

**MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Thursday, February 13, 2014 in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

**Board Members Present:**

**Murray City**

Brett Hales – Vice Chair  
Blair Camp  
Jim Brass  
Dave Nicponski  
Diane Turner

**School Board**

Darrell Pehrson –Chair  
Mitzie Huff  
Belinda Johnson  
Cris Longhurst  
Marjorie Tuckett

**Others Present:**

Ted Eyre - Mayor  
Jan Wells  
Janet M. Lopez  
Kellie Challburg  
D Wright  
Justin Zollinger

Dr. Steve Hirase  
Richard Reese  
Tim Tingey  
Chief Fondaco  
Doug Hill

**Welcome – Approval of Minutes**

Darrell Pehrson welcomed everyone to the Murray City School Community Council meeting. Mr. Pehrson asked for approval of the minutes from October 10, 2013. Belinda Johnson moved to approve the minutes, and Jim Brass seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**2.1 Economic Development Update –**

**Tim Tingey**

Mr. Tingey talked about three hotels currently being built in Murray City. The Marriott located on 5300 South has 135 rooms and will open in May or June of 2014. The Hilton, located on Vine and State Street, has 117 rooms and 10,000 square feet of commercial space. They currently have commercial leases with Subway and Wasatch Broilers and should open this summer. A Holiday Inn Express located on 5429 South Commerce Drive is currently under construction and has plans for 114 rooms and restaurant space.

Mr. Tingey talked about development at the Fashion Place Mall. New stores opening at the mall include a Lego Store, Lululemon which sells yoga and athletic apparel, and The Container Store which is scheduled to open by October 2014. Dillard's is relocating to the south east end of the mall. It will occupy 209,000 square feet of new space where the Sears was previously located. No announcements have been made regarding plans for the use of the old Dillard's space.

The University of Utah is moving ahead with plans to develop a Dermatology/Vision facility totaling 83,000 square feet. This facility is just north of Fashion Place Mall and they are moving forward with the first phase of development. It should generate a respectable amount of additional sales tax revenue for the City. There are several smaller medical related offices under construction on 900 East

just west of Wheeler Farm. Recovery Ways completed a two story facility on Allendale Drive and are starting to build a 20,000 square foot facility on 385 West 4800 South.

Birkhill Apartments is currently marketing 30,000 square feet of commercial space. None of that space is under contract or under construction at this time. Phase 2 is currently under construction with 71,000 square feet for 65 apartment units similar to what is currently available. Fireclay area had the Medistar facility open in May 2013. Birkhill area has an additional 9 live/work units under construction by Walker/ Clay with 60 apartment units. The Humane Society is building a 2 story addition to their existing facility of 6,000 square feet.

American International School of Utah is building a charter school on the old Galleria site. They are looking at becoming a K-12 facility over time.

### **2.2 Police Report-**

### **Chief Fondaco**

Chief Fondaco distributed a sheet of statistics as well as summary sheets from the resource officers for the school year starting in August 2013 through February 2014. Chief Fondaco said that Cottonwood High has 134 case reports compared to 45 cases at Murray High School.

Chief Fondaco said they are still seeing the same issues of social networks to harass and bully students as well as marijuana issues. There are increased marijuana issues throughout the entire state.

E-cigarettes continue to be a problem. The students apparently don't know that they contain nicotine and that they are treated as a tobacco arrest.

### **2.3 Mayor's Report -**

### **Mayor Ted Eyre**

Mayor Eyre indicated that he was thankful for the opportunity to meet for the first time with the school district. He spoke to Congressman Jim Matheson who asked what bothers the mayor about the federal government. The Mayor expressed his concern that the Federal Government creates short-term fixes to long-term problems and the proposed solutions are typically setting up another government agency. Mayor Eyre said that one of his long-term solutions is education. The Mayor said that in Utah there are 36,400 multi-generational recipients of welfare ages 19-41 and that there are 52,400 welfare recipients' ages 0-19 that have been on welfare for more than 12 months. He said that of those numbers only 20% have a high school diploma, 6% have an Associate's degree, and 1% have a four year degree. If you wanted to eliminate 63% of multi-generational welfare recipients, get them a high school diploma. His administration is dedicated to education and wants to find ways to assist education.

Marge Tuckett said that Murray she wants to stay the best city in Utah. If they want to maintain and improve education in the District then we can't create redevelopment agencies for areas that aren't truly blighted and take money from education.

Mayor Eyre said he agreed with Ms. Tuckett. He also said that he wants to solve long-term problems by helping to support and strengthen the families in the city.

### **2.4 School District Report-**

### **Dr. Hirase**

Superintendent Hirase said that the legislature is looking to help with the multi-generational issues by proposing bills to help strengthen the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs in the state.

Dr. Hirase reported on some personnel changes within the school district with Assistant Superintendent Rob McDaniel leaving to become the Principal at Cyprus High School. Also, Scott Bushnell is moving to the Curriculum team from the position of Human Resource Director. He will continue managing the CTE program.

This summer the district will start on two new seismic upgrades for Liberty and Grant elementary schools. He said that the District will also start the 300 West and Vine street project. This would be done in two phases. The first phase would involve building the transportation and maintenance facility while the second phase would include the warehouse and district offices.

### **2.5 Hillcrest Jr. High/Tennis Courts Update-**

**Dr. Hirase**

Dr. Hirase said that the Hillcrest Junior High School project is progressing well. The gym area is all closed in and they are starting to install windows. The major classroom area has two floors completed. The biggest challenge right now is the placement of the seminary building. The church has little interest in moving their seminary if there is any cost involved. The District has property available on the southwest corner of the HJHS boundaries by the bus pick up/drop off area.

The last summer project would be building the tennis courts at Murray High School in the southwest corner of the high school campus. The district would plan on building 4 or 5 courts and the city would be welcome to help fund additional courts. The district is not planning on adding lights because school use would be during the day.

### **2.5 Items from Board of Council Members-**

Blair Camp had a question regarding the coordination of emergency management efforts with the city and school district. Superintendent Hirase said that there is a monthly meeting to discuss those safety issues with the police and fire departments and the school district. Pat O'Hara attends those meetings from the school district. Chief Fondaco uses the schools for police training.

Mayor Eyre asked when the School District would begin phase two of their district complex and when they would be vacating the district office. Superintendent Hirase said that phase 2 would likely start in the summer/fall of 2015.

Chief Fondaco said that the emergency plans for utilization of the schools in an emergency is a little lax and could be improved.

Dave Nicponski commended the Mayor for his emphasis of education in solving the economic challenges for families by strengthening the families in the city.

### **Internal Business**

Mr. Pehrson said the next meeting will be May 8th, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.  
Mr. Pehrson adjourned the meeting at 6:01.

Business Administrator  
Richard Reese