

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for August 26, 2014

Attendance: Peter Steele, Wendy DeMann, Susan Wright (by phone), Brittany Bremer (by phone),
Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Sara Roach

1. Minutes for July 22, 2014 were approved as written.
2. An intern has been posting photos of historic locations on facebook and Instagram every Thursday. She has called it Throw Back Thursday. If someone guesses the location correctly, they get a free history book. We have a very small following on Instagram but the man who won the first week has been sharing the post with others. We have had two winners over six weeks. They correctly identified the Power Building and Cahoon Mansion. No one identified the Miller home, the smelter plaza, artwork in city hall, and the library display case in the museum.
3. The people who are buying the Ore Sampling Mill are working on another project so Mary Ann has not met with them yet. They had indicated they were interested in creating some kind of museum.
4. The Mayor asked an architect to look at the Freeze Barn. It has been altered substantially and was built in several phases. There is no foundation that would allow it to be picked up and moved. It would have to be taken apart and rebuilt. They didn't feel it was worth it considering it didn't have a lot of historic integrity. There were some historic hinges on the door that could possibly be saved and used as part of a museum exhibit on the Freeze family. Mary Ann wanted to find an original picture of the barn.
5. We will be dismantling the current city hall display cases and doing condition reporting as we remove artifacts. Mary Ann needs volunteers on Friday, September 12. She wants to have 20 people. The Museum Day scheduled for September 27 will feature the new displays and the listening stations. It will also feature a video about the Erekson farm, located next to the Erekson sleigh, which is being created by the intern, Taryn Bryner. Mary Ann will try to send out invitations to those who participated in the oral history project since their stories were used for the listening stations.
6. Three board members were reappointed for a final term including Wendy, Reed, and Brittany. Susan Wright has completed her term so we need a new board member. Mary Ann asked if Eldene Petrovich might be interested. Wendy thought she was busy with other commitments. Peter suggested Sage Fitch from the historic downtown residential district. She could help plan the street party we were considering next spring. Mary Ann mentioned the sister of Alan Barnett, Kathleen Stanford. She is rehabbing the home of her mother, Merle Caspar, on Vine Street. She attended one of our board meetings and showed interest in historic preservation.
7. A demolition request for 65 E Wilson Street was reviewed. They provided photos of the exterior and interior. There did not appear to be historic material on the inside. Board members felt the photos were sufficient to meet the history documentation.
8. Seven national registry nominations will be completed by the end of the week. We had trouble getting formal permission from the owners so Mary Ann sent letters to the full list of homes and buildings we considered.

Korral is completing nominations for Bradford (570 E 4800 South), Amundsen (307 E Winchester), Miller (4929 S Lake Pines Drive), Boyce Newman (1235 E 6600 South), Brown (5786 S Erekson Lane), Bennion Flour and Feed Mill (118 W 4800 South), Murray City Diesel Power Plant (157 W 4800 South). This will complete our CLG grant. There are still a few others we will want to do in a future CLG grant.

We received another grant for a mobile app in our historic downtown commercial district. The grant provides us to spotlight 20 buildings and there are exactly 20 historic buildings in the MCCD zone. We will begin work on this in November and it should be ready by May for our history month.

9. The Cemetery Clues mystery tour is scheduled for October 25. We will do tours every 20 minutes starting from the cemetery office. If we have five stations of 5 minutes each with 3 minutes to move, this will space out the tours nicely. Patrons will be asked to pick up tickets for a specific time so we don't have everyone show up at the same time. It will also help us know if we need to add an additional time. But Wendy said three hours is long for the storytellers. Peter suggested we could double cast storytellers if needed. Tours will be limited to 40 per group. Mary Ann has arranged for parking across the street. The Cemetery staff wasn't sure about blocking off all entrances to the cemetery. Peter suggested we ask the police to help people cross Vine Street. This will also provide a police presence to keep things orderly. We may want to put tents up at each station if the weather is bad. A sound system may also be helpful.

Wendy said she is working on different people who may have related stories, but not be the reason for the deaths. She has been reading research material about the toxic effects of the smelters on agricultural which was completed in 1949. This research proved the toxic levels were high enough to affect humans. She thought this was a good time frame. She is considering stories by the sexton and the police chief. Mary Ann noted that Murray had a health department. Wendy clarified that the mystery will focus on smelter deaths but the stories will be generic so it could lead to several reasons for death. Peter suggested Wendy read the Godfrey court case. That would be a good story to include in the storyline. Mary Ann suggested we include a doctor. Dr. Sheranian and Dr. Jones could have treated people for smelter related diseases. There are several generations of doctors in the Sundwall family. Stories could also include family members of a person who died. Storytellers will include Wendy, Ian, and Susan. Peter was willing if needed. We could also ask Steve Cottam or Nolan Mitchell who helped last time. Wendy or Jenny from the art board are also good storytellers. We will need 3-4 guides. Peter suggested the guides could pose questions to help the tour participants analyze the clues as they move to each station. Mary Ann suggested we have all the scripts ready for our next board meeting on September 25.

Mary Ann will do similar PR as last year since it seemed to work well. We used flyers, facebook, emails, and the Murray Journal.

10. Wendy suggested we consider using three dimensional technology when we look at new construction or documenting buildings before demolition. This could allow us to project the building in a three dimensional form rather than a photograph.