

MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room #107, of the Murray City Center, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Board Members Present:

Murray City

Blair Camp
Dave Nicponski
Diane Turner
Jim Brass
Brett Hales

School Board

Cristin Longhurst –Chair
Belinda Johnson
Glo Merrill
Jaren Cooper
Kami Anderson

Others Present:

Janet Towers
Janet M. Lopez
Tim Tingey

Dr. Steve Hirase
Richard Reese

1. Welcome

Ms. Longhurst welcomed everyone to the Murray City School Coordinating Council (CSCC) meeting. First order of business was the Election of Officers for 2017 for Chair and Vice Chair. Volunteers or nominations were requested. Council Member Brett Hales volunteered for Chair and Kami Anderson was nominated for Vice Chair. All were in favor of each candidate.

Mr. Hales conducted the meeting hence forth.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hales asked for approval or corrections of the minutes from October 13, 2016. Ms. Turner moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Welcome two new School Board Members - Glo Merrill, District 1; Jaren Cooper, District 5

Mr. Hales welcomed new members and asked for introductions. Glo Merrill, a resident of Murray since 1985, was a Murray High School teacher, became assistant principal and retired from the school district. Jaren Cooper was born and raised in Murray City and was looking forward to the opportunity to contribute his time.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Police Report

Chief Craig Burnett

Chief Burnett had not seen any major issues or crimes since his last meeting with the CSCC. He received the same report from school resource officers. Effective this year, resource officers at Hillcrest and Riverview Junior High Schools were replaced and Murray High School's resource officer will be

replaced very soon. The police department implements a five-year rotation for specialists and detectives. Matt Black, Murray High school's DARE officer will be replaced by Rebecca Cox.

Traffic issues are ongoing at Horizon Elementary School, with a high volume of parents driving kids to school and growth in the area. The department is doing their best to help frustrated parents.

Complaints were received from parents regarding the lack of a crossing guard on 700 West for Riverview Junior High students. With a school zone existing one block to the north, caution lights in the area and crosswalks at the intersection of 5900 south, safe crossing in the area is available. There is no future plan for a crossing guard.

Code Enforcement has been a priority this winter to due to heavy snow accumulations and complaints related to snow piles not being cleared from sidewalks, primarily due to county snow plows. The main concern was dealing with both residential and business property owners along State Street and in front of Hillcrest Junior High School, where it was dangerous for kids who walk to school. An additional complaint at the crossing of 5600 South and Fashion Boulevard was also noted.

Mr. Camp asked if city properties were problem spots. The chief said no, city properties were quick in removing snow. Other problem areas noted were on overpasses near 700 West. After analyzing complaints over the years, State Street business owners and car dealerships are usually notorious for not clearing snow.

Ms. Towers said Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) snow plows were responsible for clearing State Street and would not take responsibility for snow piling up on sidewalks near schools. She asked Chief Burnett to notify the city during heavy snow storms and Murray City would help in clearing those areas.

4.2 Community and Economic Development Report

Tim Tingey

Great progress was made in the expansion of Fashion Place Mall. Inspectors are exceptionally busy overseeing tenant improvements in preparation for the opening of Macy's and other stores this spring and early summer. New announcements would be coming soon for 50,000 square feet of leasable space.

The TNT gun range located on 5600 South and Commerce Street is open. It is a nice addition to the community which provides an underground skeet shooting range. It is a one of kind facility in Utah, as well as, for the entire country.

Apartments are currently under construction at the Fireclay-Metro project located at 50 West Fireclay Avenue. Completion of the first phase is expected soon with occupancy anticipated shortly after.

The large Security National project located west of I15 and north of 5300 South is moving forward. The six-story Class A office building with approximately 200,000 square feet of available space, has the potential to expand long term. If the market allows, projections are likely to be one million square feet. The project is expected to be a great addition to our community along with a four story parking garage.

Reviewing the plans for Murray Crossings is underway but moving forward has not been quick. Located east of the Murray City School District offices, on Commerce Drive and Vine Street, the two-story project will provide lower lever commercial space of 9,985 square feet and upper level residential space, providing 268,000 square feet, for 293 residential units.

There has been serious consideration for a new 60,000 square foot office building to the south and across the street to the east of Murray Crossings. Mr. Tingey planned to attend a meeting related to the new project and would provide an update if it comes to fruition. The outlook was hopeful for the new addition.

The Hilton Home 2 Suites has been working to fill their lower level space. The Pho Saigon Noodle Restaurant is successfully open and two other tenants are very close to occupancy.

Construction has begun at 737 E. Winchester for The Advocacy Law offices providing 20,000 square feet of office space.

Construction of The Sleep Number facility is almost complete on the south-west corner of 5300 South and State Street.

