

The Murray Arts Advisory Board  
Minutes for November 9, 2021

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Clark Bullen, Christy Anderson, Peter Klinge, Nancy Buist, Haley Oliphant, Jeff Evans, Robert Wyss

Staff: Katie Lindquist, Lori Edmunds, Kim Sorenson,

Excused:

- I. The minutes for October 12, 2021 were passed as written with adjustments.
- II. There were no citizen comments.
- III. Board Reports:  
Chair update: There was no chair update.
- IV. Staff reports –
  - a. Resident on Display
    - i. City Hall- Katie told the board that in the Resident on Display case she and Rowan have put historical information regarding the incorporation of Murray City that took place in 1903 with the first Mayor being Chillion Miller. She said we have had 23 Mayors since then and several at the beginning of incorporation had served for only one year. She reported that the next item for the case would be the candy display that would be installed on November 30 and be there until January 31.
    - ii. Katie gave each of the board members a copy of the arts educational participation thus far. Lori told the board that the report could and would most likely change as the school year progressed. Katie explained that most schools would not be coming for a museum tour due to Covid reservations. Most all of the reservations for Cemetery Tours have been filled and several of the schools are participating with the Storytelling Residencies. The afterschool musical participation was sparse, and Lori said it could change as the school year progresses. Also discussed was the participation of the Haunted Tales as it included several of the schools and a few students from junior high and high schools. Staff will update the information as needed.
    - iii. Art Show Purchase – Lori said she had only heard from two of the board members regarding the annual art purchase. Both board members voted to purchase Stephanie Swift's art that is the Murray Smokestacks. Lori said she would contact the artist and get it bought.
    - iv. Robinson Sing-Along - Lori told the board that in Murray, there was a gentleman by the name of William Robinson who was born in 1872. He came to America with his widowed mother at age 17 and married at age 19. He was a choir teacher and soon started to teach the students at Murray High, Bonnyview, Liberty, and Arlington schools by walking to each school and teaching them Christmas songs that he had learned as a child in England. He was called the father of Christmas Caroling. Lori said he has a granddaughter

that lives in South Jordan and a daughter that is still alive in her 80's and they have agreed to once again help the Cultural Arts Department plan a sing along with his songs and a few other traditional songs. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Cultural Arts has planned the event. Lori said last year on ZOOM, we had people join us from Texas, Ohio, and somewhere else. This year's sing-along will be on Wednesday December 1. Time will be announced. Peter remarked that this type of event, by connecting arts and culture is what makes a community. The event will be at the Murray Senior Center.

- v. Murray Theater Update – Lori reported that the fundraising RFP had been awarded to Pathways, which is the company that we had been using before the pandemic. She said the RFP for the theater architect was opened earlier that day and there had been 3 companies respond. She did not know who they were. Peter and Clark stated they would like to get started on the "grassroots" part of the fundraising scope that was mentioned in Pathways. Lori suggested that we wait until we meet with Pathways, which will be after the new year and have them tell us how to best proceed. Peter stated that he had a few connections he would like to contact and Clark wondered if we could get started now as it was the "giving season". Cami told the board that she had worked with Pathway's on both the Eccles Center and the Taylorsville Art Center and they do an awesome job. She said they raised \$33million for the Eccles Center. She told the board that it would be best to wait for Pathway's instruction on when to proceed as we would not want to overstep into anything they were doing.
- vi. Amphitheater – Lori told the board that the head technician for the amphitheater had quit and we would be needing a new person for next season.
- vii. Culture and Community Grant – Lori reported that she had receive an operational grant for \$15,000. Peter asked what that money would go for and Lori said it would go into the Cultural Arts fund.

V. Business

- a. 2022 meeting schedules – Lori asked the board to vote on the meeting schedule she had given them for 2022. Christy made a motion, and Peter seconded it. The board voted unanimously on the dates and Lori will send them to the City Recorder.
- b. Theater Mural – Lori told the board that we would not be able to have the Visit Salt Lake mural on the side of the theater due to sign ordinance restrictions. The board talked about other types of murals and Lori reminded the board that the mural was free and we had not planned on anything being there should not be worrying about it as we had enough on our plate. Kim assured the board that our legal team told us about the rule that had come down from the state legislature.
- c. Lori reported to the board that the History Advisory Board had wanted the scripts for the Cemetery Tours rewritten to be easier to memorize. Christy and Haley graciously agreed to help.

VI. Other – Lori said that the City was providing a place for online donations. She also will be sending out the local grant applications to the symphony, the concert band, the ballet, and the Arts Council.

Then Lori thanked Peter as this was his last meeting as board chair and wanted someone to be Vice Chair for next year. Clark nominated Christy and all agreed.

Peter adjourned the meeting until January 11, 2022.