

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for March 28, 2018

Attendance: Laurel Shepard, Wendy Parsons Baker, Sara Roach, Pam Benson, and Rebecca Santa Cruz.

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, and Jennifer Broschinsky

Excused: Mildred Horton

1. Minutes for February 28th were approved with corrections as noted.
2. Jennifer reported on Museum duties: Application for the StEPs program has been submitted (deadline is April 13th). The cost will be \$150 per module with a 2-year commitment. Any are welcome to join Jennifer, Lori, and Katie in attending the modules (if accepted into the program). Jennifer is also researching a digitizing grant administered by the Utah State Archives with plans to submit next grant cycle.
3. Lori gave an Murray Theater Update. She stated that the feasibility study is complete. Parks & Rec Director, Kim Sorensen brought the results to the Mayor. The theater is 80 years old and the plan is to gut it and refurbish the interior and update the exterior. The apron of the stage will be retractable giving the productions a multiple of levels to use. The seating will be between 320-350 stationary seats. The basement will be dug out 14 feet to accommodate 2 dressing rooms, a green room, two restrooms, and mechanical room. The lobby will feature the original look with a concession stand. Director Sorensen, Lori, and Mary Ann are working on a Cultural Facilities Grant application administered by Salt Lake County. The grant application will address funding for a 50% match of total cost. The finished feasibility study will encompass the artistic aspect of the project as well has the historical significance of the theater.
4. Oral Histories: Wendy DeMann volunteered to collect these. Next month, Jennifer will bring in the list of oral histories that have already been documented so we will know who to approach. We will need to make sure we are compiling the list to include differing time periods in Murray History. We will ask Wendy to start with Mildred and Mary Ann. Possible people: Erickson's daughter, Hansen Homes who built a lot of the historical homes in the Hillside district, and Hal and Grant Walton who are in their 90s.
5. Next school year our art residencies will be visual art. Kim Martinez, an art professor from the University of Utah will be presenting during the April Arts Board meeting about a mural project for the schools. Lori wanted History Board's opinion about including a historical component to the project.

Rebecca's suggestion: have some pictorial depictions of the old school buildings that no longer exist. (Woodstock, Liberty, Grant, old Murray High/Hilcrest, where Arlington is now)

6. Demolitions:
 - a. 337 E. Winchester: History Board had no concerns/comments.

7. National register review: April 26th
 - a. 487 E. Vine Street (Hobbs House): the board had concerns about the nomination due to the extent of updating/changes the home has gone through. Lori invited all to attend the National Archives nomination meeting on April 23 at the Rio Grand building.
8. May Events:
 - a. Cemetery Tours: Jennifer has narrowed down names and is awaiting to assign volunteers the names. The dates are May 21-24 and all reservations are morning sessions (2 hr blocks). Laurel and Sara have agreed to volunteer to be historic figures telling their story. Lori shared a map of the Cemetery that highlights the different time periods of when people were buried.
 - b. Heritage Award will be presented to Mary Ann and will need to go through City Council. This will need to be done before she leaves on April 23rd.
9. The Pioneer Home tour will be on Saturday, July 21st at the Walton house which is Rebecca Santa Cruz's home and the Murray Mansion.
10. Lori updated 5-year plan: 2018
 - a. Oral Histories
 - b. Start new StEPs program
 - c. Seek funds to restore Murray Theater
 - d. Develop history products for museum
 - e. Review Local Registry (ILS, Nat Reg nominations)
 - f. Update Mailing Addresses for registry
 - g. Create digitization plan (contract with Marriott Library still or new agency – State Archives)
 - i. Jennifer and Katie will continue to research this
 - h. Maintenance of historic signage:
 - i. Costco mural: The Parks Department cleans the mural each year and are researching what to do that will clean the hard water stains yet keep the integrity of the mural. Funding through our CIP is still unclear.

Motion to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25th.