

Murray City History Advisory Board  
Minutes for October 26, 2022

Members Present      Rebecca Santa Cruz, Wendy Richhart, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurel Anne Shepard, Dana Dmitri, Laurie Densley

City Staff Present      Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Rowan Coates

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes for Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Laurel seconded and the minutes passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Committee's Updates

- **Time Capsule Discussion:** Wendy presented that she and Laurel took a lot of pictures which Katie now has and put onto a thumb drive. It was suggested to put printed copies in the time capsule along with the digital images on a disc or thumb drive as backups.
- **Legacy Project (Centennial Celebration):** Nothing new for the Legacy Project update. Discussed making the pamphlet and adding any maps available for the centennial celebration. It would be nice to be able to show locations and directions of where things were prior compared to now. It was suggested by Katie to work with GIS to possibly incorporate aerials of different areas for comparison. Lori asked the board to make a list of chapters for the placement of pictures along with lead times for the project.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Museum update:** Rowan presented to the board that the museum now had the Spanish QR codes that will take visitors to the webpage with a power point of all the exhibit information in Spanish. There are also printed copies of the English and Spanish tour scripts for visitors to use. The museum's hours of operation will also be displayed in both languages.
  - a. RDA- Rowan mentioned the RDA meeting and confirmed what Jared had talked about. Rowan read results from the survey that residents filled out about what they want downtown to look like. The design guidelines and ordinance for the MCCD

does not match public opinion. The ordinance states that buildings can only be between 4 and 10 stories, which is contrary to the 3 stores residents want. The RDA acknowledged in their minutes that the current ordinance doesn't match public opinion.

- b. Arts Education-We have our cemetery tours in May. We have also offered this year for Katie and Rowan to go to the elementary schools and give 30–45-minute presentations on historic topics based on the student's curriculum. Because we are moving and we don't know what preparation is going to look like, we are not offering any in-person museum tours past February. On November 18<sup>th</sup> Rowan will be going to Longview elementary to teach third graders about Murray's early settlement. We do have the greatest number of cemetery tour requests this year, so we have extended the morning times to include another day - Monday through Thursday. We have five tours already booked.
- **Mansion Update:**
  - a. Lettering on outside- Suggested to put Murray City Museum with the ADA entrance access located near the public restrooms. Possibly use a copper plate as it was good for that historical time. Lori asked if we should have it match the one on the front porch of the home to have all lettering consistent. It was agreed to keep the font and look consistent.
  - b. Addition Update-The update is going slow. All the dead trees have been removed as well as the ramp on the west side.

## **BUSINESS**

- **Jared Hall Economic Development Director Update:** Jared presented that the last time the council gave him direction on the MCCD they were concerned about a few main big-ticket items. Some of them are simple and one is a little more complicated. The main things they wanted to do was look at the overview of the whole downtown area from 4800 South to Vine. They were more focused on their request of changes keeping with the domain and the traditional historic area of downtown and wanting to see the heights of the buildings no more 2-3 stories, which is easy enough to accommodate. We are still wanting to improve and find more ways to incentivize and keep historic buildings in finding other mechanisms, ordinances, and recourses to keep these. We want to create more regulations that have to do with the architecture of new buildings and the materials and Jared is trying to gather additional resources to work that out. Historic Murray First has offered to put together a small group of people that has some architectural background. We would need information and examples of what architectural features would like to be kept.  
It was asked if they could refer to Helper, Utah as an example as they are restoring their downtown and using original features dating to the late 1800's, early 1900's. Amazing how they have brought that city feeling back like you are driving in an old town again. Rebecca asked if it is possible to use any environmental dollars or grants. Jared thinks there may be a way we could translate some of those environmental funds that are available. As Jared puts together the information to talk about the architectural features, he will update the council hopefully next week. He believes the architectural

items are the only things holding them up right now. Jared would like to see a survey of the historic buildings showing the condition and value of downtown Murray to help rewrite the codes. The incentive portion would probably be contingent on the survey of the historic downtown structures.

- **History Board Name:** There was no mention of this.
- **Accessions/Deaccessions/Resource:** Rowan presented that we received four things to consider for accessions this month. Two paper bound books with short stories, poems, and drawings done by Murray High School students in 1967 and 1968. Someone gave them to the library and the library turned them over to us. Rebecca motioned to accept; Laurie seconded. Vote was unanimous to add these to the collection. The other two items were a 1927 basketball trophy as well as a sweater. Rebecca motioned to add the trophy and sweater into the museum and Laurel Ann seconded on the condition that the sweater could be validated as there is no signa. Vote was unanimous.

#### **OTHER**

There were no other comments.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 6:00 pm