

**CITY OF ABILENE
HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410**

Members Present: Duane Schrag (Chair), Joanne Hamilton, Phil Hamilton, Andrew Pankratz, Nanc Scholl

Members Absent: Brenda Finn-Bowers (Vice Chair), Mary Burtzloff

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning Administrator 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 P. Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2021

Pankratz moved to approve the minutes, seconded by J. Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Business

Downtown storefront windows

Discussion was held regarding funding opportunities and assistance to downtown historical properties in the future. Chair Schrag presented information about the Douglas County Heritage Grant Program and the possibility of the City of Abilene Heritage Commission offering something similar. Discussion was held regarding completing an architectural survey of all businesses in the downtown historic district for inventory records as the first step before this grant program would be operational. There are possible grant funds available at the state level to complete this first step. The city code in Section 29-13 references the Minimum Maintenance Requirement and in Section 29-14 explains how the Heritage Commission shall inventory, promote, list, record, protect, preserve and enhance areas within the city that have special or historical sense. Follow up discussion will be held at next months meeting on how to move forward and approach the City Commission with this grant project proposal.

Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Attest:



Kari Zook, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Minutes Approved,



Duane Schrag, Chair