

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for May 26, 2015

Attendance: Reed Wahlquist, Brittany Bremer, Sara Roach, Will Perez, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Ian Wright, Syanna Madsen, Wendy DeMann

1. Minutes for April 28, 2015 were approved as written. Reed is planning to leave the board in August.
2. Wheeler Farm Fest was well attended. Flyers for our historic district tour were passed out at the home. Approximately 100 people attended each hour.
3. National Register Nominations have been completed and formally listed for the Hillside District, Power Diesel Building, and Bradford and Amundsen houses. Bennion Flour Mill nomination was refused by the owners but it will remain in state files until it is sold and we can approach the new owners. The Boyce Newman and Miller Houses were given negative recommendations by State History however the Miller House is being reviewed again based on National Committee recommendations.
4. Erektion Farm and James and Nora Brown House need a formal recommendation from our board for state consideration. Board members approved the nomination with some reservation about the James and Nora Brown House which has had alterations but the owner wanted it to be considered.
5. Cemetery Tours and Hillside District Tour are scheduled in the next few weeks. Brittany will pass out a signup sheet to determine interest for a Pioneer Home Tour. Board members liked the idea of the Miller home if it was available or the Wesley home. The Amundsen home was also a good option. Mary Ann will check with the homeowners. July 18 was the preferred date. Mary Ann said she could do a weekday and invite the senior center.
6. Syanna and Mary Ann used the new mobile app and checked for accuracy. There was a mistake on the location of the firestation and that has been corrected. The app is available for download on the Apple Store under Utah Heritage Walk. Mary Ann wasn't sure if a group tour would work. Brittany wondered if we could host a waffle truck at the beginning/end of the app route to promote it. Mary Ann said the city is trying to host a group of food trucks on the weekends. Board members thought the vacant area where the performing arts center is proposed would make a great area for food trucks and it is right across the street from the start of the mobile app. The food trucks could also be located at city hall and open the museum. That might work with museum day. They could do part of the mobile app.
7. Two building owners in the MCCD zone have contacted Mary Ann about rehab projects for their buildings. One at 4777 S State is a contributing building within the historic district and could qualify for tax credits. The other is a small building south of the Elks Lodge. It has modifications which could possibly be reversed. Mary Ann gave them contact information for tax credits and county archival records.
8. Brittany will review our published Children's History Book to create a story line for a 20 page children's activity book. It will be geared to 2nd or 3rd graders. Brittany will review the current curriculum for each grade and see if she can come up with a simple storyline. We can then create activities that would relate to different subjects for reading, math, science, social studies, community history, health/environment, mapping, art, etc. Brittany suggested community related themes would be the best for 2nd and 3rd grade. Mary Ann said the teacher resource packet has some activities already developed. The Mayor's office will fund the project.