

**MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #101, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

**Board Members Present:**

**Murray City**

Dave Nicponski – Chair  
Darren Stam  
Jim Brass  
Brett Hales  
Jared Shaver

**School Board**

Marge Tuckett – Vice Chair  
Darrell Pehrson  
Belinda Johnson  
Cris Longhurst

**Excused:**

Mitzi Huff

**Others Present:**

Janet Towers  
Jan Wells  
Jan Lopez  
Kellie Challburg  
Chief Fondaco

Dr. Steve Hirase  
Richard Reese  
Tim Tingey  
Zachary Fountain  
Mayor Snarr

**Welcome – Approval of Minutes**

Dave Nicponski welcomed everyone to the Murray City School Community Council meeting this evening. Mr. Stam moved to approve the minutes from January 17, 2012, the motion was seconded by Ms. Tuckett. All were in favor.

**Economic Development Update – Tim Tingey**

Mr. Tingey provided updates on the projects happening in the City.

The Marriott hotel across from the Junior High area, is being worked on right now. This hotel will be 6 stories with 135 rooms. They are getting the permits now and are hoping to have those issued within the next 3 weeks. Construction will start shortly after that.

The State and Vine hotel which includes 10,000 square feet of commercial space on the lower level with 117 rooms. This hotel is almost on the same track as the Marriott Hotel. Demolition will start shortly, as soon as the permit is received. All of their plans are in to be reviewed. Construction should be under way in May or June. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony around that time as well. Mr. Nicponski asked about the footprint of the State and Vine hotel. He would like to know how far and deep the hotel footprint would go. Mr. Tingey said that the strip mall that included the Wasatch Broiler and the Subway will be gone. Also, the Circle K and Albertos will be gone. The hotel is pushed up against State Street with landscaping. The lower level will be retail space. It is a 5 story hotel. Mr. Nicponski asked if it would take out the buildings farther north. Mr. Tingey replied that those building will remain. Permits are being reviewed now. Both hotels are hoping to be open next year by mid-summer. Mr.

Nicponski asked if the groundbreaking will be held in May or June. Mr. Tingey replied that they would be sometime around then.

The Fireclay area is moving forward, as well as the Birkhill apartments, and also the 30,000 square feet of commercial space. The 30,000 square feet of office space is being marketed at the retail convention.

There are two big things occurring:

First, the Medistar critical care facility will have their certificate of occupancy by the end of the week. They will be open early next week. There were some renderings of the 35,000 square foot facility. It is a really nice commercial use in this area.

Secondly, there is the Hamlet property that has the live/work units on Main Street. They have worked with Henry Walker Homes and are developing more of these live/work units and also townhomes. There will be approximately 80 or 90 more of these units. The City is working with them on the permitting process and getting the plans to where they need to be. Construction will start this summer.

There are still some commercial pad sites available for future commercial. Great things are happening, especially with the critical care facility opening. Medistar is a group out of Texas and is a nice addition to the Fireclay area.

The Utah Center for Oral and Facial Surgery had a ribbon cutting a few weeks ago. It is a really nice facility over on 9<sup>th</sup> East by Wheeler Farm. It is a nice addition. There are also proposals for a vision center south of this property, which will be going under construction mid-summer as well.

There is a group out of Boise, Idaho that has a presence here and is looking at the site at Woodrow Street and 5300 South close to Murray High. There are no definitive plans yet, but possibly medical offices or some other type of commercial use. Mr. Nicponski asked about the Cottonwood Street area on the map. Mayor Snarr pointed out the Cottonwood Street Bridge and the former trailer park area. Mr. Tingey said it is likely that there will be some proposals on this area soon. He noted it would most likely be medical use, possibly professional offices or some retail.

The University of Utah site doesn't have to go through the permitting process because they go through the state. This site is for the University of Utah medical facility and will be going out to bid fairly soon. It will be several thousand square feet that will be built. It doesn't necessarily enhance the tax base, but will be a nice addition to the community along 6100 South and Fashion Place. Mr. Nicponski commented that the City is becoming a center for medicine. Mayor Snarr commented that it is in the area of the former Bank of American Fork and the Praxair buildings. Mr. Tingey said that he hasn't seen plans and isn't sure what the staging will be, but they will need significant parking areas.

The other area is the ore sampling site located at I-15 and 5300 South. There is no proposal for that site, but there is a group putting together all of the property owners and they have interest in looking at a redevelopment area and partnering with the City. There are not any specifics yet, but possibly some plans for hotels and office space. The City's interest would be for a fuller development that would include the ore sampling site. Mr. Shaver said that this area is one that has been talked about as an RDA also, so the fact that there is some interest there makes it a little more feasible. The City informed the interested parties that it might consider a redevelopment area, but not for just one

property. The City would need to meet with all the property owners and talk about the whole area. Mr. Shaver asked where the highway patrol office is. Mayor Snarr said this area is near Kimball's property north of the auction. Staff would like all of the property owners to come up with a plan for the entire area.

These are the highlights of the projects that are occurring. There are some good things happening in the downtown area. The City is working with a development group that has some interest in that area. There are positive things with the hotels and other things happening.

