

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for November 20, 2019

Attendance: Laurel Shepard, Mildred Horton, Lynette Lloyd, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Pam Benson
Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Jennifer Broschinsky

I. Minutes for October 23, 2019 were approved as written.

II. Board Reports –

Rebecca reported that at the City Council meeting on November 19th the City Council voted to remove the entire preservation section of the MCCD ordinance. She was concerned about the lack of transparency surrounding the rewrite of the ordinance and mentioned that the Community and Economic Development Department spent much time and effort to explain the height of a building, but did not mention the list containing the addresses of the Historic Buildings in the downtown area at all, or that the planning commission had voted to leave the list in the ordinance. She felt it was a forgone conclusion to remove the historic preservation section of the ordinance before the meeting had even started.

Rebecca felt like she had given them some reasonable compromises such as using the 3 demo exceptions for demolishing a structure and using them for the justifications to be taken off the list. She also said that as the History Advisory Board, they were not allowed to advise. She reported that the Wrights and Mike Todd both had the opinion of not wanting the ordinance to stay as it had been written as it had been detrimental to their businesses.

Rebecca would like to write a letter from the board stating their feelings about the process. She mentioned that part of the rush to get the ordinance rewritten was that two of the sitting City Council members would be leaving and she thought the City wanted to get the ordinance resolved before the newly elected council were sworn into office. Rebecca talked with newly elected Rosalba Dominguez and felt she would be an ally. The group wanted to get the letter out before the next council meeting. Rebecca said that if the Wrights had maintained their properties, they would not be dilapidated. Laurel agreed and stated if the Carnegie Library and the Murray 1st ward had been better cared for they would not be in such bad shape and the citizens of Murray City should not be expected to take care of their malfeasance. Proper maintenance should have been done, but they had been neglected.

III. Staff Reports:

- National Registry – Downtown Residential Historic District –

Lori reported that the LDS church at 4600 S. Brown Street has asked to be removed from the Historic District list. She talked with Roger Roper (Deputy Historic Preservation Coordinator) and they decided to simply have the lines redrawn around the church. Lori has asked Korral to amend the map and the written nomination. Lori reminded the board that the City has no regulations to being on the City or National Register.

- Museum update: Jennifer is working on the photos and focusing on the updates for the City Hall display cases. The displays will feature police, fire, power and water departments. Rebecca asked about public domain on photos and Jennifer said it was 70 years *if* we know where they came from.

Rebecca would like us to do a WWII collection for our museum. The purpose would be to accumulate letters, memorabilia, and artifacts from servicemen that served in the war.

Rebecca wanted to put together a book from these letters titled “Murray Goes to War”. The board thought this would be a great project. They feel we were at the point in time that we would lose these stories if we didn’t gather them. Lori asked how we should gather – Jennifer said she would put together the verbiage and Katie will send out Face Book notifications and include it in our monthly newsletter and also in our information mailer that will be mailed the first part of January. We will get this request out as soon as possible as the holidays are coming up and families will be gathered. Mildred suggested that we get something together by Veterans day next year. This will also be added to our 5-year plan.

- StEPs update – Katie reported that the collections module is finished, and the group had started the “Historic Structures and Landscapes” module. This will help us know how to take care of and maintain historic structures.
- Theater update – Lori passed out pictures of historical objects in the theater that we will save as we rebuild. Staff met with the architects and the construction manager and asked Lori to find out if the scrolls on the lobby wall were original. Katie will post the photo on the Murray Memories and she will check with the patrons of the Senior Recreation Center to see if they remember. Rebecca said that her mother’s cousin was an usher and she will check to see what he remembered.
- Mansion – We have received the feasibility study from ENTELEN. Phase I is complete and is for the envelope only. The group gave us the options of Good, Better, and Best in the report. The prices start at \$300,000 go to over \$1,000,000. There is a lot of water damage to the building and the roof will need to be redone as soon as possible. The City will have to find the money to pay for phase II of the study which will be of the inside.

Rebecca wanted to get the wood floors refinished. She also asked about the HVAC system. Lori explained that she had purchased two PEM machines which measure temperature and moisture in the rooms when they are placed. Katie has been checking the temperature on the system at the museum and will take them over to the mansion so measure both humidity and temperature there. Rebecca said that air dryers will take the musty smell out of a room. Laurel said that Manwill Plumbing is a Murray family and will be celebrating their 100th year next year and may help us with some ultraviolet light in the ducts which will kill mold. Bryan Biehler 801-641-8106 is the contact for Manwell, and they may be able to help.

Rebecca would like to have a fundraiser at the mansion for workshops for older homes. David Amrott can tell us what they did in the Marmalade District in Salt Lake and what construction company they partnered with to do the classes. The boundary streets of the Marmalade District are 500 N. to 300 N. and Quince Street and Center Street. This would address the part of our mission of showing people the restoration of the mansion and we could have a celebration “Olde Fashioned Days”.

IV. Business: There was no business to discuss.

V. Other - Katie told about the new “Storymap” she has put together. We will show more of it in the January meeting.

December 2nd museum night “Ghosts of Murray’s Past”.

Rebecca dismissed the meeting until January 22, 2020.