

**Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for September 25, 2012**

Attendance: David Adams, Reed Wahlquist, Wendy DeMann, Peter Steele, Ian Wright, Korral Broschinsky (consultant), Mary Ann Kirk (staff).

Excused: Susan Wright

1. Minutes for July 31, 2012 were approved as written. Ted McBride has resigned because his office is no longer located in Murray and his job conflicts with meeting times.
2. Dave asked about the new development in downtown Murray as discussed in the Murray Journal. Mary Ann has asked Tim Tingey to come next month and review these projects and how it affects historic preservation.
3. Mary Ann reported the following:
 - . The museum accepted a donation of a 1930s stove from the Turner family.
 - . Mary Ann attended a state digitization workshop. She will include a discussion in the coming months on what our policies and priorities are for digitization of history documents.
 - . Oral history project is underway.
 - . Museum Day and several conferences will be held in the next few weeks.
 - . Legacy Stories website will feature some oral histories.
 - . Freeze barn will be demolished unless Susan Wright is able to move it to their property. The parks department was not interested in moving it into the park as storage space or an enclosed pavilion. It is fairly small and state history felt it had been altered fairly significantly. However, Mary Ann noted it is the only remaining structure related to the Freeze family whose farm was originally located where the west end of Murray Park now exists. Susan was interested in storing it on her property until the city moves forward with their proposed historic park around the Cahoon Mansion. Mary Ann suggested she contact the planning department about moving it. Mary Ann asked if the barn seemed out of context there. Peter thought it could work because the chapel was moved also. Ian thought the Cahoon Mansion could have had a barn there at one time.
4. Korral Broschinsky reviewed the latest RLS Survey. It was a selective survey of the northwest and the south side of Murray. Murray's entire boundary has now been documented at a selective level up to the 1960s. Korral thought we were probably the only municipality in Utah who has done that. Korral mentioned that she discovered in another project the family that helped design Murray Park. A family member later became one of the most prolific landscape artists in the US.

She reviewed the basic historic preservation process which is identification, evaluation, registration, and treatments. The state created a data collection process in the 1980s. Murray City has been involved in the identification and evaluation over the past two decades with our first large scale RLS survey in 2002. We did additional ones in 2008,

2010, and 2012. We now have nearly 6384 buildings in the database although 185 have been confirmed demolished. There are 414 A Significant and 3283 B Contributing, 1026 C Altered and 1014 D Out of Period . Some of the out-of-period designations from the 2002 survey may now be contributing with homes in the 1950s. Murray created a local registration process in addition to national nominations. Reed asked how many of the 414 A buildings would we want to have on the register. Mary Ann thought that many of them are already on the register in the historic districts. We could probably come up with those numbers. Korral thought there are about 50 really good candidates that are not currently on our register. She was very surprised to find we have as many split levels as we have ranch houses although she couldn't find some specific split level styles that had not been altered. Korral felt the most important criteria needs to be historic integrity.

In the latest RLS survey, she found little enclaves as well as individual homes and small subdivisions. She recommends we do some ILS (intensive level surveys) to identify more of the history behind some structures and neighborhoods. She is starting to see trends - more California ranches and Swiss ranches and oversized brick. Some of the structures don't have a "name" in the state architectural database. In the 1960s, Murray reached a saturation point where they were settled and didn't have any big tracts of land. Land became more valuable and new developments became more custom housing and condos. Korral recommended we stop the identification process and move on to more documentation and registration. She thought ILS and individual nominations would be the next step. An ILS survey helps validate if something could qualify for the national register. She also felt we should document some buildings that are endangered to encourage preservation.

Mary Ann mentioned the Bradfords would like to have their home on the national register. The board has previously discussed nominating a variety of styles that represent each decade up to the 1950s. They also wanted to explore a district east of Hillcrest Jr High. Once this is prepared, we could have a public meeting to educate homeowners about tax credits. Peter thought this would work well with the district. We could also send letters out to the A's identified in the surveys and see what homeowners were most interested in a national registry nomination. Korral said that some of the surveys listed a few A's as good examples of styles in each neighborhood but were not meant for individual listings. Mary Ann wondered if tract neighborhoods built in the 1950s and 60s would think it was strange. Wendy felt that the area where she lives from the 1940s and 50s has original owners and children of original owners who could provide history background and would be likely interested in a district designation. Korral thought that as districts are created from these decades, other areas may start to think about their neighborhoods in a historic context. Mary Ann suggested we start doing some ILS surveys to better identify potential homes and districts. We could also double check to see if there are any other A buildings outside of tract neighborhoods that we have not reviewed.

5. Future strategies to promote history and preservation in addition to the registry were discussed.

- . Mary Ann said that we are looking to do a Haunted Story activity in downtown Murray next year around October. She is talking with the Murray Chamber about this idea.
- . She also noted that we are doing a storytelling festival this year involving schools and the senior center. She expects this will include some personal stories coming from the seniors.
- . Ian suggested creating an annual Murray presentation day that could be used in secondary history classes. It would need to be engaging with a dynamic teacher. Mary Ann said we have curriculum for elementary schools but not secondary. Peter thought the mining theme might be a good topic. Agriculture might be another topic. It could be an brief overview but include something interesting such as outlaws in Murray. We can explore topics further next month.
Mary Ann wondered if we could have a regular feature in the Murray Journal that included a photo and asked people to identify its location. Board members liked this idea.
- . Wendy suggested a merit badge related to citizenship in the community. Mary Ann said they did offer this several years ago, but it wasn't well attended. Wendy said she is doing one for the Granite Trails District this year on October 27 and November 3. Mary Ann will get her the children's history workbook with the teacher's packet. This could be offered by appointment and offered maybe every other year.
- . New city hall display cases. The Mayor's office liked that idea and the board agreed it would be good.