

Murray City History Advisory Board

Minutes for June 23, 2021

Attendance: Rebecca Santa Cruz, Mildred Horton, Lynette Lloyd, Janice Blanchard, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurel Shepherd

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist

Excused: Laurie Densley

I. Minutes for June 2, 2021 were passed as written.

II. Board Reports –

- Rebecca asked Lori if an email could be sent out to those who participated in the Bob Yapp Window Restoration Workshop so they can share photos and information.
- Mildred asked about the original plan to have board members volunteer to clean the mansion. Lori reported that Jeff Martin from Maintenance, has been overseeing the cleaning with his division.

III. Staff Reports –

- Museum update: Katie reported that she and Rowan have finished the following exhibits: Land, Native Americans, Early Settlement, South Cottonwood, Water, Agriculture, Music & Film, and Ethnic Diversity. They have been cleaning as they go through the exhibits and placing some items into storage to free up space and “declutter” the exhibits.
- StEPs integration: Module #5 – Stewardship of Historic Structures & Landscapes. For the module project, a binder on the Murray Mansion was made that is compiled with the Site Bibliography, various assessments, and any information/reports done on the mansion.
- Mansion update: Lori informed the board that Scott Muir, who was contracted to help with the interior design of the mansion, has decided to not renew his contract with the City at this time. Lori has met with other city staff members and it was determined that the city will do all they can in-house and contract services for specialized work. With the recommendation of the Planning & Building Department, the mansion will be looked at as two separate entities: the original historic house and the added addition. ADA changes will be made on the addition side.
 - Lori informed the RFP for the hardwood floors has gone out, but no one has submitted a proposal yet. Rebecca will reach out to the company who did her floors to see if they would be interested. Jeff is finding it difficult to find any electrical companies willing to fix the mansion’s electrical due to the difficult nature of the job. Lori is still working on an RFP for the window restoration.
 - Rebecca mentioned Wheeler Farmhouse and how she didn’t notice any updates or ADA additions made. She asked what the difference was between the Wheeler farmhouse and the mansion when it came to ADA requirements. Lori replied that the difference is residence vs. public use.
 - Rebecca talked about fundraising ideas once museum is in the mansion. Opening a gift shop where we can sell published city books among other items. One idea was to

charge an entrance fee for the historic mansion rooms – however it was brought to her attention that the main museum will include the rooms on the main floor, with the entrance in the addition.

IV. Business -

- Oral Histories: Board members reviewed a list of names that were compiled by Mary Ann and previous museum employees for potential oral histories. The following people were determined to be priority in reaching out to and conduct oral histories: Stan Bankhead, Joe Dinero, and Shirley Crocker. Lori and Katie will reach out to Mary Ann to see if she would be interested in conducting the interviews.
- Deaccessions: Katie presented the following items to the board in determining to either accession or deaccession into collection.
 - Ammo Box: it is in poor condition and there are two others in better condition in the collection. Recommendation is to deaccession and add to resource collection for display filler or hands on use. Item needs to be thoroughly washed and cleaned before public can handle. Board motioned and approved to deaccession item.
 - Boy Scouts of America Hat: there is no information tied to item or who donated it to the museum. It is not relevant to Murray City or the museum's mission. Board motioned and approved to deaccession item and send to surplus.
 - Binder of photo negatives organized by April C. – board decided to keep binder in the resource library.
 - Projector Sheet from Arlington Elementary with math problems – board decided to accession into collection.
 - 4 items were brought into the museum by Janell Brimhall.
 - Chamber of Commerce newsletter – includes Map of Murray.
 - Notebook dated October 1912 – blank pages with some ripped out.
 - Cary Charron CD
 - Nails in a paper bag – not historic

Board motioned and approved to accession the Cary Charron CD (he lived in Murray, played lead roles in some of the Musicals, and was involved in the pageant for many years), and the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Board motioned and approved to not accept into collection the nails and notebook. Those items will be returned to donor.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until July 28, 2021