

**CITY OF ABILENE
HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410**

Members Present: Duane Schrag (Chair), Andrew Pankratz, Mary Burtzloff (Vice Chair), Nancy Scholl, Barry Arp

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Community Development Director Kari Zook

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schrag.

Approval of Agenda

Pankratz moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Scholl. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2022

Scholl moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Arp. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Business

City Hall Auditorium Seats

Joseph Tatner, owner of the Lebold Mansion, 106 N Vine St., was in attendance to present his plans for creating a theater in the basement of the Lebold and acquiring the seats that are currently located in the City Hall Auditorium. Discussion was held regarding the public safety of citizens with this being located in the basement and having stairwell exits that could handle the access to and from the theater. The intended use of the seats being relocated to a historical property on the National Register in the city limits was deemed appropriate. The main concern from commission members was if the city has any intentions to renovate the auditorium in the future, all salvageable seats should be preserved and placed in an area of the auditorium for historical significance.

Schrag moved to recommend the City Commission not proceed with the disposal of the seats until a determination is made by the city of the possibility of future renovations to the City Hall Auditorium. If the city does not intend to renovate, the Heritage Commission would then revisit the request and recommend moving forward with the sale of the auditorium seats to the public. The motion was seconded by Scholl. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

415 N Vine building permit

On November 18, 2021, the Heritage Commission approved a building permit for an addition to the home at 415 N. Vine. The contractor listed on the permit is no longer completing the project. A new contractor has informed city staff they will be completing the project. A new building permit has been applied for with no deviation of the plans from the prior application. Burtzloff moved to approve the building permit, seconded by Arp. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Administrative Review permit approvals:

511 NW 2nd St. – roof permit

801 Spruceway – electrical permit

Comments

The CLG (Certified Local Government) agreement between the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office and the City of Abilene expired in December 2021. The new 5-year agreement was approved by the City Commission on March 14, 2022.

There are currently two vacancies on the Heritage Commission.

The final public meeting for the grant project will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Discussion will be held at the April meeting to determine next steps in the process.

Adjournment

Scholl made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Burtzloff. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

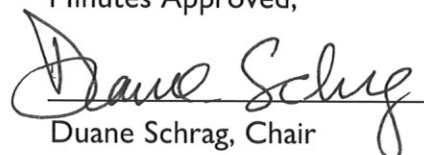
Attest:



Kari Zook

Community Development Director

Minutes Approved,



Duane Schrag, Chair