

MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

The Murray CSCC (City-School Coordinating Council) met on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at the Murray City Center, 5025 South State Street, in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Murray City Council

Kat Martinez – Coordinating Council Chair
Dale Cox
Rosalba Dominguez - Excused
Diane Turner
Brett Hales

School Board

Jaren Cooper
Belinda Johnson
Glo Merrill – Vice Chair
Elizabeth Payne
Kami Anderson

Others Present:

Mayor Camp	Richard Reese
Jared Hall	Pam Cotter
Doug Hill	Pattie Johnson
Chief Burnett	Jennifer Heaps
Jennifer Kennedy	

Welcome – Approval of Minutes: Ms. Martinez began the meeting at 5:00 p.m. She called for a motion to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes. Ms. Turner moved to approve; Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. (Approved. All in favor.)

Business Items:

- **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Camp discussed the following:
 - **School Boundaries.** Redistricting occurs every ten years after each completed census. City staff in the Geographic Information System division are working to update the school district boundary map. The process should be completed by April of 2022. The Murray School Board will review the changes before Council Members can approve it. Mayor Camp noted State Law requires that the Murray City Council approve school district boundaries. He said according to the census, Murray gained about 5,000 people in the last ten years, and he did not anticipate any significant change to current boundaries.
 - **TRCC (Tourism Recreation, Culture and Convention) money.** An official letter was received to confirm that TRCC funding of \$3.5 million was reinstated to Murray City for renovating the Murray Theater.
 - **Murray City Public Power Celebration.** The event would be held October 14, 2021 in Murray Park at the new Pavilion #5 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm.
- **Economic Development Report** – Mr. Hall presenting.
 - **Security National Campus:** The project is still underway; tenant finishing's are almost complete. Mr. Hall reported all office space is fully leased-out in both buildings, and construction plans are coming soon for a third office building and parking garage.
 - **Housing Development Projects:** A handout was shared to discuss approved projects and those not approved:
 - **Approved:**
 - Three mixed-use projects: *4800 Lofts*, *Bonnyview* and *The Vine*. All offer residential apartments with commercial components.

- Three housing developments: *Bullion Place*, *Murray Heights*, and *Bamburgh Place*. All are subdivision projects that offer single-family homes, townhomes, or condominiums.
- **Not Approved:** Mr. Hall confirmed four active applications are not approved because the City Council would need to consider zone changes first:
 - Two applications request that *commercial* zones be changed to *mixed-use* zones:
 - Boyer Company - RC Willey property: The rezone would allow 319 units with commercial components if a second level is approved.
 - The Pointe @ 53rd - 5217 South State Street: A rezone would allow 400 units which is slightly more intense density. Mr. Hall was not certain if existing commercial buildings would be torn down to accommodate apartments because commercial components would be required.
 - Two subdivision housing projects require a rezone:
 - 5700 South 800 West: The request would accommodate eight single family lots on a cul-de-sac.
 - 871 West Tripp Lane: The request would allow 10-13 single family lots.

Ms. Turner asked about rent prices for units at the *4800 Lofts* project. Mr. Hall said prices were difficult to forecast with continual rising costs; and with no subsidized housing requirement, rent might range from \$1,100 to \$2,000 per month at market value.

Ms. Merrill expressed concern about the way residents must enter and exit the *Murray Heights* project due to a cement barrier on 700 West. Mr. Hall agreed residents can only enter and exit the project by driving south on 700 West. He explained new residents would definitely use neighborhood streets to navigate back to 5300 South. Ms. Merrill reported neighbors are not happy about that plan. Mr. Hall said the issue would be analyzed by the traffic and safety board, but staff worked hard to make the project work since the Utah Department of Transportation would not allow an exit onto 5300 South.

Ms. Johnson led a discussion concerning traffic congestion that already exists in the parking lot of The Pointe @ 53rd - without added housing; and the current challenge for students crossing 5300 South from Hillcrest Junior High School. Mr. Hall thought proposed apartment complexes would include underground parking structures. She asked if there were concerns for increased traffic in Murray Park related to the number of proposed apartments. Mr. Hall said parking spillover was a worry, however he thought it was a nice fit for new residents to walk to the park. Ms. Johnson clarified a zone change would be required for housing to be developed at The Point @ 53rd. Mr. Hall stated there was no specific project yet because a rezone was required first; however, applications are waiting to be processed if the rezone happens. Ms. Johnson stressed there was also heavy traffic near Chick-fil-A, Zupas and Chipotle, and the related intersection, as well as near Hillcrest Junior High School - prior to any traffic study. It was noted that the City Council would consider the rezone before the end of the year.

