

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for November 25, 2014

Attendance: Reed Wahlquist, Sara Roach, Ian Wright, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Wendy DeMann, Brittany Bremer, Peter Steele

1. Minutes for October 28, 2014 were approved as written. All three board members who were excused also approved the minutes and national register nomination via email. We will have a new board member next month.
2. Mobile App preparation is in process. We have gathered architectural and history information and Bunny is currently gathering oral history segments that sound interesting. Mary Ann asked Ian if he would look at the text and audio we are preparing and give us feedback if the things we are using are interesting.
3. Mary Ann met with Jim Godfrey about the Liberty Glen Girls Camp and he showed us where the old Godfrey home was located. There is still some confusion about the location and people pictured in two photos we have on our website. Mary Ann is meeting with the woman who donated one of the photos and will ask her to clarify the location of the Jones and Godfrey homes on an aerial map and talk about the people pictured. Reed asked what we are trying to do with this process. Mary Ann said we are trying to accurately document the photos. Reed suggested the church might be interested in putting up a marker to identify the location of its first girls camp. Mary Ann could talk to the LDS church about that.
4. We have completed and received certificates for the first level of the StEPs program. We will now move onto the second level of this museum self-evaluation program.
5. The City is still in the planning process for a new city hall. The most recent design does not include space for the museum but they are looking for another location. We have discussed the power building, the armory building, a historic building in downtown, and an extension of the rec center that includes both community rooms and a museum. Mary Ann expressed concern to the city hall planning committee that the museum location cannot be an afterthought. The committee indicated the museum will be taken care of before or at the same time as a new city hall. The committee indicated they have set aside some funding for the museum.
6. The board officially approved three new national register nominations to be forwarded for state review including Amundsen House, Boyce-Newman House, and Bennion Flour Mill. Mary Ann spoke with state history about the Miller home that received a negative recommendation. In the future, state history is going to review the buildings we are suggesting for nominations before we get too far so we don't waste grant money on a building that won't qualify.
7. Mary Ann said we won't have a meeting in December. Ian asked if the history board is involved in any activities during December. Mary Ann said we don't have anything planned. Future activities might include a history home tour, Halloween activity along the Jordan River Parkway focusing on wild Bill Hickman, block parties in the two historic residential districts, and some history related activities as part of Murray High's 100th birthday celebration. Ian suggested a traditional crafts day. Mary Ann said we have done that in the past as part of Murray Vintage Day in May. We used to host it at the Cahoon Mansion with booths, entertainment, and a short history trolley tour. We will explore these ideas at our next meeting in January.