

**Murray City History Advisory Board**  
Minutes for April 27, 2022

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

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Rowan Coates

I. Laurie made a motion to pass the minutes for February 23 were passed as written. Wendy seconded it and all voted unanimously.

II. Board Reports –

- Legacy Project – Rebecca said this has been a great project for her as she has gathered information. She and Rowan had conducted two interviews at the Senior Center and were attached to the Viet Nam war. One gentleman was assigned to the mail room and had to requisition his own office and later delivered triplets on the side of a road! The other was in the Navy and traveled extensively. She has information on about 20 individuals and noted that there was not anyone that served whose family and friends were not involved in the efforts of the wars. Laurie will get us the story of her uncle. Rebecca also talked about Murray being bigger and how the addresses of some buildings have changed. Likely due to the use of the address from the actual house as it used to be taken from the mailbox. She suggested that when we do these stories, we should include both addresses if there are two.

III. Citizen Comment – There were no citizen comments.

IV. Staff Reports

- Museum update: Rowan said we had a new exhibit in the hallway with most of the items donated from Ken Corona. She reported that she is almost finished with the May newsletter, “This Old Murray”. It discusses the Legacy Project, Headstone Care, and the Mansion Tours. We are planning to add a message from the History Board Chair. Rebecca asked it Katie to post something to our Face Book post weekly.
- Cemetery Tours: Katie reported that she will be sending out the newly written stories to the volunteers that are helping. They were rewritten by Christy and Halley from the art board. Rowan said all the schools that made reservations have been confirmed. Rowan reported that we have a school tour in the museum on May 23<sup>rd</sup> which is McMillan Elementary. They are not doing a cemetery tour because they could not find a time that worked but all of the other schools are. Wendy asked the ages of the students and Katie said it is usually 4<sup>th</sup> grades that come but sometimes 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Cemetery Headstone Care – Lori reported that it was scheduled on May 12<sup>th</sup> but did not know how many people would be attending and asked the board if we could use their headstones to start. Rebecca’s family is located by the cannon. Rebecca suggested that we advertise at the cemetery. Lori thought we might be able to use an A-frame sign to let people know.

- Mansion update – Lori asked Rowan to report on the last set of tours. Rowan said they went really well with 45 people attending. She said she has two more dates scheduled. June 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. She already has some reservations filled and that people are really enjoying them. She reported that there were some people who have attended that had actually lived there and that many of those that attended the tours have been in the mansion before. Rebecca suggested that we create a monthly mansion newsletter. Lori said we were still moving ahead with the code additions and next we will be looking into the electrical issues. Lori reminded Rebecca that she will need to go with Lori to the mansion to discuss the light fixtures. Lori explained that the fixtures we don't want will go into surplus and the funds from those sales will be given back to the Cultural Arts Department.

- Time Capsule –Wendy and Laurel

V. Business:

Lori asked Wendy to report on the meetings she had attended regarding the Y2K survey the City Council had requested concerning the downtown area. They Mayor's office had asked Lori if there was someone on her history board that would like to be part of the committee to help create the survey questions and she had suggested Wendy as she owns two buildings in the downtown district. The old Sheranian Building which was built to be the hospital at 120 E 4800 S was the original hospital on this end of the valley and the home of 4841 S State Street. Wendy said there has always been a business since her father Bruce Parsons bought it in 1957 and had his optometry business from there.

Those on the committee included G.L. Critchfield, the Murray City Attorney, Rosalba Dominguez - District 3, Diane Turner - District 4, Jared Hall - Community & Economic Development Department Director, Tammy Kikuchi – Murray City Chief Communications Officer, Doug Hill – Murray City Chief Administration Officer, and Wendy Parsons Baker – History Board member and property owner, along with two Y2K people who will put together a questionnaire about what they would like to see in that area.

Rebecca she would like to ask why they are asking these things again. Lori felt like that City was trying to really listen to the community. Wendy will be attending another meeting next week. Lynette asked if this was a new committee and Wendy said yes. Wendy said trying to develop the area has gone on for years that nothing has happened. Rebecca reiterated that something needs to be done but not just anything. Wendy said it needed to match the east side of State Street. Rebecca said she thinks people want a gathering place, a destination. Wendy said it needs to fit in with the Murray Theater – not steel and glass. Wendy would like to keep the store front facades. Murray residents do not want 5-6 story buildings on State Street. Most people want only a couple of stories. Code of Ethics – Lori said that they had not remembered to print them and the Bylaws as well.

- Bylaws – Lori reminded the board that G.L. would be attending the May meeting to do training. Committees that were decided were:

- Rebecca - Legacy Committee Chair
- Laurel, Wendy – Time Capsule – Laurel said that they would approach businesses to get pictures and pictures and interviews of kids who would be adults when they will be adults when the capsule is opened.

- Murray Park Centennial Committee – Lori said that the history board will be doing a publication but unfortunately most of the board will have served their terms by then. Rebecca said it would be fun to do the publication, but we need to ask our residents to send in pictures they have of Murray Park. Lori asked Rowan to put the information in the newsletter. Rowan said she had found a few letters about the first celebration but not many. Rebecca thought maybe we should do a “series” of the history of the park. Such as history of the pool or Arts in the Park or Fun Days, etc. Katie suggested it be called *Images of Murray*. Rebecca said to check in Murray Memories for stories.
- Accessions – We received 18 photographs and paintings of the Madsen family. Many of the people in the images weren’t identified. It was recommended that the two largest portraits be offered to This is the Place before we determine if we want to accession them since they have more connection to Salt Lake City than Murray. Majority of the photograph accessions are pending, once we are able to identify who exactly the images are of, the board will discuss further.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until May 25th, 2022