

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for September 27, 2016

Attendance: Syanna Madsen, Wendy DeMann, Sara Roach, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Will Perez

1. Minutes for August 30, 2016 were approved. A new board member is being interviewed and should join us next month. We are still looking for one more board member.
2. Wendy has completed the script for the Halloween activity on October 22. Syanna will help set up at 3 pm. Mary Ann will recruit others from her volunteer list.
3. Mary Ann reviewed potential historic research. Two homes at 4757 and 4755 Plum Street were possibilities for ILS surveys although they are very run down. Syanna said their maintenance is not the deciding factor. Mary Ann also wanted to do a home on Bullion Street that sits back in. Board members wanted to see a larger list of buildings from past RLS surveys before selecting additional sites for ILS surveys. The consultants and the state recommended national nominations for previous ILS surveys at 1697 E Vine Street, 198 West Winchester, 187 East 5600 South, and 1200 West Bullion. Mary Ann didn't know if we should move forward with the one on Bullion because they are changing the zoning to residential and the building will likely be torn down for a subdivision. Two ILS surveys were not recommended for national nominations. The home at 121 West 5900 South had too many alterations, the home at 388 W Winchester had major issues with the setting, and Fairbourne home on 45th South had too many changes. Mary Ann had an ILS survey done for 604 E Taylor Lane which was built by a famous architect, Richard George Wheeler and was recommended for national nomination. It is on a quick sale and the person interested in buying it wants to preserve it.
4. Potential museum locations were reviewed. We will send a list with a letter to the Mayor thanking him for visiting with Ian and our desire to be part of the discussion and emphasizing the need to have a location ready as a new city hall is built. Syanna said that the museum will likely need to be redesigned in any scenario and we may need to find off site storage. Mary Ann said we have a city archive at the firestation on 5900 South West of the freeway that possibly could be used for some storage. Cahoon Mansion and Carnegie Library are probably the best downtown options if the city wants to keep the museum in the downtown area. Sara and Wendy liked the Wheeler Farm option. We would need to strengthen the connection of agriculture and the smelter story. Mary Ann noted their farmhouse does not get many patrons. Sara said it is because they charge admission fees. If it was free, more people would walk through. Sara asked if the new city hall will still have hallway exhibit windows. She felt that would still be important. The board would like to take a tour of the Cahoon Mansion.

Cahoon Mansion (good visibility, historic home, need to verify spaces for classroom tours)

Carnegie Library (good visibility, excellent space, possible parking in back)

Wheeler Farm (potential partnership, established patrons, would need dedicated space for exhibits/storage)

Power Building (not great location, beautiful architecture, excellent space, use blinds to filter light, city owns)

Armory (fair visibility, good space, planned as future community center, city owns)

Murray Theater (possible temporary space, future arts center, poor parking, city owns)

Murray 1st Ward (good visibility, space/hallway problems, parts of it may work)

Sheranian Clinic (good visibility, beautiful historic building, space probably needs revision, not sure of total sq feet)

Howe Home (poor visibility, small spaces for classrooms, parking issues, potential demo)

Old Library/firestation (poor visibility, good temporary space, displace community ed preschool/headstart)

Old Murray School District building (fair visibility, temporary only, rehab needs for space)

Future Library (good partnership, uncertain if project will go forward, need dedicated space for museum and programming, won't be done before city hall move, leaves museum in storage mode if temporary space is not provided, storage space to house museum would be as great or greater than current size of museum)