Mayor Snarr asked about new development with Fashion Place Mall. Mr. Tingey said that most likely the Sears site will come down. Yesterday, they said that a contract is waiting to be signed for a new store. Hopefully, there will be an announcement within a week or two. The mall is 100% leased. The first Lego store is coming, as well as a Lulu Lemon. There is a grand opening for the Microsoft kiosk. The mall has had to turn retailers away because they are full.

**Business Item #2.21**

**Police report- Chief Fondaco**

Chief Fondaco handed out the year-end report for 2012 that includes all the schools, including Cottonwood High. There are no new trends to report. Dr. Hirase asked if there was a large organized gang presence in the schools. Chief Fondaco said the only gang presence that had been found was four members identified at Riverview. They have not caused any problems as of yet. Dr. Hirase asked because there had been dress code issues at Hillcrest, and he didn't know if there were any problems with gangs. Mr. Nicponski asked if anything had occurred at all that everyone should be aware of. Chief Fondaco said there were no real trends popping up. He said there had been a small increase of marijuana coming through the school at Riverview, compared to the other schools and also compared to the past.

The high school is having a new trend with "pharm" parties. Kids bring pills from home and throw them in a bowl and take a couple and see what happens. A "pharm" party is not as innocent as it sounds.

Mr. Nicponski thanked the Chief for his report.

**Business Item #2.22**

**Superintendent Hirase**

Dr. Hirase said he attended a Utah School Board Association Meeting a couple of months ago and it was pointed out that the District should be getting reports on minors that are violent felons, or have been charged with weapons. He asked Chief Fondaco if they have had any of those cases. Chief Fondaco said that since this law was passed there had been four cases. Two of those cases occurred in the school so the school was already aware of the problem. There was not a policy in place to actively notify the Superintendent. The school would be notified, but not necessarily the superintendent. The Police Department has changed that policy so the Superintendent is notified also. Mr. Shaver asked that if a student transferred into the District, if the Police Department is informed. Chief Fondaco said no, this is only if a student in the District is charged with a violent felony, the school Superintendent must be notified under this law. Mr. Nicponski asked if the crime had to be committed on school grounds or if it could be anywhere. Chief Fondaco said the crime could have been committed anywhere. Mr. Shaver asked if someone that has a felony record moves into the area and becomes a student, if the Police are notified. Chief Fondaco said that they are not notified of those incoming students. Dr. Hirase said that this helps the administration and the counselors become aware to keep an eye on those students. Mr. Shaver said that if it happens in the City, we would know about it, but not necessarily if the student

moves into the area. Dr. Hirase said that occasionally other agencies will send the schools reports, if there are convictions. Chief Fondaco said that for example, if a student from Granite District was arrested for a violent felony, Granite District would be notified. If that student moves into the Murray School District three months later, Murray would not be notified, unless the Granite District passed it onto the Murray District.

Dr. Hirase brought a couple of preliminary drawings of the new Junior High. The architects are finalizing the drawings now. This view of the buildings has the floor plans, and those have changed a bit since this rendering was done. This should go out to bid by the middle of May with an anticipated groundbreaking sometime around the first part of June. Invitations will be sent out as soon as that date is set.

Another project occurring is the seismic work. It has been decided to start with two projects; Riverview Junior High and Longview Elementary are the schools with the biggest seismic problems. As soon as school ends, work will begin on those schools. Primarily, they will be removing some of the roof and tie the beams to the wall supports and end up with new roofs on those schools. The purpose of that is to let the building shift and not pancake out. Mr. Stam said that in the construction industry, the big thing that is hitting Utah now is called "story drift." The goal is to handle the bottom and top swaying and not allow the roof to crack.

The other project is the track and field at Murray High. The track is being replaced and artificial turf will be put in. Mr. Nicponski stated that is exciting, and asked what kind of material it would be. Dr. Hirase said that the architect is just finishing up. Mr. Nicponski asked if Murray High would be able to host track and field events. Dr. Hirase said that they won't be able to host a state tournament that requires eight lanes, but would be able to host tournaments with six lanes. It would have been a substantial cost to have eight lanes, because it would require moving the bleachers. Murray will be able to have some pre-season tournaments and it will be nice for the school to have a meet at their own school.

Ms. Tuckett said the artificial turf would allow the soccer games to be played there also. Dr. Hirase said the field would be painted with soccer lines. It is scheduled to be completed before the first home game.

Ms. Tuckett said she is happy that the District has taken the initiative to address the seismic issues before it was mandated. Ms. Johnson said that they also installed defibrillators and trained teachers on that equipment before it was required.

Dr. Hirase passed out the school calendar for the next year. The student days are all set, there may be some changes with teacher work days.

Dr. Hirase said there is a parent group that is organizing with concerns about the common core. The common core has been discussed for a number of years. These are the core standards that the state has adopted. Groups of parents throughout the country are concerned about common core standards. Many of their concerns are based on misinformation. He offered to do a presentation on the common core at the next Coordinating Council meeting. Mr. Nicponski said he would like to schedule that. Dr. Hirase produced a sheet for the parents that gave them some general information about the common core. This would give some information if Council was approached by concerned parents. Please feel free to have them contact Dr. Hirase with any questions.

Mr. Nicponski adjourned the meeting.

Kellie Challburg  
Council Office Administrator II

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