- **Police Report** – Chief Burnett presenting.
 - **Student Challenges:** Chief Burnett said after a quiet school year in 2020, issues have returned with vengeance.
 - Cottonwood High school and the surrounding area requires the biggest draw on police manpower during lunch breaks. In addition to the resource officer placed at Cottonwood High, three or four additional officers are needed daily to resolve escalating matters.
 - Vaping is still rampant and happening now at elementary schools. Ms. Johnson reported because of negative health affects vaping has on kids, Murray School District joined with other

national school districts in litigation against the company *Juul* who produces vaping material. Ms. Andersen confirmed money will be used for better education and make vaping not so appealing to children. Chief Burnett agreed vaping is a challenge especially with the use of marijuana because overdoses occur that require medical calls.

- o Flashing incident at Murray High School. With surveillance video the suspect was seen entering the school but is yet to be identified. He was found standing naked in the girls' volleyball team locker room, and no assault occurred.
- o Bullying is a big problem and fights have increased. Weekly fights are drawing large student crowds after school in the Carl's Junior parking lot across from Hillcrest Junior High.
- o Vandalism has become a massive problem. Chief Burnett believed fighting and disrespect of others has led to the popular social media TikTok challenge seen throughout all Salt Lake Valley junior high and high schools. He explained students are willfully pressured into physically damaging and vandalizing school property like toilets, and soap and paper towel dispensers while recording themselves stealing or damaging property.

Ms. Turner said there should be consequences for destructive actions. Mr. Cooper reported to teach students the repercussions of vandalism, a \$5 fee was imposed to attend football games. As a result stolen items began being returned to the administration office. The next consequential step is that all students will lose a dance if vandalism continues. Ms. Johnson believed parental conversations were also helpful in causing students to realize money must come from somewhere to pay for costly damage.

Ms. Andersen discussed a new TikTok challenge that dares students to film themselves assaulting a schoolteacher with some sort of sexual innuendo. Chief Burnett confirmed the assault challenge is toward those in authority; most recently a Cottonwood High student recorded himself jumping up and down on top of a police car. Ms. Johnson said students openly film themselves which helps to identify them. Chief Burnett reported most parents are mortified with these actions of their children, and others would say the challenges are harmless and not hurting anyone.

Mr. Cooper led a discussion about one parents' email request for the pedestrian bridge to be reconsidered over State Street; he asked if problems existed for kids crossing State Street. Chief Burnett said students are crossing correctly and safely with pedestrian crossing signs; and it has not been a safety issue. The bigger issue is students crossing 5300 South, from Hillcrest Junior High because kids cross everywhere except with a provided crossing guard.

Mr. Hill commented that the Murray Traffic Safety Committee meets monthly to discuss these concerns. Since there have been accidents in the crossing area from Hillcrest Junior High, it was decided that an outside professional traffic engineering firm would be hired to study traffic at Hillcrest Junior High on 5300 South and west to State Street. Analysis should be completed by the end of this year.

Ms. Andersen had growing concern about the proposal to add 300+ apartments to The Pointe @ 53rd if the property is redeveloped. She felt the proposal would make matters worse and increase problems; and create obvious fall out to Murray Park.

- **School District Report** – Murray Board of Education, President Cooper presenting.
Mr. Cooper had nothing to report. Ms. Andersen commented that all Murray school principals are sharing the same worries of Chief Burnett's concerns, regarding increased behavioral problems over

past years. Ms. Johnson noted not one student in the Murray School district was charged with a felony related to TikTok challenges; and all Murray principals are working with students through mediation and re-education to stop vandalism.

- **Election of Officers for 2022:** All voted in favor to elect the following: Coordinating Council Chair: Cami Andersen; Vice Chair: Rosalba Dominguez

Other Items from School Board or City Council Members:

- Ms. Turner reported concerns from constituents that live near Hillcrest Junior High that garbage on the school grounds is accumulating more than usual and not getting cleaned up.
- Mr. Cox noted that parking is terrible at all Murray schools when schools hold various activities. He hoped the group would continue working together to mitigate the problem that is hard on residents that live near schools. He felt the problem increases each year and is not isolated to Murray City. Mr. Cooper agreed parking is limited at all elementary schools, and most schools offer very little parking that is only for teachers and a few guests. He reported that as the Facilities Committee is reorganized, they would assess a long-term plan to consider whether Murray needs the many elementary schools it has or should some of them be repurposed, redesigned or consolidated. Ms. Andersen added the committee consists of members from every school in the City who understands that Riverview Junior High and seven elementary schools need to be rebuilt, which are currently the oldest school buildings in the State.

Internal Business Items - All 2022 CSCC meetings will be held at the Murray School District Office.

Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2022, 5:00 pm.

Adjournment: 5:51 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III**