



MURRAY CITY HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2025

03:30 PM

4872 S Poplar St., Murray, UT. 84107

HISTORY, RESOURCE, EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Arilyn made a motion to approve the minutes, Roxanne seconded. The September minutes passed

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 rcoates@murray.utah.gov. Comments are limited to three minutes or less (approximately 300 words for emails) and must include your name and address.

BOARD REPORT(S)

The board would like to thank the Theater and the Parks and Recreation staff for all the events in the last few weeks. They enjoyed visiting the Theater to see the WKLL performance. The chairs were comfortable, the environment was delightful. We'll be going back again. There were multiple special guests during the showing that the board enjoyed.

The Volunteer Dinner was very nice also, very appreciative. They had a lot of fun, the armory is a great gathering place.

The Board recommends keeping a log of the hauntings of the mansion to provide for patrons. Are docents allowed to mention ghosts or hauntings in the house? Yes they are. Tourists love to hear about fun stories like that. According to the board, Susan Wright might have written a book. They recommend getting excerpts or copies of the book.

STAFF REPORT(S)

i. Volunteer Opportunities

On November 29th, during the Christmas tree lighting the Museum will be open from 6-8pm. We're expecting a pretty decent sized crowd, it's going to be a pretty big event this year. We would like to have the history board come and volunteer at the museum while Rowan and Caitlin help with the event. It's the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The light parade is no longer happening, because of some logistics we wouldn't be able to get it together in time. We're still planning on doing the light parade next year just not this year. We're really focusing on the other new things we're implementing and making sure that those work seamlessly. The program starts at 6. This is technically a power department event, the Shade Tree Commission runs it. Rowan will send an email a little closer to remind everyone about the event and to ask for volunteers.

ii. 2026 Museum Event Ideas

Rowan is putting together a 2026 Cultural Arts Calendar and asked the history board to think of museum or history specific events that we can implement in 2026. This would hopefully tie into the America 250 program for next year. We will discuss some of the ideas in the November board meeting. These ideas could be workshops, speaker, tours etc. Maybe a museum birthday celebration in May.

iii. New Cultural Arts Staff

Our new museum assistant was introduced. Emily Johnson will be working part time at the front desk. She will be working during our open hours. We are very excited to have her with us.

BUSINESS ITEM(S)

i. 2026 Meeting Calendar

We meet on the fourth Wednesday at 3:30pm. November will be set for the third Wednesday to avoid Thanksgiving. No meeting in December. We won't have a meeting this December. Roxanne made a motion to accept, Margaret seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Accessions, Rowan Coates

Ruth Ann Gibbs approached us about donating her mothers Murray High Booster Sweater from 1955. Her mother was very involved during high school and with the larger community after high school. She passed in September. We have one booster sweater already in our collection but it is slightly different.

David made a motion to accept the accession, Roxanne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Is it possible to feature some artifacts at the Theater if it relates to the show being played? We would have to work with the theater on some feasibility items such as space and safety.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. MST located at the Murray Mansion, 4872 S. Poplar St., Murray, UT. 84107**

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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