grades 4-6 & 7-9) Conditioning Cross Country Evil Scientist Class Fishing Club Flag Football League Girls Softball Clinic Girls Softball League Group Swim Lessons Indoor Soccer Saturdays (3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 year olds) Indoor Soccer Tuesdays (7 & 8 year olds) Jr Jazz Basketball (grades 1-6 and 7-12) Jr. Jazz Basketball 101 Jr. Team Tennis Karate Class Kickball Kids Fitness Murray Aquatic Club Swim Team Outdoor Swim Lessons Soccer Camp (3-5 year olds) Soccer Fall & Spring League(grades K-6, 7-9, 10-12) Spartan Sports Camp Boys Baseball Spartan Sports Camp Boys Basketball Spartan Sports Camp Girls Basketball Spartan Sports Camp Girls Volleyball Splashball Sports Fundamentals Summer Volleyball Camp T-ball Baseball Leagues Tennis Lessons Top Flite Basketball League Track and Field Volleyball Camp during winter break Water Polo Clinic Water Polo League	Grant Elementary 6th grade end of year party (Park Center) Grant Elementary Carnival (fishing pond) Hillcrest Jr. High after school program Hillcrest Jr. High end of year activity Horizon Elementary before school activity Job fair at Murray High and Cottonwood High School MHS Swim Team and Water Polo Club practices and meets Parkside Multiculture Day Physics boats at the Outdoor Pool Riverview Jr. High end of year Outdoor Pool party
	ADULT PROGRAMS
	Aqua Fit Classes Coed Volleyball Leagues Coed Kickball Leagues Coed Softball Leagues Fitness Classes Great Weigh-In Mens Adult Basketball Leagues Mens Softball Leagues Outdoor Coed 4's Volleyball League Pickleball Leagues Ultimate Frisbee Women's Volleyball Leagues Women's Golf League
	ADULT TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS
	Halloween Coed 6's Volleyball Tournament Spring Coed 4's Volleyball Tournament Winter Coed 6's Volleyball Tournament
	FAMILY & YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS
	Family Nerf Battle Family Volleyball Event Doggie Pool Pawty Egg Splashtacular Elf Workshop Family Soccer Golf Get to the River Jigsaw Puzzle Competition Murray Fun Days 5K & Kids Race Murray Fun Days Balance Bike Race Murray Fun Days Coed Doubles Outdoor Volleyball Tournament Murray Fun Days Games (fishing pond, balloon toss, fireman squirt) Pumpkin Plunge Thanksgiving Classic Swim Meet The Giving Tree Triathlon Clinic Triathlon on Labor Day Turkey Run (Murray Park)
FREE EVENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY	
Park Panda Pursuit Egg Hunt Local Fun Shot (Jr. Jazz Basketball Event) Movies in the Park Pumpkin Races and pumpkin plummet	

MURRAY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

CULTURAL ARTS	
ARTS EDUCATION	SUMMER SERIES
Arts Emphasis (Theater, Visual, Dance)	Amphitheater
Arts Power	• Musicals
Ballet Busing	• Concerts
Cemetery Tours	• Murray Concert Band
Cotton & Haunted Tales	• Murray Symphony
Missoula Children's Theatre	• Movie Sing-Along
Museum Tours	Lunch Concert Series
Paint with Taste	Children Matinee Series
Storytelling	Family Night Concerts
ART SHOWS	Drama Camp
Juried Art Show	History, Arts Advisory Board
Resident on Display	Demolitions
Secondary Art Show	National Historic Nominations
FUN DAYS	Monthly Meetings
Chalk Art	Museum
Daytime & Evening Entertainment	• Condition & Digitizing Reports
Parade & Float	• Display Cases
Sunrise Service	• Inventory
PROGRAMMING	• Tours
MUSEUM AND THEATER	
PARKS	
MURRAY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARK USE	
Arbor Day Celebration (4th grade elementary schools)	
Vehicle Day Murray School District reserves and uses amphitheater parking	
Garbage cans at Riverview Softball Fields	
Liberty League Baseball uses Grant Park for yearly activity	
Restrooms at Riverview Softball Field	
Murray High School yearbook staff reserves a pavilion for their yearly for party	
Murray High Cross Country uses Murray Park for two invitational meets per year	
Murray High Girls Soccer utilizes Murray Park Soccer Field	
Murray City pavilion use for elementary school activities	
Viewmont Elementary uses Hidden Village Park for yearly carnival	
Murray City owns and maintains the Nature Center area	
Murray Soccer Club uses Murray parks for practices and yearly tournament	
Ute Football uses facilities	
MURRAY SCHOOL SUPPORT	
Murray High Cross Country (Murray Park)	
Murray High Boys Golf (Murray Parkway Golf Course)	
Murray High Girls Golf (Murray Parkway Golf Course)	
Murray High School Baseball (Ken Price Field)	
Murray High School Club Water Polo (The Park Center)	
Murray High School Swimming (The Park Center)	

