

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for October 23, 2019

Attendance: Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurel Shepard, Mildred Horton, Pam Benson, Lynette Lloyd, Rebecca Santa Cruz,

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Jennifer Broschinsky

- I. Minutes for September 25, 2019 were approved as written.
- II. Rebecca attended a couple of meetings on the proposed draft of the MCCD Ordinance. On October 17th, she went to the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting. Then she met with Lori, Katie, Kim Sorenson, Melinda Greenwood, and Jared Hall (Oct. 22) where the Community and Economic Development Department talked about the revisions to the ordinance.
Rebecca shared the history on the DHOD (Downtown Historic Overlay District) It was proposed in 2006, explained the boundaries, and reported the ordinance was quite restrictive. After 13 public meetings discussing issues, there were changes made and it became the MCCD (Murray City Center District) Ordinance. She explained the hardship of the Lamson family who are the owners of the property along Vine Street, (Murray 1st Ward, the Carnegie Library, and Jones Court, and felt it was extremely unfortunate that one owner owns so much of the historic property which makes it difficult to sell. She explained RDA (Redevelopment Agency) funds are available to the City until 2034 and that each day, we lose a small part of that money unless we use it. She said that the City would like to get something going on block one and time is crucial. She told the board that the draft of the proposed MCCD ordinance changes was voted on by the Planning and Zoning Commission and will be sent to City Council as written with the exception of the striking of the preservation section (17.17.60)
Rebecca said the commission was concerned about the removal of the oversight board as they rely on their expertise and reports and said that 12 people had voiced their opinions about the proposed changes. Many of the 12 were concerned about the list of addresses on the ordinance 17.170.070 A. and how to reasonably get people off the list if they desired. The CED department (Community and Economic Development) want the list taken out of the ordinance which would take all the protection away. Rebecca warned of developers coming in and demolishing the buildings after being taken off the list and then falling through with their proposed plan. She said that she thinks that there are some aspects of the ordinance that are not feasible such as the 125% financial security for the project from a developer before they are issued a certificate of appropriateness from CED. Rebecca reminded the board about the past litigation of the Murray 1st Ward and cautioned that if any developer reads about the lawsuit, they will not want to touch the property. Rebecca suggested that we redraw the boundary lines following Mary Ann Kirk's suggestion. Rebecca felt there should be a balance – that getting off the list should not be too hard nor too easy and felt the proposed draft was too easy.
Mildred asked about Gloria Kumans and what happened to her idea for the Carnegie Library. Lori said that unfortunately Gloria was unable to come up with the funds.
- III. Lori Reported that she and Katie will be going to the State Board meeting on Thursday, October 14th at 1pm to see the Murray Historic Residential District boundary increase nomination for placement on the Nation Register of Historic Places. Katie had prepared a power point to show the 3 properties that have been added to the National Register last month. They are:
 - Huetter House – 187 E. 5600 S.

- Rowan House - 198 W. Winchester St.
- Smith House – 1697 E. Vine Street

The Taylor House at 604 E. Taylor Lane has still not come back from the National Register office as whether it has been awarded a place on the National Register. Cory Jensen from the state office is checking on the progress of it.

IV. Staff Reports:

- Museum – Jennifer reported that she is finishing up her work organizing about 4500 photos we have in our museum photo collection. It is hard to find the provenance for many of them which makes it difficult to get use permissions. Rebecca wanted to know if owners of Historic Homes can grant rights for use of their photos. Jennifer explained that there is a Deed of Gift process where the photo owner can give the museum the right to use the images. Lori told the board that we have hired an intern to work with Katie on condition reports on our artifacts. She is at present, working with the library and will continue to do so and then work 6 hours a week in the museum.
- Theater update: Lori told the board that the City has chosen Hogan Construction as our Construction Manager/General Contractor to work with us on the theater. She also told the board that she, Jennifer, and Katie visited the Park City museum and were impressed with how they told their story. Katie and Jennifer loved the archive room which we would like to incorporate at the mansion/museum.
- Lori reported that a few of the Arts Advisory Board members, along with she and Katie are organizing a capitol campaign for funding for the theater with three components of 1) foundations and grants (Lori) 2) Community Business Leaders (Peter), and a Community Engagement (Katie).
- Mansion update: The feasibility study should be done sometime in the next few weeks and we can see what it will cost for us to get that building ready to be used. We have fixed a few holes in the roof and plan to reroof next spring.

V. Business:

- November 12 – MCCD, Committee of the Whole meeting at City Hall. This is where City Council sits with staff and will ask staff questions about the ordinance and the Planning Commission meeting on the 17th.
- November 19 is City Council at City Hall 6:30. The council will vote on the new MCCD draft proposal. Rebecca invited everyone to come to City Council. The board voted to have Rebecca speak on behalf of the board.

VI. November meeting – The November meeting is scheduled for the 27th which is the day before Thanksgiving. It was purposed that we have the meeting the week before which will be on Nov. 20th. The board voted with a unanimous decision to meet on Nov. 20, at 6pm. The board does not meet in December, but Rebecca would like to host a Christmas Party at her house. It was decided that we would have it on Wednesday December 4th at 6pm.

Rebecca dismissed the meeting until November 20,