

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for May 27, 2014

Attendance: Wendy DeMann, Brittany Bremer, Sara Roach, Peter Steele

Excused: Ian Wright

1. Minutes for April 22, 2014 were approved as written.

2. Staff Report

- . Korral is just starting individual national registry nominations. We have approval for 3 buildings but need to get permission for 4 more.
- . Listening stations are in progress. The first one is almost done and the others should be quicker now that we have the process figured out.
- . The StEP evaluation program is completed for level 1. Mary Ann will need to send in the request for the certificates related to that level.
- . Mary Ann and Wendy reported on their attendance to the historic preservation conference. Wendy attended a workshop on researching your historic home. She shared a handout with resources. She noted that the presenter suggested we don't always have to take a home back to its original look but rather show its evolution through the years. Mary Ann wondered if we could host a workshop on this topic, but she didn't know if we could get people to attend. She shared a new state website that shows where the historic buildings are located throughout the state.
- . Tours are in progress for this week. For the home tour, Korral will be describing the architecture. Susan will talk about the Cahoon and Carruth home. Neighborhood Works will be there to describe what they have done in the Townsend home.
- . Wendy and Brittany volunteered to help organize a committee for the cemetery mystery tour. Mary Ann said the Arts Board expressed concern to assure the tour was respectful. It should be well organized and share interesting stories – not people jumping out from headstones to scare people. Wendy said it typically has a story and mystery that people are trying to solve. They would be moving as a group. We could require registration so we know how many people plan to attend. This could also help us spread people out over the evening. Mary Ann was going to call the Howes and Gillens to see if there was a storyline we could base the mystery tour on. Wendy was going to talk to the police department.

3. The board formally approved moving the Hillside District Nomination forward to the state. There were some typos that are being corrected. Brittany was going to email a part that seemed confusing. Peter felt that the owners concerns had been addressed at the meeting. Korral will come next month to explain exactly where she is on the process.

4. The Heritage Foundation is offering to host a mobile app tour. Communities who are interested would pay \$2500 for the service and supply photos and text. Board members liked the idea. Mary Ann suggested the historic downtown residential district would be a good tour for this project. Brittany suggested we focus on the historic downtown commercial district since we have the history Spotter's Guide that could go with.

We might have some audio clips from our oral histories. Mary Ann may pay a consultant to pull it all together.

5. Mary Ann included a request for artifacts for “Lost and Found” displays in City Hall in the Murray Journal. She only had one call from a man who had a photo of the fire department with names of the firemen. The man said he had tried to donate photos before but he said the museum didn’t want them. Mary Ann told him we might not have wanted them because we already had copies but she wasn’t sure. He decided to give them to the Midvale Museum. She encouraged him to take the photo he had to the museum so we could verify if we had it and copy the names on the photo. Wendy has several artifacts from her home remodeling project and we may try to create an example so people can see what we are looking for. It could include a picture of the family, home, and artifacts. We could put a poster that says something like “What is your story?”
6. The board looked at the exterior of the Murray Armory building next to the Murray Boys and Girls Club as a potential site for the museum if a new city hall was built. The Mayor asked Mary Ann if this might be a potential location. The city owns it. Peter wondered what the square footage was. There was some concern about flooding if we had a high water year. This would need to be addressed. A cement pad was noticed by one board member that might be used for a base if we moved the Freeze barn over to this location. The barn is the last remaining building that can tell the history of the park area. The barn could be used for an activity center for school tours. There might be enough space in the armory building to have a large multipurpose room that could be used for play rehearsals at night. It does have big doors similar to the power building where a new exhibit could be unloaded. Wendy was very pleased the mayor was thinking about the museum needs. Board members would like to get inside. Mary Ann will schedule this for next month. Board members liked the park location because you would get walk-in traffic during the year except maybe during the winter time. Board members expressed concern of what would happen to the power building. Peter said we could encourage the city to consider adaptive use ideas to preserve it since it had significant architectural and historical elements.
7. Wendy noted that a car auction place by Utah Ore Sampling Mill was now for sale.