



**MAYOR'S ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2021

The following represents the agenda items that were discussed during the regular meeting on Thursday, August 12th at 2 p.m. in the Basement Conference Room at City Hall, Abilene, Texas.

Members present were Mandy Schuman, Cindy Frazier, Katherine Beeman, Steve Davis, JR Cochran and Ian Nickerson, Chair. Absent was Jeff Ronquillo.

City Staff present were Mr. Michael Rice, Mr. Tim Littlejohn, Ms. Kelley Messer, Ms. Cheryl Sawyers, and Charlie Pyron (Recording).

Others present were Ms. Lynn Barnett, Mr. Josh Black and Mr. Dale Carter.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

MINUTES

Ms. Beeman moved to **approve** the minutes from the previous meeting held on July 29, 2021. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Schuman, Frazier, Beeman, Davis, Cochran, Nickerson

NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

As (a) and (b) agenda items were not discussed in the previous meeting, the Task Force needs a formal vote to talk about component of alcohol and which direction to take.

a. Study and Review Options to Create a Downtown Entertainment District

Ms. Frazier made the motion to prohibit glass containers within the Entertainment District. Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Schuman, Frazier, Beeman, Davis, Cochran, Nickerson

NAYS: None

Mr. Cochran made the motion to approve alcohol consumption in Minter Park and Evermann Park. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Schuman, Frazier, Beeman, Davis, Cochran, Nickerson

NAYS: None

Mr. Cochran made the motion to approve the extension of park hours to 2 a.m. Ms. Beeman seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Beeman, Davis, Cochran, Nickerson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Schuman, Frazier

b. Address Land Development Regulations That Limit or Prohibit Private Developer's Efforts to Revitalize the District

This item was not discussed.

c. Discussion and Possible Recommendation on Land Development Use and Regulations

1. Review of Permitted Uses in Central Business (CB), General Commercial (GC), Heavy Commercial (HC), Light Industrial (LI), and Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning Districts Appropriate for the Entertainment and Cultural District

Ms. Sawyers shared a map showing the recent boundaries established for the Entertainment District and the current Abilene Cultural District.

2. Discussion and Possible Motion to Establish Geographical Boundaries for the Entertainment and Cultural District

Ms. Lynn Barnett, Executive Director of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, discussed architectural sculptures to be placed within the entertainment district. One will be placed north of the Civic Center next week.

Additionally, an event is planned for October titled, "Walk This Way," located behind the T&P Depot and pedestrian tunnel where a mural will be unveiled and a sculpture of a flying dragon.

Members of the Task Force also discussed the monthly meetings of the Abilene Downtown Association, which meets the first Thursday of each month. They would like to attend the meeting on September 2, 2021.

Future Agenda Items

The formal name of the District was discussed and tabled for the future agenda.

Discuss Future Meeting Dates

Members would like to hold the next meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Frazier seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



Ian Nickerson (Chair)