

**Murray History Advisory Board**  
**Minutes for March 24, 2015**

Attendance: Sara Roach, Brittany Bremer, Syanna Madsen, Wendy DeMann, Will Perez, Elliot Setzer (visitor), Mary Ann Kirk (staff).

Excused: Reed Wahlquist, Ian Wright

1. Minutes for February 24, 2015 were approved as written.
2. Sara reported on Museum Day at the state capitol. Bunny and volunteer Eilene Hezeltine helped with the booth. Sara and Eilene talked with our legislator, Carol Spackman Moss. She had no idea that we had a museum. They weren't able to meet with Senator Shiozawa.
3. Mary Ann attended the State Preservation Conference. Janet Lopez, council administrator, attended with her. They attended workshops on masonry and highlights on Ogden preservation projects. Mary Ann didn't feel it was as useful as in the past but very interesting. The masonry info would be helpful for our homeowners and maybe she could include the info in a newsletter. The workshop about Ogden highlighted communication and how to establish preservation legitimacy which was a good topic for officials. Janet was taking notes so Mary Ann thought she would share it with the council. The Heritage Foundation announced that Murray was one of the first three cities who will have a mobile app coming out this year. They also explained their concern about a bill that came forward at the last minute to require 75% approval of homeowners before a National Register District nomination could be considered. It failed but it was obvious that legislators need to be educated about what a national register listing does and does not do. Mary Ann noted that we have already had one homeowner in the new Hillside District tap into tax credits for upgrades.
4. The mobile app should be ready in May. Mary Ann will be making a council presentation on April 7 at 5 pm. She wants to explain about the mobile app and educate them about the protected buildings in the M CCD zone. She has prepared a power point and asked for feedback. Wendy suggested we add a current photo along with the historic photo. She will email them the power point along with some additional information about each building if they want to read more. Wendy thought we could give them a very brief summary handout at the end.
5. Mary Ann shared a photo of the Desert Star building. They have removed the pilasters at the top which is a key architectural feature. We don't know when it was done and no one has noticed it until now. She has contacted Tim Tingey and he did not think they went through the required design review process. Tim will be talking to Mike Todd about it. It does illustrate how hard it is to monitor building changes.
6. Mary Ann announced that the executive director of the Utah Humanities Council gave a generous donation in Arlette Day's name at her passing. Arlette was a previous UHC award winner in 2003. Mary Ann didn't know if Cynthia Buckingham was a relative but thought that was very thoughtful.
7. Utah State History has awarded the city a grant of \$8585 for ILS surveys and an RLS updated survey for the area north of 4800 South.
8. Mary Ann explained a new program called WePlayUnplugged which encourages kids to be involved in healthy activities in the summer. She is sponsoring activities related to the museum, artwork in city hall,

history signage on trails, and the cemetery. They will have to pick up their badges at the museum which should increase attendance there significantly.

9. We will host the Hillside District tour on May 30 at 10:30. Mary Ann will meet with Brittany to decide on which homes. We will also support the Wheeler Farm Fest on May 16. Board members will help as tour guides in the Wheeler Farm house and pass out information about our Hillside District Tour in the dining room since that is the last room. Wendy and Will help from 10 am to noon and Brittany and Syanna will help from 12-2 pm. Mary Ann will ask Reed and Ian if they are interested. Sara could bring script information at our next meeting.
10. Brittany suggested 5000 Glenn Street might be a possibility for a Heritage Award. They have added to the side of the building. Mary Ann suggested we look at the building to make sure it is a good example of preservation. Wendy suggested the Miller Estates clubhouse would also be an excellent nomination. Board members liked this idea, especially since their national register nomination received a negative recommendation because the state board was being very strict about the surrounding condos that have altered the farm setting significantly.
11. The goals of the history board were reviewed and how we address each. The goals are based on the wording in our city ordinance. The last time this document was updated was in 2013. We have accomplished many things over the past two years. Several items will be moved to ongoing projects and new items will be added to potential projects. Mary Ann will revise the document with priority projects for the coming year and review them again next month.

Board members discussed current history products. The afghans are almost gone. We still have lots of books. Brittany wondered if people know about them. Mary Ann says she sells them at various events during the year. Sometimes we give them away for awards. Brittany suggested an annual Christmas ornament. Will thought a T-shirt would be popular. The words of "Will you Murray Me" would be fun for Valentines. It could feature pictures of Murray. Mary Ann felt the afghan should be redesigned to feature current historic buildings on our local register so that the new generation could relate to the buildings. She does not plan to reorder the high school afghan. Brittany and Sara suggested a postcard series. Wendy suggested a gift shop in the new museum. It could even include local Murray artisans. Sara said she has a lot of professional background in this area.

Wendy thought that we have more significant buildings in peril than we have had in a long time. Mary Ann asked if Wendy had any strategy to address that. Mary Ann said we are trying to educate the council. She noted that the city master plan process is a good place to talk about the city's historic assets. Mary Ann reminded board members that a public meeting for the city master plan is scheduled for April 22 at the library. They will need to pay attention to the things that relate to historic preservation and provide input where needed.

Wendy suggested we could create a mobile app that provides history as you move to different locations. Technology is now available that can identify your physical location and trigger a response from your smart phone.