

The Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for May 10, 2022

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Robert Wyss, Cami Munk, Clark Bullen, Jeff Evans
Excused: Christy Anderson, Nancy Buist, Peter Klinge,
Staff: Katie Lindquist, Lori Edmunds, Kim Sorensen, Kristine
Citizens: Jessica Hayes

- I. Clark made a motion to pass the minutes for May 10, 2022. Robert seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously.
- II. Clark made a motion to discuss the Murray Theater/Amphitheater feasibility study and the Murray Theater/Amphitheater updates to the front of the agenda because he had to leave the meeting early. Robert seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
- III. There were no citizen comments.
- IV. Staff reports –
 - a. Lori reported that we had hired Create Today LLC to do a feasibility study on both the theater and the amphitheater. Lori said this company was the same group that had been hired by Salt Lake County for their arts master plan a few years ago. Lori said they were very good at what they do and are familiar with our community from preparing the Salt Lake County study. Lori said it will take about 7 months and will provide us with information for programming. Clark asked what kind of information it would provide us with. Cami said that it depends on the information gathered from the asked questions which will come from the stake holders they will meet with. She said that there was not a lot of difference in the Salt Lake County Master Plan of 2008 and the 2020. They will ask Katie and Lori for data they have collected in the past to let us know what would be feasible to bring to the theater and the amphitheater. This will help everyone in Murray make better decisions who the audiences will be, how to best utilize the spaces, and what kinds of events make sense within the boundaries of Murray. It will be solid educated information on what to do with the facilities. Lori added that there will be surveys and they will be interviewing groups such as the art board for their input. There will be extensive interviews with local leaders, and they will ask Lori, Katie, and Kim to identify people they think should be interviewed. They will do market research, which is always enlightening and then they will make recommendations at the end. She shared that they learned that Salt Lake County needed to work more closely supporting the municipalities in obtaining public art because Salt Lake County has such an extensive public art program. Robert asked if there was a written document describing the scope of their study, they will do for us. Lori said she would share the proposal with the board next

month. Robert asked how this would be funded and Lori said it would be paid for out of her budget as she had extra funds that were not used because of the arts education that was not used in the schools. Cami added that the 7 months seemed like a long time, but it really wasn't because they had a lot of existing data already. Lori added that Clark had just finished an interview with Fox 13 about the theater that will air tonight at 9:00 PM.

The theater updates – Lori deferred to Kim. Kim reported the plans for the contractors are about a month behind because of engineers are so busy. However, we have still been working on getting the water lines into the building. There is a 2 inch line for culinary water and a 4-inch sprinkler line that needed to be put in now due to the work that is being done by UDOT on State Street. UDOT's regulations are such that we would have been up to a year before we could have done it. Kim said we were glad the streets department foresaw this. Kim said obviously tomorrow the City Council is voting on funding for the theater and that we are looking at 3 large donors at this time. We have a \$20,000 donation from a resident. Kim said he has had a lot of General Contractors that are interested in bidding on the theater. Cami asked if we had to take the low bid for the General Contractor and Kim explained that we judge on the criteria we release in the bid document which could be cost, timeline, and historic buildings knowledge. Clark said he was confused about what would be done tomorrow. Kim explained that the council will need to accept the Mayor's budget as amended by the City Council which is a big step. Kim said that nothing is finalized until mid-August. Clark then asked if anything else needs to be done to ensure funding for the theater. Kim said he felt it would pass. Clark asked about how it would be funded as he thought it would be funded out of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) monies. Kim explained that CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) monies were one-time funds. Lori asked Kim to give examples. He said ARPA (American Rescue Plan), grant monies, tax increments are onetime tax funds. He explained that years ago for an allotted time, the state changed how tax money was divvied up to the cities which took away some of Murray's taxes. There was a clause that allowed city governments to raise taxes to make up for the loss. Mayor Snarr would not do the tax increase, but Mayor Eyre decided to do it. Until that lost tax money goes away, those funds from taxes are considered "one-time monies". Cami asked if the large amount from the facilities grant, we received from the County was part of the CIP funds. Kim said it was not. It is in its own account.

Clark said it was his understanding that we are asking for \$5 million out of the CIP funds but what will happen if the big donors come in with more funds. Kim said that we will be able to enhance the theater. Kim said the CIP has been building for the last several years as the City has been careful in their spending due to Covid uncertainties. The CIP has over 10 million in it. Cami asked if there were any other "hot" projects that are asking for CIP funds. Kim said the Armory design. He explained that in 2015 a conceptual design for an indoor gathering place was created and was anticipating that next year City Council would fund the project. It was also

on the contingency list. Cami asked if there were any others. Kim said additional staffing.

- b. Resident on Display: Ruth Johnson has her art at City Hall until the end of the month when we will be displaying the ribbon winners from the secondary art show. There were 79 students and 141 entries. There was no art from Cottonwood High and the entry numbers were a bit lower due to online art classes. Riverview had a great turnout and Hillcrest had a couple of entries.
- c. Arts Education update: Storytelling – 259 students participated with 617 attend assemblies at the school. Showcase 25 winners performed and 134 attended. Story Crossroads where 15 of our tellers will tell. Cotton Tales we had 11 entries with 43 attending. A booklet was created of all the stories and given to each student. Arts ed – cemetery tours next week for 3 days. Final museum tour on May 23. Afterschool musical at Viewmont on May 19-20.
- d. Local Grants update – Lori Said the Cultural Arts Budget was approved up to now, which means that the local grants will be funded.
Lori reminded the board that on Thursday May 12th at 1, we will be doing Cemetery Headstone Care. All are invited to attend the free workshop. Katie said that there will be more mansion tours on June 8 starting at 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm, and 6:30 pm – 7:00p, and 18th from 11:00am – 11:30 am, and 11:30 am – 12 noon.

V. Business: There was no business to conduct.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Robert seconded it. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2022