

**CITY OF ABILENE
HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410**

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

Members Absent: Joanne Hamilton, Phil Hamilton

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schrag.

Approval of Agenda

Schrag moved to amend the agenda, adding the grant project proposal update to the business section, seconded by Burtzloff. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2021

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

Business

303 N Broadway building permit for rear exterior wall

Mark Kinderknecht presented to the Commission his plan to remove the rear exterior wall of the building. He presented photo evidence of the water damage and fill in voids that were conducted with past repairs to the building. He will be removing the rear exterior wall, not including the current Abilene mural, and using an interior wall as the new exterior wall that is recessed in 12-14'. There will be windows and an ADA compliant ramp installed, along with wrought iron fencing. The finishes will be rustic in nature with an open-porch atmosphere next to the Little Ike Park. The commission reminded him of tax credits available, both state and federal.

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

Administrative Review permit approvals:

- 315 N Spruce – roof permit
- 207 N Cedar – sign permit

Grant project proposal updates

Chair Schrag presented a handout outlining the purpose and implementation of a grant project proposal to the City Commission. Discussion was held on the timeline and approach with this project.

Scholl moved to proceed with a concept presentation to the City Commission in July to gain support to further study and finalize the project requirements. Once finalized, the Heritage Commission will furnish a report to the City Commission with their findings and seek a budget approval for 2023. Seconded by Burtzloff. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Comments

City Hall upstairs police remodel project was approved by the City Commission on June 14, 2021. City staff have been in contact with Katrina Ringler from the Kansas Historical Society regarding the tax credit application and state preservation law review. The Heritage Commission members all agreed that the state preservation law review be held by the state instead of at the local CLG level.

The Heritage Commission has received one application for the current vacant position. That will go before the City Commission for appointment in the near future.

Adjournment

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

Attest:



Kari Zook
Planning & Zoning Administrator

Minutes Approved,

Duane Schrag, Chair