

**Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for February 28, 2012**

Attendance: Peter Steele, David Adams, Wendy DeMann, Reed Wahlquist, Susan Wright
Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

1. Minutes for January 24, 2012 were approved as written. Mary Ann welcomed new board member Reed Wahlquist.
2. The owner of the old Iris (now Michael Photography) began altering the building at 4973 South State without required design review as part of the MCCD. The project was halted but not before some historic architectural features were removed or altered. Mary Ann gave the owner the phone number of the state preservation office to help him address any city requirements.
3. The Oasis Apartments project was approved by Planning and Zoning. Peter acknowledged that they really couldn't do anything else because the owner and architects followed the design review guidelines that had been approved by City Council. He also felt that the owners tried to address some of the concerns by moving the building back by nine feet to create more of a buffer with landscaping. Mary Ann noted that the minutes for the design review committee meeting in December did not accurately reflect what she and Peter had presented. She requested that the minutes be revised to include their actual words which essentially said we supported this type of project in the overall concept of the downtown. However, we felt the building would better fit on the west side of State Street. Peter had expressed concern about the height of the building looming over the smaller historic buildings with a narrow street. Chad Wilkinson was going to make the revision to the minutes. Peter attended the Planning and Zoning hearing along with a few of the history board members but he had to leave before making a public statement because there were so many people who wanted to talk. He left the board statement with city officials. Board members still felt the city needs to revisit the design guidelines related to Center Street. There was a feeling that people including city officials did not understand the language and what was allowed. Mary Ann agreed with neighbors that if this type of project continued down the full length of Center Street, the east side of the street could be impacted if they needed to widen the street to address traffic congestion for the density this could potentially generate. Peter will prepare a letter for City Council.
4. Mary Ann is still looking for homeowners who would be willing to allow their neighbors to gather outside of their home to discuss seismic issues related to older homes and simple fixes owners can do themselves to minimize damage in an earthquake. This is being planned as part of the UtahShakeOut exercise in April but these meetings could extend into May and June. Wendy secured two owners in the southwest section of Murray, one of which includes a home with SRC brick. Peter is looking for someone in the historic downtown area. Reed is going to look for someone in the Twin Peaks area and David will look for someone in the area behind the UEA building.

5. Mary Ann shared the mitigation report from the Cottonwood Street Study. The history narrative was very well done and provided a lot of interesting information about the homes and people who lived in this area. Susan pointed out some of the demolished homes on Poplar that were included with the documents including Don Blair's parents home that was demolished to provide space for the relocation of the historic Baptist Church.

6. A demolition request for 760 E Vine Street was reviewed. The owner has provided exterior and interior photos, documenting the physical structure. We have a brief history of the building describing the first doctor of Murray who lived there. Board members did not feel any further documentation was needed.