

Murray City History Advisory Board

Minutes for February 24, 2021

Attendance: Laurel Shepard, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurie Densley,

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist

Guest: Peter Klinge

I. Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes as written for January 27, 2021 and Laurel seconded it.

II. Board Reports – There were no board reports.

III. Staff Reports:

- Katie reported that she continues to organize and pack artifacts for the move to the mansion.
- The second workshop for Bob Yapp was held on February 17 via Zoom. There were 43 in attendance.

IV. Business:

- 5-year goals – Lori explained that the board needed to figure out their goals particularly thinking about what they would like the history in Murray to look like in 5 years. Lori had invited Peter Klinge, the Arts Advisory Board chairman to attend this meeting to discuss the coordination of the art board with the history board. He said he had been talking with people in the community to gather information on the state of the area around the mansion and block one. He stated that there seemed to be heavy concentration from the City to get City Hall done and the mansion up and running for the museum but there did not seem to be much interest in the Chapel or the Townsend home. He stated that he would be talking to his City Council Representative, Rosalba Dominguez the next day, again, clarifying he was trying to gather information from several different sources on the future of that area. He expressed to the board his interest with making the area a cultural center of the City with walkability and interesting things to see. He asked the board to share their passion about history with others to garner support for the vision of both boards. Peter encouraged each board member to contact their City Council Representative.

- Rebecca talked about showing the City how the chapel and the mansion could bring in revenue as she knows this is necessary to keep the buildings open. She would like to see rotating exhibits in the mansion so that patrons will want to keep returning. Rebecca wants to figure out how to get private funding for these buildings so there is less financial burden on the City.
- Laurel would like to see the area become a community connection with space that enables the community to come together. And agreed with Rebecca that the chapel and the Townsend home could be used for programming. She sited Waco, Magnolia, Laurel, Mississippi. Hillsboro, Oregon aesthetic looks for the 48th and State project
- Laurie thought that it wouldn't take a lot of funding to fix up the chapel.
- Lori told the board that the use of the mansion will be limited to the 2nd and 3rd floor only due to ADA requirements which will eliminate use for programming and traveling exhibits.

- Katie talked to the board about deaccessioning some of the yearbooks we have at the museum as some of the older more fragile books could be safely stored at the Utah History Department. The decision was to keep what we felt would be helpful to our patrons for researching and send the rest to Utah State Archives.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until March 24, 2021.