

**CITY OF ABILENE
HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410**

Members Present: Duane Schrag (Chair), Andrew Pankratz (by phone), Nanc Scholl, Mary Burtzloff

Members Absent: Brenda Finn-Bowers (Vice Chair), Joanne Hamilton, Phil Hamilton

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning Administrator Kari Zook, City Inspector Travis Steerman

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schrag.

Approval of Agenda

Scholl moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Burtzloff. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2021

Scholl moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Burtzloff. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Business

303 N Broadway remodel

Mark Kinderknecht purchased the Abilene Reflector Chronicle building and has begun remodeling the interior. He presented his current and future plans for the building. No front structural exterior work will be done other than painting. The mural behind the building will be kept and the possibility of glass garage doors may be installed at a later time. The commission reminded him of tax credits available, both state and federal.

Eisenhower Park concrete picnic tables

Kellee Timbrook, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented to the commission pictures of the deteriorating concrete picnic tables located at the park. There are currently eight tables that need attention, four of those have an urgent need with safety in mind. As these tables deteriorate further, park staff are having to cut away at the rebar to keep patrons safe. They are having a difficult time finding a contractor to fix these issues. The commission responded that there are tax credits of up to 25% that may be available to fix the tables and assistance to help find a contractor. Parks & Recreation staff will contact Katrina Ringler at the Kansas Historical Society for guidance.

200 W 1st St building permit

Shane Meeks has applied for a building permit to install a garage door at his historical property located at 200 W 1st St. The building will be used for car storage.

Burtzloff moved to approve the building permit, seconded by Scholl. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Grant project proposal updates

Discussion was held for determining a framework for what this program would be, then to approach the City Commission with the request. Chair Schrag will compile information and visit with the Douglas County staff regarding their current grant program and report back in the future.

Administrative Review permit approvals:

- 203 NW 3rd St. – sign permit
- 101 N Cedar – roof permit

Comments

The storefront window on Buckeye that has been boarded up since the storm in May 2020 is set to be replaced in June.

Vice Chair Finn-Bowers has resigned from the Heritage Commission, effective immediately.

Adjournment

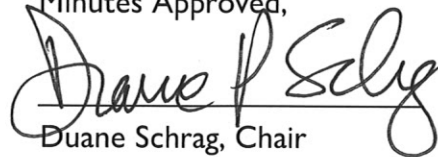
Scholl made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Burtzloff. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Attest:



Kari Zook, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Minutes Approved,



Duane Schrag, Chair