



MURRAY
CITY COUNCIL

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Murray City Municipal Council met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Brett Hales	Council Chair
Darren V. Stam	Council Member
Jim Brass	Council Member
Jared A. Shaver	Council Member

Excused:

Dave Nicponski	Council Member
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Others in Attendance:

Janet M. Lopez	Council Office	Jan Wells	Mayor's COS
Frank Nakamura	City Attorney	Justin Zollinger	Finance
Blair Camp	Resident	Diane Turner	Resident
Ted Eyre	Resident	Jennifer Kennedy	Recorder

Chairman Hales called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He welcomed Susan Gregory from the Heritage Center and excused Mr. Nicponski who was attending the ICSC Convention.

Minutes

Mr. Hales asked for corrections or action on the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 16th, 2013.

Mr. Stam said he had a correction on page 11 of the minutes. He was speaking about being on the finance committee at UTOPIA, not of the City. That correction should be made throughout the paragraph.

Mr. Shaver moved for approval with the recommendations from Mr. Stam in the fourth paragraph on page 11. Mr. Stam seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Hales thanked the staff that prepares the minutes.

Business Item 2.1

**Heritage Center Accreditation Update-
Susan Gregory**

Ms. Gregory thanked the Council and appreciates the time allotted to tell them about the project going on at the Heritage Center.

Salt Lake County Aging Services asked all of their senior centers to go through an accreditation process. This really involves a self-evaluation of how the Center is performing. Twenty years before, the Heritage Center went through part of this self-evaluation process. The Director preceding Ms. Gregory was a member of the National Organization as a Utah delegate. They worked on this process to try and elevate the standards of senior centers across the country.

The County requires the County senior centers to go through this process. There are three centers that are not funded and operated by the County. The Heritage Center was approached by the County and asked if they would like to participate in this process.

Ms. Gregory thought it would be a great opportunity to finally finish the process and do a self-assessment of what the Heritage Center is doing and make sure they are up to the level of the standards that she would love to see all of the centers in the Country reach. It would help all of the centers lose the stigma that is often associated with senior centers, the idea that senior centers are places to go when you are really old to play bingo. Senior centers are completely different from that and hope that they would agree as they visit the center.

The Heritage Center offers all kinds of programs and services for all kinds of people. They have people in attendance from ages 55 to 100. There is a 100 year old person that comes to the Center regularly, and people in their sixties also. They really do have to meet a wide variety of needs.

The accreditation process has nine standards. Ms. Gregory formed a committee of community leaders or volunteers from the Center to be the outside eyes and look at the Center and its services. Ms. Gregory has put together a document review notebook. The committee has met three times now. Ms. Gregory and other staff have been giving them information for these nine standards. The committee then would review those items for those standards and look to see if the criteria is being met and followed.

The committee would then make recommendations to Ms. Gregory and the staff at the Center. Then, the National Review Board would come in and review the Center and make recommendations, as well.

Currently, the time frame for this process is June. She would like to have all of the information to the committee by next month. They would have a month or two to review the information and make recommendations. Then, any necessary changes would be made in September or October, with the goal of having the process completed by November.

Ms. Gregory wanted to inform the Council of this project. She was excited about the project. It is a large amount of work, but it is really a great review of the processes at the Heritage Center. Hopefully, this will put the Center in the best possible place. She asked if there were any questions about the process.

Mr. Shaver asked about how the committee was chosen. Ms. Gregory said she looked for volunteers or willing people from different areas. Some are volunteers at the Center. Others are from the community. She said that Steve Hirase, the School Superintendent is on the committee, as well as a vice president of Zions Bank, and a gentleman that was the manager of Ultimate Electronics and now comes to the Center. There are members of the Advisory Board on the committee, as well as volunteers. The director of the Utah Division of Disabilities is a member on the committee. Ms. Gregory tried to pull volunteers from different areas of expertise, and find those willing to come to a monthly meeting and review documents.

Mr. Shaver asked how the accreditation would affect the Center. Ms. Gregory believes it would ensure that they are doing the best job they can and a self-assessment to make sure they are providing the best and well-rounded services. It would look at things such as program development all the way to records and reports.

Mr. Brass commented that it is a great facility.

Ms. Gregory said that the County believes the process may bring more money. She is unsure about additional money but believes the process is an assessment in elevating performance. She stated that unless every Center in the Country completes the process, it may not make a difference nationally.

Mr. Brass said the Center is so highly regarded in the valley, but understands the programs speak for themselves.

Ms. Gregory said the Council is welcome any time.

The Council thanked Ms. Gregory for her great service.

Mr. Hales asked for any other business announcements.

Mr. Hales adjourned the meeting at 6:13.

Kellie Challburg
Council Office Administrator II