

The Murray Arts Advisory Board  
Minutes for October 12, 2021

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Clark Bullen, Christy Anderson, Peter Klinge, Nancy Buist,  
Staff: Katie Lindquist, Lori Edmunds, Kim Sorenson  
Excused: Haley Oliphant

- I. The minutes for September 14, 2021 were passed as written with adjustments.
- II. There were no citizen comments.
- III. Board Reports:

Peter talked told us that he had met with the Executive Director of Hogle Zoo, and the Salt Lake Arts Council, and History museum are willing to cross pollinate with our programs. Clark wondered about the appropriateness of having our board member be the grant funder person for their application. Peter said he was wondering if we could perhaps adapt some of the things these groups did to augment our programs. Peter reminded the board that they needed to remember the workload of Katie and Lori. Additionally, Peter reported that he was told that the animals seemed to have emotionally missed patrons.

Lori then told the board that she had received \$950 in the Heart to Art donations and asked that the board to please sign the thank you notes she has purchased to send out to each donor.
- IV. Staff reports –
  - a. Resident on Display
    - i. City Hall- Katie told us the new Resident on Display is Dustin Lewis. His art is a conglomeration of odd and curious things. 3D.
    - ii. Murray Theater update –Lori reported that Salt Lake County TRCC voted to give us back the funding of \$3.5 million for the theater rehabilitation project. It still has to go before the Salt Lake County Council for a vote. She said that Kim had been working on the three RFP's that we had written in 2019 because they needed to be renewed. These are for fundraising, architects, and the construction company. Kim told the group that we had basically used the same RFP we wrote 2 years ago but added a clause that the work had already been started by either, Pathway Associates, Hogan Construction, or FFKRQ. Lori said the fundraising RFP had been released Monday, September 11, 2021. So that companies that wish to bid will know that the work had been started. Peter asked who it was sent to and Lori said that it goes out on a Utah vendor procurement site, U3P. This site is available to all vendors. Peter asked what we had from Pathway Associates that we could use, and Kim said we had several preliminary items which we own. Peter reminded us that the board had visited with the architects and we had been picking out interior choices and the small bit of work that was done by Pathway had been paid for. Clark asked that with the vote that will happen with the county council if

it would help if some of the board members were there to champion the project. Lori told the board that there were several projects halted and revoked on and she was not worried about the vote, but Kim told the board that they were welcome to attend the meeting. Peter wanted to know if the City had funding still set aside and Kim said the City had \$1million this year and about \$800,000 from the previous year, 2020 and it would be interesting to see what the project will cost at today's market prices. Peter would like to revisit the programming ideas for the theater.

Peter reminded us that we are on the high end of Tier II and when the theater is finished, we will most likely be able to apply for Tier I funding with the operational budget of \$400,000 or more. Lori reminded the board that her department will likely change drastically. Nancy wanted to know about the parking. Lori said it wasn't our lane, but Kim said it was. They discussed that we would have a new Mayor but City Hall parking looks like the option for theater parking at this time. Clark said he had heard that the post office is looking for a new space and wondered if there was a space in the new City Hall. Katie reminded the board that the theaters uptown seem to figure out parking as they have no structures for their venues. Kim asked the group if they thought that City Hall was too far to walk, and everyone agreed it was fine. Clark suggested that we talk with Hale theater that had the same problem and decided to build a multilevel parking structure. The board felt like parking would be up and down state street and Vine Street. Clark suggested we talk with Utah Main Street as it pertains coordinating program in America. Lori said she had looked at the web site a few times and did not feel it was a good fit at this time. Peter thought the board should help in the RFP process and Kim thought it was a wonderful idea. Lori said that there are three different selections to do and there should be enough for all members to sit on a selection committee if the members wanted.

- iii. Lori shared that Utah Arts Alliance received a grant and is working with Visit Salt Lake to create 10 murals across the valley and they wanted to paint on the north side of the theater. She asked Katie to put the image on the screen for the board to see. She explained that the geometric shapes were Visit Salt Lakes branding and had to be in the image. She also had been told the stacks should go, but the board wanted them to stay.
- iv. Clark asked about terms and Lori explained that some of the board had two-year terms and some had three-year terms. She thinks Clark is halfway through his second-year term and should have one more year on the board.

V. Business

- a. Lori reported that she had received funding from a Zoo, Arts, and Parks grant for \$90K. She also told the board that we served 7711 patrons at the amphitheater plus approximately 1500 more from Little Mermaid. She also said that the legal department has figured out how to accept online donations which will be helpful in our grass roots efforts for the theater.

VI. Other – there was no other items to discuss, and Peter adjourned the meeting until November 9, 2021