

**Murray History Advisory Board**  
**Minutes for January 28, 2014**

Attendance: Susan Wright, Sara Roach, Brittany Bremer, Ian Wright, Wendy DeMann, Peter Steele, Mary Ann Kirk (staff), Korral Broschinsky (consultant)

1. Minutes for November 26, 2013 were approved with one minor grammatical correction.
2. Mary Ann reported that the county archives added some Murray historic buildings on State Street to the Highway 89 website regarding tourism. The website is [www.highway89.org](http://www.highway89.org).

She shared a document summary for a professional study on economic impact of historic preservation in Utah. It contained very interesting data about how historic districts fared much better than cities as a whole during the economic and real estate downturn. Board members suggested this information could be shared with the chamber, economic development committees, and included in future presentations to the City Council when we are presenting awards and annual reports. Mary Ann will get copies for board members. Ian asked if we had a social media website. This report would be great to post on a facebook page. Mary Ann will evaluate if it made sense to post on our arts facebook page.

3. Mary Ann and Peter attended the Planning and Zoning Meeting where the new wording proposal for the MCCD related to Center Street including the height restrictions received a positive vote from Planning and Zoning and will be sent to the city council. The design review committee did not support the height change. The history board supported the height reduction. The neighborhood representative told the commission that the council directed staff to lower the height to 35 feet – not add a step up component – at a meeting last spring. There were 4 yes votes and two no votes on the commission. It appeared that one of the no votes came because she did not like the step up component. Phil Markham expressed his concern to protect the neighborhood but also acknowledged the staff perspective for economic growth. He thought this acknowledged a compromise between the two concerns. Mary Ann and Peter felt this statement reflected the perspective of the history board.
4. The museum mission statement was reviewed as required by the sTep evaluation process. Mary Ann noted it has a broader perspective than our current smelter focus from 1870 to 1950 and was designed to allow the museum to expand into different themes if we acquired a larger space. The statement purposely included an emphasis on local diversity because of Murray's unique varied ethnicity from the smelter era. Board members felt it was a solid statement.

*The Murray City Museum celebrates the heritage of the Murray community by fostering appreciation for the city's past, promoting understanding of local diversity, and forging connections between residents, past and present. The Museum documents, preserves, studies, and interprets the history of Murray, including early settlement, community growth, industrial prominence, and modern expansion through exhibits, collections, public programs and research.*

5. Korral presented a proposed boundary for the Hillside Historic District that was basically the same as the previous boundaries we discussed last time. She included the north side of 5300 South which wasn't really part of the various subdivisions. She doesn't know if they have any connection to the subdivisions and wasn't sure they would benefit from this recognition other than for protection. She also included two homes just west of 235 East on 5600 South that existed when the subdivisions went in that creates a link to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mary Ann said she has some good information on the Welch family who lived in one of these homes. Korral retained the southeast corner that includes some non-

contributing buildings but does include the Godfrey home since the Godfrey's were involved in the platting of the South Cottonwood Heights subdivision. Korral noted that there are a lot of subdivisions in Murray from this era, but she liked this potential district because it started developing in the late 40s through the late 60s. So you have various subdivisions from different eras and it is a microcosm of what was happening in the whole city in one cohesive neighborhood. South Cottonwood Heights was built by local landowners, Alpine Gardens was a local person who was partnering with Hansen Homes, and Hillside Heights involved, Bettylon, one of the biggest home builders in the valley. It is an interesting mix of different types of building going on side by side in the same neighborhood.

Korral provided a list of 10 candidates for ILS surveys. The homes represent different architectural styles representing the various eras. They were also ones that had the best historic integrity at least from the outside. She also tried to pick ones from different streets and areas of the district, at least two from each subdivision except one from the 1960s. She has a few alternates she will still include with some history elements but will not be complete ILS surveys.

6. Korral reviewed a number of potential individual nominations to our multiple property listing. She said there were a number of good options. She reviewed several important things to consider when nominating to the national registry. They must be more than 50 years old, retain historic integrity, and show a level of significance. The other thing is getting the owners' permission. Possible buildings included the Bradford home, Labrum log cabin, Murray Power, Bennion Four, Miller Estates, Laundry Towers, Murray Park Freeze Barn. She didn't know if they would accept the Murray Cemetery. The Relief Society granary is owned by the LDS church and would be difficult to get permission. The Murray Chapel is also questionable since it was moved from its historic location. She went through the 2008, 2010, and 2012 RLS surveys. The 2002 survey didn't have national register recommendations but she found a few. Other homes included Mackay, Howe, 261 and 296 E 4500 South, 6450 S 1300 East, enclave of buildings around 1704-1776 East 6400 South, 5819 S 900 East Ereksen House, 1235 E 6600 South, 1697 E Vine, 6348 Mt Vernon Litson house, 121 W 5900 South Bishop House, 198 W Winchester Swenson House, 4760 S 4800 South Healy Home, 4656 S Cherry Street, 585 W Germania Lester House, mom and pop motel on State. She didn't know if the Amundsen House at 300 East Winchester would be eligible with its changes. Mary Ann asked Korral to compile the list. She could email us some photos. We should pick seven with three alternates.
  
7. Nominations were reviewed for our local registry using current and archive photos and tax records. These were typically A buildings on the RLS surveys but may have a few exceptions. We will invite them to our next meeting in February

Positive recommendation (a few had some material changes such as stucco)

331 E Winchester	1203 E Vine St
337 E Winchester	4370 S 300 West (formerly 4410)
135 W Winchester (evolution)	4320 S 300 West
4910 S 900 East (has photo of Miller home in background)	4755 Plum
1141 E 6385 South Jeanne Ave	4757 Plum
4159 South 700 West	5638 S 1300 East
5802 S 1300 East	6450 S 1300 East

Negative recommendation (major alterations)

6049 S 300 West	6486 S 300 East
1245 E 6385 S Jeanne Ave	1575 E Vine (interesting photo of Vine Street Groceries)
1231 E 6600 South	