

Murray History Advisory Board  
Minutes for February 24, 2015

Attendance: Wendy DeMann, Brittany Bremer, Sara Roach, Syanna Madsen, Ian Wright, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Will Perez, Reed Wahlquist

1. Minutes for January 27, 2015 were approved as written. Mary Ann welcomed new board member Syanna.
2. Mary Ann reviewed the demo request for the Freeze barn. We have photos and will save the doors and door hinges. We will also try to save the dormer but it was unsure if that was possible. We will store the wood in the armory building for potential use in a future museum exhibit. Board members agreed that no further documentation was needed. Brittany was going to talk to the demo company as they are demolishing it to see what they were doing with the wood and see if she could have some if they are just throwing it away.
3. Sara will work with Bunny on a table display at the State Museum Day at the Legislature on March 3.
4. All the information has been turned into the Utah Heritage Foundation for the mobile app. Mary Ann thanked Wendy for taking care of the oral recordings. She and her brother Mike were the narrators.
5. Mary Ann has scheduled an educational presentation for the City Council on April 7 at 5 pm to review the historic buildings in the MCCD zone and introduce the mobile app. We will review the architectural and historical significance of each building so council members understand the reasons why each building was included in the protected buildings. We will invite them to take a walking tour once the mobile app is complete sometime in May.
6. The city hired a consultant to create a new city master plan. Mary Ann attended a session for economic development. The process included a broader overview that included cultural and natural elements and other topics. Mary Ann and others mentioned some of the historic assets and how that tied in to economic development. On April 22, they will have a public meeting at the library from 6-8 pm. Board members are welcome to attend that meeting.
7. The smelter mural on 53<sup>rd</sup> is beginning to cloud again due to water penetrating through the cement. It has been there since 2002. We have applied a coating several times to preserve it. Board members preferred to reproduce the same or similar image with the smelter topic if it can't be fixed. Cyanna suggested we research how to prevent the same thing from occurring again since the current mitigation isn't working long term. She wondered if a pexiglass cover would work better. Wendy wondered if they could redirect the sprinklers from the back side. Ian wondered if we could get a lower bid for the artwork. Mary Ann said we go through a formal bidding process. She will explore better long term applications.
8. Mary Ann submitted a CLG grant for some ILS surveys and an RLS survey for an area north of our current residential downtown district.
9. The mayor would like to create a 15 page Murray history coloring book to use with a presentation for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Mary Ann said we have some activities already designed that go with our school curriculum workbook. The Mayor was looking at the workbook to see if he could highlight some of the material in the curriculum. As a former elementary teacher, Brittany thought it was a great idea.

She thought teachers would appreciate this type of activity. However, she suggested it be more of an activity booklet that includes more activities than coloring. Ian wondered if we could also work simple math, science, and technology concepts into the activity book. This might include maps, hidden pictures, or drawing lines to matching pictures and words such as where our water or power comes from. The design will cost some money. Ian asked if we have designers on staff that could do that. Mary Ann would have to explore that. It would cost money each year to print which the Mayor would have to come up within his budget. Ian said it would cost less if the booklet was in black and white. Brittany wondered if a company/sponsor could be found to print it. Ian wondered if there was a place to showcase this project in the state. He felt we should toot our own horn with all the unique things we are doing. Mary Ann said there are some conferences that allow you to share your projects. Mary Ann was more interested in the “sharing” aspect.

10. A history tour will be organized in the Hillside District on May 30. We will choose 5-7 homes but Brittany didn't find anyone interested in doing an interior tour. Ian wondered what a street tour would highlight. Mary Ann said it will be focused on the architectural styles of the 1950s and 60s and the history of some of the homes and the people involved. Ian suggested we find some historic photos. Mary Ann said we could even ask people to come out of their homes and tell their own stories. There was some concern if it would involve too much walking. Ian asked if a trolley was available or have people drive to a few locations. Mary Ann said we could select a cluster of homes that are not too far apart. She will talk to Korral about which homes would be best. Brittany will take some pictures to choose from. We will drop off flyers to the homes in the area. We want to formally inform the residents that the nomination was approved and remind them of the tax credits. Brittany will talk to neighbors to see if a morning or afternoon time works best. We will try to plan another home tour sometime later in the year, possibly with July 24<sup>th</sup> holiday, that will include interior homes.
11. Board members tried to think of projects worthy of a Heritage Award. Brittany wondered if a home at 5000 Glenn Street would qualify. They were doing some major restoration and beautification. Mary Ann will look to see if they have already received an award. We need to verify if it is an “A” on our register and is a good example. We will discuss this further next month.
12. Sara talked about a Wheeler Farm activity on May 16. It already includes some traditional crafts. She said we could help with a tour of the Wheeler Farmhouse and have information about some of our other events. Mary Ann said it could be too much going on if we do a neighborhood tour and a Wheeler Farm tour. Brittany thought it would be two different populations but it does require volunteers to pull off. Wendy felt we should support Sara's event. Mary Ann said the Wheeler farm could allow us to advertise about our walking tour.
13. Goals and 5 Year Plan will be discussed next month. We haven't updated this since 2013. Mary Ann will send out some of the things we have done and some potential projects in the future. We need to be careful we don't overload with activities.