2022-2023 menu



AFTER SCHOOL MUSICALS

Murray City will provide a director (with a budget) for each school that wishes to host an After School Musical. The Principal/school will need to make available rehearsal space for 6-8 weeks and coordinate with director for dates and times for rehearsal and performance. Refer to Arts Education Reservation Form.

HAUNTED TALES

Fall writing competition for student grades 3-12. Categories include short & long stories, poetry and picture books. Entries due October 1, 2022. Participants are invited to the Showcase on October 17th at the Murray City Senior Recreation Center, 6:00 pm.



Missoula Children's Theatre

MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories. "Johnny Appleseed" will be performed January 14, 2023. Auditions for grades K-12 will take place January 9th, 4:00 pm at Hillcrest Junior High Little Theater. Auditions are limited to children attending public/charter schools within Murray City boundaries or Murray residents.

CEMETERY TOURS

Students learn Cemetery Etiquette, hear stories from storytellers and engage in a small cemetery activity. Tours are held in May. Murray City Cultural Arts pays for one bus grade level. Reserve buses now!



STORYTELLING

For grades 3-12, Murray City provides professional storytelling instruction for one grade level or after school residencies. Each school can participate through in-class workshop or by providing space for an after school residency. Storytelling Residencies must be completed by March 31, 2023. Finalists from each school will be selected to participate in a city showcase.

MUSEUM TOURS

Suggested grades 2-4. Learn about Murray City's past and local government structure. Murray City Cultural Arts will pay for one bus grade level. Tours can be scheduled Mon, Wed or Thurs, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Refer to Reservation form and reserve buses now! *Museum may be "under construction" May 2023, it is suggested to reserve a tour during the fall or winter months.



COTTON TALES

Spring writing competition for student grades 3-12. Categories include short & long stories, poetry and picture books. Entries due April 1, 2023. Participants are invited to the Showcase on April 17th at the Murray City Senior Recreation Center, 6:00 pm.

MURRAY CITY CULTURAL ARTS

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YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS SUPPORTING MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Youth Programs listed below directly support future Murray High School sport teams. Camps and team tennis are coached by Murray High Coaches.

Youth Individual Sign-ups	Total # of Participants	Residents	% Murray Residents
Coed Volleyball Fall	68	46	68%
Coed Volleyball Spring	96	67	70%
Cross Country	50	34	68%
Jr. Jazz 101	60	46	77%
Jr. Jazz Basketball	714	584	82%
Soccer Fall Season	619	504	81%
Soccer Spring Season	824	628	76%
Spartan Sports Camp Baseball	40	34	85%
Spartan Sports Camp Boys Basketball	174	132	76%
Spartan Sports Camp Girls Basketball	71	47	66%
Spartan Sports Camp Volleyball	41	30	73%
Team Tennis	43	35	81%
Tennis Lessons	388	300	77%
Track and Field	314	140	45%
Murray Aquatic Swim Club, seasonal	49	41	84%
Murray Aquatic Swim Club, monthly	12	10	83%
TOTAL	3563	2678	75%
Youth Team Sign-ups	Teams	Approx. # of players	
Fall Boys High School Basketball	14	140	
Top Flite Basketball	6	60	

RECREATION NOTES

Murray School District facilities availability have decreased over the years. Our start time has been moved from setting up at 5:30pm to setting up at 6pm.

Hillcrest Jr. High has mentioned that starting Fall 2023 they will be scheduling their gym for after school programs until 4pm. This will possibly move the Murray High School basketball practice back to 7pm, which will push back our start time from 6pm to 7pm.

