



MURRAY CITY HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2023

06:00 PM

296 E. Murray Park Ave

HISTORY, RESOURCE, EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. Approval of minutes for August 27, 2023

Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes for Wednesday, August 27, 2023. Dana seconded and the minutes passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

Those wishing to have their comments read into the record may send an email by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting date to ledmunds@murray.utah.gov. Comments are limited to three minutes or less (approximately 300 words for emails) and must include your name and address.

There were no citizen comments.

BOARD REPORT(S)

i. Committee updates, Laurie

Park Centennial Publication

Lori updated the board that we have changed the date of our Centennial Celebration from Saturday, July 6 to Wednesday, June 15.

STAFF REPORT(S)

i. Mansion and Theater updates, Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director

Kim presented that we met regarding the mansion to determine how we would use this for the museum as well as some office spaces. It was determined that we could use only the second level for public space if we put in more restrooms and an ADA access elevator. We could use the third floor for office space if it were used for employees only and we did not take the public to the third level. The addition we have added is okay but does not blend as well as we would like it to. The addition has 4 restrooms, two on the main level and two on the bottom floor as well as a "Lula" which stands for limited use/limited access elevator.

The ballroom flooring has been put in and the walls painted and is now ready as an exhibit space once we obtain our occupancy permit. Lori was successful in getting \$758,000 in TRCC funding last year along with the city funding us an additional \$200,000 from last year's budget. With the money we have left, we are roughly at 1.2 million. We have contracted with FFKR Architects to design and help us through the complex renovation along with hiring a general manager to work with the architect, Paulsen Construction. We still need new stairs, and railing on the outside of the building, grouting around bricks, and the foundation area. We currently have spent one million on the new addition, new roof, some of the woodworking, and the

windows were all refurbished. We are thankful that the city has given funding and support to this historic jewel in our city, allowing us to do this right. The parks department should have the landscaping completed before winter.

The theater sign has come down, but it is not the original marquee. The one we will replace it with will be remarkably similar if not exactly to the original. We were lucky to have purchased the adjacent market to allow for the contractor to be used during construction. We knew there was water about 10 feet down but have found it at 4 feet in many areas. We now have a pumping system that pumps water out of the theater and into the gutter. This can only be temporary as we need a permanent watering system, and multiple change orders so far.

ii. Townsend Home and Margarets Home updates, Phil Markham, Community and Economics Development Director

Phil Markham, Director for Community and Economic Development updated on the city moving the 1905 Townsend house across the street north of the mansion. The city intended to move this house to the south about 300 yards and place it next to the chapel with the intent to have two historic buildings side by side with some parking in between with the intent to sell those as offices. After conducting structural estimates and engineering studies, the only company available in Utah declined to move this project but referred Phil to a company in Pennsylvania that has previously done work here in SLC. The minimum cost to move this house would be \$400,000 with the cost of an additional \$100,000 just to prepare the new site in addition to more funds just to bring it up to code after the move. One alternative expressed is to tear it down and to repurpose the home located where the Tea Rose diner is. We are discussing building a plaza between the two homes so that there is a public area and event space. An easy alternative is to tear one or both houses down, but we ultimately want to preserve these historic homes and tie them into the mansion.

BUSINESS ITEM(S)

i. Accessions, Rowan

Rowan received a Murray Recreation ice skating patch which all board members voted in favor of accession. She also received a painting of the Grant Ward Building by a Murray resident. The board decided that this did not fit with our scope at the museum because we do not have an art collection and it would not be put on display. There was a discussion about not accepting items unless we know that they fit with the interpretive understanding of the museum. The last accession was a collection of posters from the Murray High School class of 1963. It included elementary, Junior high, and high school photos and reunion photos. We have digital copies of a couple of the photos but not all. All voted in favor of accepting this into our collection.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. MST located at Murray City Parks Office, 296 E. Murray Park Avenue, Murray, Utah.**

The Parks and Recreation Office will use its best efforts to accommodate the disabled. Special accommodations for the hearing or visually impaired will be made upon request and directed to the Parks and Recreation office 264-2614 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

Committee members may participate in the meeting via telephonic communication. If a Committee member does participate via telephonic communication, the Committee member will be on speakerphone. The speakerphone will be amplified so that the other Committee members and all other persons present will be able to hear all discussions.

At least 24 hours prior to the meeting, a copy of the foregoing notice was sent to the City Recorder to post in conspicuous view in the front foyer of the Murray City Center, Murray, Utah. A copy of this notice was also posted on Murray City's internet website www.murray.utah.gov and the state noticing website at <http://pmn.utah.gov>.

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