

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for February 2, 2022

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

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Rowan Coates

Excused:

I. Minutes for November 17 were passed as written with edits.

II. Board Reports – Legacy Project, Rebecca

Rebecca had prepared a form for the Legacy Project the board had decided to do concerning documentation of Murray families and soldiers that have served in WWII. Lori sent a copy of the document to the board, but Rebecca said she had forgot to add a place on the document to list any sources. She will add that to the document. Mildred asked if any relative of a resident served, what all is needed. Rebecca said that stories would be best relating specific events or including memoirs. Rebecca looked through the “Between the Cottonwoods” workbook and found some interesting facts. Rebecca asked if anyone knew about the USO soldiers center at 4949 S State. Rowan said that she had read and found some pictures preparing the Legacy Project documents she and can do more research. Rebecca said one of the facts she had found said that Murray had surpassed its war bond sales quota 5 times in a row. Rebecca asked if the board was OK with the submission as written and edited. Mildred made a motion to vote on the submission form and Laurie seconded the motion. All attended voted in favor of the motion. Lori was reminded that legal had to look at them.

III. Citizen Comment – There were no citizen comments.

IV. Staff Reports

- Museum tours: We have two types of tours. Had 1st museum tour with Grant Elementary, 38 students. Also have scheduled 3 cemetery tours in May and Katie will be looking for voluntary storytelling. Katie shared that we will be opening up the mansion during restoration for the public to show them what is happening in the mansion. March 9, 19 and April 13, 23rd. We would like the board to conduct the tours with staff providing a script. We are advertising this as a sign up with Rowan. Rebecca asked if we can start a membership drive. Lori said not yet but that we would do it later on and we would be able to capture their emails for that time.
- Senior Center Legacy update – Rowan has prepared a packet for those that have volunteered to conduct interviews with all of the information needed. She will send it out to the board. She has included in it a short list of those already agreed to be interviewed. Rowan is overseeing the interview portion of the project. Legal will need to see this as well. She has made it to include for anyone in any war. Rebecca, this would be a good thing to push for Memorial Day and Rowan said theoretically, all interviews should be

done by the end of March. Rowan offered to lend out her recording device to those conducting the interviews. Rebecca asked if whoever is typing up the interview, should they type it up word for word, or try to type it with the understanding of the story. Rowan said best practices suggests typing word for word as the story is told.

- Cemetery Headstone Care – Lori told the board Amy Barry will be joining us at our meeting in February to share her knowledge in headstone care.
- Mansion update: Lori said we were close to bidding out on the addition to the addition including part of the electrical piece. Windows are still be done and they will be working on them for quite some time. Rebecca asked who the architect was on the mansion. Lori said they did not know and the City did not have any information.

V. Business:

Board training was canceled due to the Zoom meeting. G.L., the City Attorney will conduct the training as soon as we meet again in person. Lori said she and the Arts Advisory Board had the training a few weeks earlier and it was very helpful. She reported that she and the art board learned a lot pertaining to the board's role. She told the board that they are a board member and can only speak as such in the advertised meeting. She said however, that in order to get projects done, it will need to be done by committees. As a board we can have committees if that is stated in our bylaws. So, our board's bylaws will need to be amended to allow the formation of committees. Lori offered to draft up some wording to be added and bring it before the board at their next meeting which in on February 23.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until February 23, 2022