We are excited to see Boys High School Volleyball as a sanctioned sport. However, we are concerned with this new program starting as they will do year-round training/open gyms that may displace our programs in the gyms even more.

We are only using Murray High School Main and Aux Gym on Saturdays during Jr. Jazz Basketball for 8 weeks. (No Monday - Friday availability). We use the outdoor track, May 30 - July 15 (T,W,TH).

Saturday usage of the main gym at Murray High School has been decreased by one hour. Aux Gym times have stayed the same.

ATTATCHMENT #2



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APRIL 12, 2023

Accessory Dwelling Units

88 approved overall

4 new in 2023

Detached ADUs now allowed on 10,000 sf lots



Approved, 2023

Ridges at Murray – 66 townhomes

5322 S. Allendale Drive

Murray Station – 6 townhomes

184 W. Berger Lane

Tripp Lane Subdivision – 12 lots

871 W. Tripp Lane



Under construction, 2023

Murray Heights – 31 townhomes

5322 S. Allendale Drive

4800 Lofts – 365 units, + commercial

184 W. Berger Lane

The Vine – 96 units, + commercial

110 East Vine Street



Under construction, 2023

Bullion Place – 31 townhomes, 20 lots

891 W. Bullion Street

The Current – 305 units, + commercial

4994 S. Commerce Drive



Coming, 2023

Mercantile Towns – 109 townhomes

Fuji Townhomes – 43 townhomes

The Noah – 39 Condos + commercial

The Wyatt – 26 condominiums



Coming

Property demolition of the former
AISU school / Fun Dome / Galleria.

Mixed use project, will include apartments,
townhomes, and commercial.



Coming

5025 S. State Street (City Hall)

- Mixed Use Zoning
- Can include office, retail, housing
- Property is currently offered



Other

Small Area Plan, Murray North TRAX station
Housing Survey / Housing Study
Downtown Small Area Plan
Economic Development Specialist
Environmental / Planning Grants



ATTATCHMENT #3



MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coordinating Council Meeting – April 12, 2023



The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on the response to any given situation, not on individual scenarios. SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility. The premise is simple - these five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants.



Hold is followed by the Directive: "In Your Room or Area" and is the protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants.



Secure is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard people within the building.



Lockdown is followed by "Looks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place.



Evacuate and may be followed by a location, and is used to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building.



Shelter State the Hazard and Safety Strategy for group and self protection.

Standard Response Protocol



Implementation for 2023-24

Standardize the vocabulary for all stakeholders so everyone can understand the current event.

- The SRP is action-based, flexible, and easy to learn. It rationally organizes tactics for response to weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to personal safety.
- For students, this provides continuity of expectations and actions throughout their educational career. For teachers, this becomes a simpler process to train and drill. For communities, it leverages the growing adoption of the protocols from residents of all ages. For first responders, the common vocabulary and protocols establish a greater predictability that persists through the duration of an incident.



Standard
Response
Protocol

- Training will be held on June 12, 2023, for all Murray City School District Administrators. We would like to have Student Resource Officers involved in the training as well as other city emergency responders.
- [Standard Response Protocol Operational Guidance and Resources](#)



Standard
Response
Protocol



An increasing number of Utah K-12 students are struggling to meet their basic needs due to circumstances beyond their control: a significant drop in affordable housing, rapid inflation, wage stagnation, as well as job insecurity, and mental health challenges experienced by the adults caring for them.

Teen Centers

01. Food Pantry
02. Laundry Facilities
03. Shower & Toiletry Kits
04. Family Advocate Worker
05. Connections to other community resources
06. Space for student regulation of mental health needs



Other

-  **MCSD Facility Plan**
Continuing to move forward. Many layers to decisions that must be made. Several options are being considered, but nothing has been finalized. The Board/District will be seeking public input.
-  **Standardized Testing/State Ranking**
All information is publicly available on the Utah Data Gateway at datagateway.schools.utah.gov
-  **School Safety**
The district continually assesses physical, mental, and emotional safety to protect our students and employees. We are utilizing the \$1.1M allocated to MCSD from the 2022 Legislative Session for enhanced security measures and plan to apply for grants to access the \$63M available from the 2023 session.