

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for May 20, 2020

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Clark Bullen, Nancy Buist, Haley Oliphant, Christy Anderson, Peter Klinge, Cami Munk,
Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist
Guests: Lily Ellingson

- I. The minutes for February 18, 2020 were passed as written.
- II. Board Reports: There were no board reports.
- III. Staff reports –
 - a. Resident on Display: Katie
 - i. City Hall – John Tavoin
 - b. The secondary art show was held at Fashion Place Mall May 19-2. Due to COVID – 19, submissions were very low as school was not in regular session. Most entries from Riverview Junior High.
 - c. Storytelling Residencies – Again, due to COVID - 19, storytelling residencies were not finished at a few schools. However, the Cultural Arts Department along with SLCo Story Crossroads were able to have a competition via video submissions.
- IV. Upcoming events
 - a. Arts in the Parks
 - All June events have been canceled
 - The musical for July, “Newsies” was also canceled as auditions and rehearsals would have started in May when all of Salt Lake County was still in quarantine from COVID - 19.
 - Small concerts will be provided in July in place of the NEWSIES.
 - b. “Fun Days” – all Fun Days activities have been canceled except the concert and the fireworks which are on hold.
- V. Business
 - a. Theater update – Several weeks ago Salt Lake County sent a letter to Murray City telling them to pause with the remodel of the theater. Murray City relayed this message to Hogan Construction, the architect firm of CRSA, and the fundraising firm, Pathway Associates. We are unsure what the future is for the project.
 - b. Murray School District music specialists grant application – Lori reported that she has been asked to cut her budget for the next year due to the results of COVID 19. She reported that a large percentage of the Arts Education Budget goes to music specialist residencies and it would be the easiest place to cut funding. This use of these funds is difficult to justify as we are unable to see actual results and the program in action. The board discussed whether the funding was necessary and if the project should be cut, or simply trim the budget for this program. There was concern about justification vs the actual need for students that haven’t an opportunity to experience any type of music instruction. It was decided that Lori would ask Missy Hamilton to present the application at the June meeting. Lori will invite her.
 - c. Stay at Home Series – Katie and Lori are documenting the events of COVID - 19 and asked the board to each prepare a project depicting their feelings about the pandemic.

Nancy adjourned the meeting until June 16, 2020 at the Parks Office.