

The Redevelopment Agency (RDA) of Murray City met on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:32 p.m. in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Any members of public were able to view the meeting via the live stream at www.murraycitylive.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>.

Public comments could be made in person or by submitting comments via email at: rda@murray.utah.gov. Comments were limited to three minutes or less, and written comments were read into the meeting record.

RDA Board Members

Diane Turner, Chair
Garry Hrechkosy
Pam Cotter
Phil Markham, Vice Chair

Others in Attendance

Mayor Brett Hales
Jared Hall, CED Director
Jessica Hales
Jonathan Oliver

Excused

Rosalba Dominguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Turner asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 10, 2023 and January 17, 2023. Mr. Markham mad a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Hrechkosy seconded. Pam Cotter noted corrections that had been made by Rebekah Adamson. A voice vote was made, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two emailed comments were read by Mr. Hall.

Christine Lavon emailed. Please place a deed restriction on the Arlington school building so it can't be demolished. She suggested ways for the community to come together, which could include cafes, dances, indoor farmers markets, classes, seed/clothing swaps. She doesn't want to see more apartments. Condos would be more acceptable. She expressed her feeling that the city council doesn't listen to what the citizens want.

Dexter Thomas emailed. He requested a deed restriction on the Arlington school building. He said the building has stood as a beacon of education and governance, holding a connection to community. He urges the council and RDA to work together to make sure new owners are bound to maintain historic integrity. He asked that the council explore financial incentives for potential buyers interested in restoring and repurposing the building. He feels the preservation and adaptive reuse of the Arlington school building is crucial to maintain the city's identity.

BUSINESS ITEM(S)

No additional business items.

ACTION ITEM

The request was for the Board to consider a resolution authorizing an amendment to the participation agreement in the Ore Sampling Mill Community Reinvestment project area. Jared Hall stated that this item had been considered and approved by the RDA Board on 2/21/23 but that it needed to be re-heard because of a mistake in posting the 2/21/23 meeting agenda.

In 2020, the RDA entered into a participation agreement with the potential developer of the property at 5510 South 300 West in the Ore Sampling Mill Community Reinvestment project area. The participation agreement requires the developer to satisfy certain conditions within five years of the effective date of the agreement, reached in 2020. Because progress on approval for the remediation plan is significantly slower than originally anticipated, the developers have requested that the RDA amend the participation agreement to extend the five-year time-period. Staff recommends that the Board approve a resolution authorizing an amendment to section 3.12 of the participation agreement for the Ore Sampling Mill Community Reinvestment project area.

Ms. Cotter asked again if we have had any other interested parties. Mr. Hall indicated in the eight years since he has been working for the city, no one has ever expressed interest.

Mr. Hrechkosy asked if any progress has been made in the past thirty days. Mr. Hall indicated it had not.

Ms. Turner requested a motion. Mr. Markham made a motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Hrechkosy seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Diane Turner

Y Garry Hrechkosy

Y Pam Cotter

Y Phil Markham

ACTION ITEM

Jared Hall stated that staff is requesting approval of a resolution for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a firm to relocate the building at 4843 S. Poplar Street (commonly referred to as the Townsend House) from that property to additional property owned by the RDA at approximately 4904 S. Poplar Street. Parking could be provided and shared between the Townsend House and the Murray Chapel (also owned by the RDA, just to the north at 4886 S. Poplar Street), making the continued use of both buildings viable. Mr. Hall said that relocating the Townsend House presents an opportunity to preserve a historically significant building while allowing it to be actively used in the community. The RDA Board has already engaged Orden Yost and Colliers to market the Murray Chapel (4886 S. Poplar) for sale, with restrictions to preserve the building and its historic architecture. The same restrictions could be applied to a potential sale of the Townsend House property once it is relocated, and Mr. Yost is confident that there are potential buyers for both properties. Shared parking and access could accommodate the needs of both properties. The proposed resolution to allow an RFP for the relocation of the Townsend House is the next step in pursuing this possibility. Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed resolution R23-18, authorizing a request for proposals to relocate the building located at 4843 South Poplar Street to property located at 4904 South Poplar Street.

Mr. Markham asked how long it could take to find answers to the feasibility of moving the building. Mr. Hall said there aren't many companies who can do this, so they'll be able to answer that question relatively soon. It will come down to timing – when one of those companies are available. Also, a foundation will have to be built.

Ms. Cotter asked what will happen to NeighborWorks, who is housed there right now. Mr. Hall said that they want to keep an office in Murray, and one option might be the Murray Manson. NeighborWorks does not need a lot of space.

Ms. Cotter asked what the Townsend House would be used for. Mr. Hall said there was no definite information about a tenant, but it could most easily be used as office space.

Mr. Turner requested a motion. Mr. Hrechkosy made a motion to approve the resolution and Ms. Cotter seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Diane Turner

Y Garry Hrechkosy

Y Pam Cotter

Y Phil Markham

OTHER BUSINESS ITEM(S)

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Murray City Council Chambers at 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.



Jared Hall,
RDA Deputy Executive Director