

**Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for October 15, 2013**

Attendance: Scott Mooy, Brandon Beckstead, Elaine Judd, David Christensen, Mary Ann Kirk (staff),

Excused: Shauna Hart, Alisa Brousseau, Jenny Simmons

1. Board minutes were not approved since a quorum was not present. Board members expressed concern they did not receive an agenda or minutes. Mary Ann will look to make sure the email was sent but she remembers doing it.
2. Elaine and Sharon will complete their final term in January. Scott and Brandon were willing to accept a 2nd term appointment. Mary Ann received an email of someone who was interested in serving on the board. She will forward it to the Mayor's office.
3. Brandon reported that he is networking with a ukelele club to organize a ukelele festival on June 7. It will be from about 1 to 8 pm followed by an evening performance in the amphitheater as the kickoff to the summer season. He will report in November or January with a full proposed schedule. Mary Ann said the city has a few different sound systems if needed for the various pavilion activities.
4. Mary Ann reviewed upcoming events and assignments. Board members will help as guides for the Murder Mayhem (Jenny, Dave, Scott, Elaine, Brandon), phone calling for Haunted Tales winners (Elaine), and art show set up (Dave and Brandon). Susan Wright will supply capes and electric lanterns for the guides. Elaine wondered if we needed a sound system at each location. She suggested we try to get the storytellers elevated on the straw bales. The school storytelling project continues to move forward. She met with all storytellers. She plans to host a workshop at the library sometime in January for parents and grandparents on how to tell stories at home. Board members agreed that a Saturday early afternoon would probably be the best time.
5. Elaine presented the community art award to the Higbees at City Council. She also highlighted the upcoming events and passed out a summary of our winter activities to the councilmen.
6. The performing arts center is moving through the county process. It received a positive recommendation from the county cultural facilities advisory board which was presented to the county council and the TRCC committee. The Mayor's office met with Mayor Ben McAdams. Doug Hill asked the Murray RDA/City Council for direction if they were still supportive of the project and supported an effort to lobby county council members. The city will provide the land they own and build a parking structure which is already in the plans for the downtown area so it would have to be built anyway. Elaine shared some comments from the city council. Brett Hales felt a \$2 million commitment for the land in exchange for a \$23 million building project was a good investment for the city. Jared Shaver shared how his new theater in Atlanta Georgia spawned new restaurants and they

were recognized for their economic contributions to the city. Dave Nicponski felt the downtown would take off without this facility. Mr. Nicponski declared his involvement with Taylorsville City as a paid lobbyist. Darren Stam noted that other developments don't want to be the first one in. They are waiting for others to take the first step. The RDA voted 4-1 to move forward with the project and lobbying the county council with Dave Nicponski voting against it. Elaine felt the council responded well to the figures she presented to the council about the extensive base of our patrons and participants with 35,000-40,000 patrons coming from Tooele to Cheyenne, Wyoming and Utah County to Davis County. She was hoping Dave Nicponski would acknowledge our arts base. Mary Ann noted that sometimes we don't all agree. She was a little confused how Mr. Nicponski felt the facility wouldn't have as much impact as people were saying it would. If he feels it won't have an impact in Murray, why would it be any different for Taylorsville? It doesn't make sense.

Elaine didn't think a few hotels are what we want. The area is ugly. Brandon felt that sometimes we just need nice stuff and this is the right thing to do. Scott said he and his wife want to reside in a condo someday but they don't want to move downtown Salt Lake. Scott said if this area was developed, he would move there in a heartbeat. Elaine noted the county project funding is probably out at least a year. However she suggested we send a note through our email lists to encourage our patrons to call their local county council members. Scott suggested we send a quick summary in our email blast and then include more info in our newsletter.

Mary Ann noted that there was some confusion among the local arts community because Lynn Chatterton sent out an email stating the foundation was being closed because the facility was no longer going forward. Mary Ann sent out an email to clarify the facility was moving forward as a county run facility, not a city owned and operated facility.

7. The meeting schedule for 2014 was set for Jan 21, Feb 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18.
8. We will meet with the local art groups in November as part of our regular meeting. The band has asked us to move the meeting to a Monday so it doesn't conflict with their rehearsal night. Mary Ann will check with other board members and the symphony if Monday, November 18 would work. We will pass out the grant applications and review the county and junior high facilities at that meeting.