Intermountain Health Care and Intermountain Medical Center announced their new Kem Gardner Transformation Center to be located in Murray, north of the liquor store. The educational facility will hold six week courses on leadership for healthcare providers, as well as, for medical professionals and will host many people from all over the globe. The building will be classy looking and will include a parking structure to the west of the IHC Women's Center. Ground work has started on the project, which will be a great addition to our community.

4.3 Downtown Development Update

Tim Tingey

Referred to as the Murray City Center District (MCCD), Mr. Tingey reviewed a downtown redevelopment map for new board members. In order to attain a developer for assisting the city in working on private, as well as, public projects in the area, a request for qualification was submitted a year and half ago. Heavy negotiations are currently underway related to selling and buying property.

The overall goal is to build a new city hall, construct office facilities for private development and investment, provide a parking structure, and include open space park-type elements that coincide with IHC expansion. As the assembly of property for the new city hall building proceeds, construction could be underway this spring. Frankie and Johnnies Bar has been purchased by the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) where a parking structure will be located. In addition, historical structures, including the mansion and the chapel will anchor open green space near the new city hall.

Future development in close proximity is hopeful near Day Murray Music and State Street. Once city hall is relocated, negotiations are possible for the purchase of additional property in hopes of connecting the west and east sides of State Street with bridge of 20 or 30 feet wide. It would include a bike path, landscaping and benches to accommodate guests at the new Transformation Center, by crossing over State Street to a mixed use project, including a four to five-star hotel on the east side of State Street.

Mr. Nicponski mentioned the Marriott Hotel and Hilton Home2 Suites and asked if hotel providers contacted Murray for business, or was Murray recruiting for additional hotels. Mr. Tingey reported, all three hotels in Murray, including the Holiday Inn Express were doing very well in accommodating guests.

With the new Transformation Center, the National Security office building and development just about everywhere, the hotel market has changed significantly. Conversations with higher end hotel groups have taken place in order to accommodate the size and location of the Transformation Center, specifically,

due to the considerable number of medical professionals expected to visit Murray. As construction and development unfolds over the next couple of years hotel considerations will be clearer.

There was some discussion related to the school district property on Myrtle Street. Mr. Tingey stated after working with the developer and discussions with Dr. Hirase, delaying the decision would be fine. The city is still interested in the property long term and would play a significant part of the development.

Ms. Longhurst was concerned about the number of tax breaks given to developers. Mr. Tingey explained many of the amenities discussed, such as, bridges and parking structures were elements needed to bring the entire project to fruition.

Ms. Merrill asked about the construction of a grocery store in the area. Mr. Tingey said it was a possible component along with hotel and residential growth. Conversations have taken place with grocery chains in order to determine their interest. These are all preliminary conversations for future planning.

The question was asked if any of the RDA areas would be coming to an end. The RDA for the Smelter Site expires in 2023 and two other RDA areas expire later. The Smelter Site, the Central Business District and Fireclay pay the school district approximately \$800,000 per year for education mitigation. (This includes direct city payments, county haircut provisions and base value.)

Ms. Merrill was concerned about the effect of RDA areas because Murray district no longer had a salary schedule equal to other districts. Canyons, Granite, and Salt Lake Districts are paying teachers more money. She felt if Murray wanted to be the best district, Murray would need to hire the best teachers. Parents shared the same concerns.

4.4 Mayor's Report

Janet Towers

Ms. Towers conveyed Mayor Eyre's message of condolences that due to major health issues he was unable to attend the meeting, especially to welcome new board members. He is excited to work with the board and was doing his very best to get back to work soon.

Ms. Towers asked if there was an update on the grant request for funding a crossing guard on Winchester. Police Chief Burnett informed the mayor's office of how well it was working for approximately 15-20 students. Dr. Hirase said they have yet to hear back from the state.

4.5 School District Report

Dr. Hirase

25th Annual Human Rights Celebration. Dr. Hirase invited the group to Murray High School, Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A number of speakers, as well as, performing groups from the high school were participating.

Pinnacle Awards. Nomination forms were passed out and he reminded the group that nominations could be accepted from anyone who would like to recognize a certain volunteer, employee or teacher.

State School Board Convention. Dr. Hirase learned at a recent state board meeting few school board members in other communities meet to discuss common issues with their city council members. Mr. Hirase expressed gratitude for the willingness of the Murray City Council and board members in taking time to meet for regular discussions. He also noted the good people in the Murray community

who were willing to make the effort to run for offices and to serve their communities. He extended his appreciation for many services provided to the school district and children.

5.0 Internal Business

Mr. Hales said the next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Hales adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
City Council Office Administrator