

**Murray History Board Minutes**  
**September 23, 2014**

Attendance: Reed Wahlquist, Britany Bremer, Sara Roach, Wendy DeMann, Korral Broschinsky (consultant),  
Mary Ann Kirk (staff).

Excused: Peter Steele, Ian Wright

1. Minutes for August 26, 2014 were approved as written.
2. Six new display cases have been installed in the hallway display cases in city hall which took 2 full days. A total of 17 volunteers plus 3 staff and one paid contractor assisted with taking down the old exhibits and installing the new ones. This event featured the new listening stations in the museum and the intern created a slideshow to go with the Ereksen sleigh. We sent out invitations to all those who participated in the oral history project. A total of 37 people attended Museum Day with over half of the visitors coming from the Kezerian/Sheranian family.
3. The Mayor's office is looking for additional names in addition to two suggestions to fill a history board vacancy. Suggestions were made to explore DUP camps in Murray. Wendy also suggested Jennifer Broschinsky. There are two of them and both are interested in history. Reed will look for contacts of the DUP and SUP in Three Fountains.
4. Mary Ann reported that the Cahoon Mansion is for sale. The Wrights asked the City if they would like to buy it but the City is more focused on other priorities. We will have to watch this carefully because it one of the most important buildings in Murray.
5. A demolition request has been submitted for 5307 Avalon built in 1941. It is a contributing building in the National Register nomination for Hillside District. The District has not been officially designated yet but Mary Ann wanted to go through the board process anyway. They have provided photos. Board members did not feel any other documentation was needed. They can move forward.
6. Korral presented a quick power point review of the seven nominations for the National Register. Mary Ann sent three nominations to all board members so they could see the complete nomination with photos.

Bradford House

Miller House

Murray Power Building

Amundsen House

Bennion Flour Feed Mill

Boyce Newman House (this was moved in 1963 which is 50 years)

Brown House has major modifications which may not meet criteria. Korral also reviewed another Ereksen home in case the Brown house is rejected. She has just started the research.

Some of the nominations have some integrity issues but we will make a case. A motion was made to formally approve the first three nominations being considered by the state board in October. Korral will send us the other nominations for the ones as they are finished. Reed said it was very well done.

7. A DUP group has applied to place a plaque on the Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Building which is now the Alano Club. They would like assistance paying for a national register plaque to go with the DUP plaque. Mary Ann asked if this is something the board would like to do since it might set a precedence for other buildings on the National Register. Board members thought it was good to highlight the significance of these buildings. Board members thought we could set a price limit of \$200. If they want a bigger plaque that costs more, they can pay the remaining amount. Reed thought it adds more protection if everyone knows up front that this is on the national registry. We will coordinate the text with the DUP group to make sure it is accurate. Mary Ann had already found some historical mistakes in their wording. We will try to attend the DUP dedication. The national register materials had the wrong date on a photo. Mary Ann asked how we correct it. Korral said you can submit a revised nomination.
8. Utah Humanities Council is looking at two future Smithsonian exhibits and asked if local agencies are interested in hosting it. They are exploring two different exhibits – one on sports and one about work. Mary Ann’s boss is talking to the power department to see if they would be willing to host the “work” theme in the power building. The recreation office was interested in hosting the “sports” theme in the Park Center. Some wondered if we could use the Cahoon Mansion. The exhibit comes in boxes and a large group helps install it. The question is security.
9. Cemetery Clues stations and volunteer needs were reviewed. Wendy explained a story for five stations and is working on the script. The stations would include the Berger family, a group of immigrants and smelter workers, local doctors and undertaker, farmers, and a researcher, Theodore Collier, who discovered how to analyze arsenic content in the vegetative growth. His research presented in 1940 was what finally shut down all the smelters. Peter and Brittany were willing to help. Susan Wright was also willing to help. Ian was not present so we will check with him. These stories require many men. Mary Ann suggested adjusting the point of view to include a few women. Mary Ann asked if each tour group is suppose to come up with the conclusion. Wendy said Collier himself will reveal that. Each station will be about 5 minutes for a total of 25 minutes with another 3 minutes for moving from station to station for a total of 40 minutes. Mary Ann has 40 tickets printed for each tour which will begin at 7 pm and run every 20 minutes through 9:40. She will also need to recruit 3-4 guides who escorts each tour. They may need to help the participants identify various clues. We need to select locations that aren’t too far apart. Mary Ann and Wendy will meet at the cemetery to identify the tour route. Susan was willing to help with costuming where needed. We need to round up better lights for the guides. Wendy asked if we could have a real fire barrel. Mary Ann will need to ask the cemetery. It would need to be above ground so it doesn’t damage the grass.