

**Independence Historical Preservation Resource Commission:  
Minutes of the January 27th, 2020 meeting.**

The meeting was called to order in the Spanish American Wars Veteran Room of Memorial Hall at 12:05 pm. Members present included: Ken Brown, Tim Haynes, Tim Emert, Tim Raglin and Tom Hoffert. Two commission member were absent: Sean Clapp and Mark Easter. Also in attendance was Barbara Berskens: Park and Zoo Director for the City of Independence Kansas.

The minutes from the last meeting (October 14, 2019) were reviewed by the Commission with Ken Brown motioning for approval and Tom Hoffert seconding. The motion was carried unanimously.

The first order of business had Ken Brown introducing Barbara Berskens to the Commission to report on the condition of the roof on the Stitch Shelter House. The building is located within the Riverside Park and zoo facilities. Ms Berskens informed the Commission that the roof is in excess of 100 years old and in need of repair. She went on to say that the clay tile roof has a number of damaged and/or missing tiles and that there has been evidence of water seepage. Ms Berskens has done some informal background studies as to replacement tiles/roof and has made inquiries into the insurance coverage the building is currently under. Tim Emert suggested that the best way to proceed would be to get an accurate assessment of the roofs condition. There was unanimous agreement on this proposal with Ms Berskens informing the Commission that she has a contractor in mind and that he is cognizant of the buildings historic stature. She would get back with the Commission once the extent of the damage was determined.

The next order of business dealt with the progress being made on the historic plaques that will be affixed to buildings within the Independence Historic District. Ken Brown informed the Commission that to date there are only 18 plaques left to be made and that their scheduled completion will be prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> (Independence 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).

Next Ken Brown reported on the City of Independence's submission for the HGTV Home Town television series contest. The contest would have the winning city's submission be eligible for numerous upgrades to the historic downtown core and possibly additional outlying structures. The submission by the City of Independence was created by the Chamber of Commerce with the help of a number of Independence citizens.

The fourth order of business was the annual election of officers. Tim Haynes motioned that "The current officers be re-elected." Tim Emert seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Lastly, since there was no December sitting of the Commission the annual book exchange between members was conducted.

Tim Haynes moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Emert. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Minutes compiled by Tom Hoffert  
Secretary, Independence Historical Preservation Resource Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Brown", is written in a cursive style across the bottom of the page.