

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for August 28, 2019

Attendance: Wendy Parsons Baker, Syanna Fettler, Mildred Horton, Pam Benson,

Excused: Laurel Shephard, Rebecca Santa Cruz,

Staff: Lori Edmunds

Guests: Corey Nielson with Brady Reynolds Construction

I. Minutes for June 26, 2019 were approved.

II. Staff Reports:

- Lori thanked Syanna and Sara for their service as this would be their last meeting as board members. Both board members have been a tremendous asset to the board and will be missed.
- It has been decided that the Murray Mansion will be the new home for the city museum. Lori reported that the architect firm, ENTELEN has been chosen to prepare the feasibility study on the building. The board discussed how to best showcase the museum in the space. City Staff has suggested that the upper floors be rented out to keep a revenue stream in the building. The board was very concerned for the safety of the artifacts if that was to happen. It puts the collection at risk. The board expressed their concern for the temperature of the collections and asked where collection storage would be in the mansion. It was suggested to make one room climate controlled for collection storage. They suggested the ballroom be used for programming and rental space; however, rentals would bring the same concerns for the artifacts. The board also thought that we continue telling the story that is told at the City Hall space and not to make it just an “old home” tour. They suggested that we tell the story of the owners of the mansion but keep the “Lead, Land, and Leadership” theme and incorporate the historic home and its owners into that story. Sara suggested that Lori ask ENTELEN about the different studies that have been done on temperature control. The board wanted to include touring exhibits and have places that were more hands on and interactive with the younger children.
- Murray Theater update: Lori reported that the General Contractor/General Manager RFP for the theater was released and will be chosen soon.
- StEPS update – Collection module. We will be focusing on cataloging photos and documents. Many of our photos do not have a provenance.

III. Business:

- Demo for 1104 W. Winchester – Corey Neilsen from Brad Reynolds Construction Company joined the meeting as he has requested a demo on this structure. Pictures of the home from an ILS were passed to the members of the board. The home built in 1893 was listed to the Murray Historic Registry in 1999. The owner, said he would let us come and look at the inside, but because the house was in such rough shape and squatters had been living there, we should bring someone from the police with us.

There was no ordinance review this week as Katie was excused.

IV. Sara dismissed the meeting until September 25, 2019