



MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Murray City Municipal Council and the Community and Economic Development Division held a Public Open House on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at the Murray City Center, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Dave Nicponski	Council Member
Darren V. Stam	Council Member
Jim Brass	Council Member
Jared A. Shaver	Council Member

Members Excused:

Brett Hales	Council Chair
-------------	---------------

Others in Attendance:

Chad Wilkinson	Community Economic Dev Manager
Angela Price	CDBG Coordinator
Amy Goller	Comm Econ Dev
Susan Dewey	Planner
Mayor Snarr	
Citizens	

The Public Open House began at 6:00 p.m. with the arrival of Murray City citizens interested in giving input on the topics of chickens and bee keeping in residential zones, and changes being considered to the current standards for park strips/landscape stripes along public streets. Currently, Murray City does not allow chickens or bee keeping in residential zones; however, the City Council is considering making changes to allow these types of uses on a limited basis.

Mr. Wilkinson thanked all present and explained that this meeting was not a formal Council Meeting, no decisions would be made; rather, the open house was the beginning of the process to get citizens input, feelings and thoughts on the three issues being considered. All three issues impact residential neighborhoods.

At the entry table there were surveys to be filled out and they would be available on the Murray City website (murray.utah.gov). If the group knew of anyone not able to attend, they may fill out the same information on line.

For the landscape standards, a visual preference survey was located at the front of the Chambers and the City would like to know the preferences and visions of residents in Murray. Each attendee would be given six dots that they could place on the park strip photographs that depict what they would like to see throughout the City. About 16 landscape choices were displayed.

There was no program planned; however, Mr. Wilkinson stated that the attendees were the experts and the City would like to hear how they feel about these issues. The staff was present with information on what standards surrounding communities have in their codes. The staff members could also relate what Murray City requires currently. He reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the residents. He encouraged participants to talk with each other and ask questions.

Mr. Wilkinson also asked citizens to fill out the signup sheets so City staff could keep in touch with attendees in the future relating to these issues. After the two open houses the comments received would be put together and given to the appointed officials, Planning Commission and City Council. The Community and Economic Development Division would make some recommendations to these officials. Following that, public hearings would be held for residents to have a chance to speak and give their opinion to the Planning Commission or City Council. He encouraged everyone to participate as the process continued.

Staff members and City Council members were present to answer questions. No positions had been formulated to date.

The meeting continued until 8:00 p.m. when all attendees had completed surveys and exited.

Janet M. Lopez
Council Administrator
Murray City Municipal Council