

**MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Board Members Present:

Murray City

Blair Camp
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
D Wright

Dr. Steve Hirase
Richard Reese
Tim Tingey
Chief Craig Burnett

1 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 May 8, 2014. Cristin Longhurst moved to approve the minutes, and David Nicponski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2 Police Report-

Chief Burnett

Chief Burnett said that there have not been a lot of drugs, smoking or fights. He did say that there has been a sharp increase in personal thefts at Hillcrest Junior High School. These thefts have mainly been electronic devices like IPods, iPads, and smartphones. Chief Burnett was asked if the electronics were sold at local pawn shops. He said that the seller must be 18 and be registered on a data base.

Chief Burnett said there were two fights reported from students attending Hillcrest Junior High School. There were no injuries and no weapons were involved. The fights generally happened after school and at Carl's Junior hamburger restaurant.

Chief Burnett said that the schools have been relatively quiet and there have not been any big issues with weapons. However, there was a lockdown at McMillan Elementary due to a suicidal man being in the area. There was a police officer stationed at the school during that event.

Diane Turner asked how sexting is reported and how do police respond? Chief Burnett said that sexting is child pornography and that the police treat it accordingly.

Marge Tuckett asked about drugs and was told that it has been relatively quiet in the city but that there was one arrest the previous day at Cottonwood High School.

Blair Camp asked the Chief if Granite School District police officers help at Cottonwood High School. The police chief said that Murray City has a full-time officer at Cottonwood.

3 Mayor's Report -

Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre indicated that the city is in the beginning phases of a new general plan. This plan is updated every ten years. A meeting was being held that evening at Murray High School. An example of issues addressed in this plan is the bike task force. The task force examines provisions for bike lanes in the city. A "complete street" incorporates bike lanes. There are concerns regarding privileges on the roadway. The Mayor said that the city has two years to complete the plan.

Mayor Eyre informed those present that the city has narrowed the City Hall project to 2 potential sites. One site is directly behind the current City offices and the other site is on the corner of 4800 South Main. The city is hoping for \$22.8 million in funding from Salt Lake County for the Performing Arts Center. The two finalist cities for the Performing Arts Center are Murray and Taylorsville.

The city has selected Fink Architecture for their new city center. The project should be completed in three to four years. The city would donate land to Salt Lake County for the performing arts center. There would also be a parking structure on the site.

Mayor Eyre said that Murray City has a passport office that processed 1,350 passports this year with no additional personnel.

The Coordinating Council was informed that the Murray City Library now has a "Story Tube" web-based activity where you can watch someone read a story on-line. Over 2,300 people used the service last month.

Murray City leaders toured the new Hillcrest Junior High School. Mayor Eyre said that the panoramic view from the second floor highlighted all of the new construction that has happened on the last 10-12 years.

Mr. Eyre informed the council that the ore sampling center on 5300 South and the freeway had been purchased.

The Fashion Place Mall is continuing the work on the new Dillards wing of 220,000 square feet. The Mall will then tear down the existing Dillards store and rebuild with an additional 50,000 square feet for a new anchor store that will locate in Utah for the first time.

Mayor Eyre mentioned that there is a possible development of one million square feet off of 53rd South.

Finally, the Mayor told the Council of a brand new Murray glossy magazine that will be published annually. The first print run was 25,000 copies.

4 School District Report-

Dr. Hirase

- A. SAGE Assessment Overview - Superintendent Hirase said the end-of-level test changed. Students weren't appropriately prepared for the workplace or advanced education. Additional rigor in the curriculum was required and that led to the adoption of the Common Core. Dr. Hirase said that students aren't testing as well but the District has a better idea of their proficiency level. Superintendent Hirase said that assessment results would be released between October 13th and 17th. Dr. Hirase said that the District will be sponsoring a "Know Your School Night."

- B. Projects Update – Dr. Hirase wanted to arrange for the City Council to participate in another tour at Hillcrest Junior High School. He told the Council that digging had begun for the District Office complex and that a groundbreaking was held three weeks ago. Seismic upgrading is continuing for all schools except Hillcrest Junior High School and Murray High School. New property was purchased just off 700 East and approximately 6100 South for the Murray High "Spartan House" construction projects. There is sufficient property for 3 home lots.

5 Election of Officers-

Dave Nicponski nominated Diane Turner as Chair of the Coordinating Council for 2015. Marge Tuckett seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Marge Tuckett nominated Mitzi Huff as the Vice-Chair for 2015. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Internal Business

Mr. Pehrson said the next meeting will be January 15, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Pehrson adjourned the meeting at 6:05.

Business Administrator
Richard Reese