

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission
Special Meeting
May 5, 2020 at Adel City Hall – 8:00 p.m

Members Present: Deb Christensen, Bob Hall, Rich Hughes, Vonz Odem. **Absent:** Cori Howard **City:** None **Guests:** Valerie & Michael Sutton

Chair Rich Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Grant Application: Val & Michael Sutton, Adel Flowers & Gifts, updated the committee on the building project at 801 Main Street (former Reich Law Office). The Suttons purchased the property in December 2018, and have been working on it since, with the intent of opening by summer 2020. They have removed the false dropped ceiling on the main level and plan to leave the full height exposed with plans to finish it in a more period style (tin ceilings, e.g.). They have exposed some copper plumbing and plan to replace any newer PVC with copper and to add handicap accessibility on the east entrance, but most of the grant application focused on window work. Some of the windows are original to the 1901 building and others have been replaced more recently. They would like to replace all windows so that they match (black trim), using double hung windows that could be opened for the apartment on the second floor. Transoms above the large windows and doors on the first level have been filled in with painted plywood. Options are to replace each of these with a single window (as quoted by Pella) or with a transom appearance (alternative quote pending and not available at the time of the meeting). After answering questions and providing the Commission with additional architectural renderings, the Commission felt that the loss of the transoms (or the appearance of transoms) would significantly alter the aesthetic appearance of the building and requested additional information from the alternative quote. Rich will contact Val and request this information for possible review at the regularly scheduled May meeting.

Plaques: Eight properties were identified by Rich for plaques. He needs additional details on two properties and will send an email to request help in finding information.

Preservation Iowa Summit: Will be held virtually. Please see email regarding registration details.

Preservation at Its Best Award: May is Historic Preservation Month. Deb moved that we create a Citizenship Award and recognize Aaron Crow for his work in developing the interactive website platform. Vonz seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

The **next regular meeting** of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at Adel City Hall with social distancing practices in place.

Respectfully submitted
Deb Christensen
AHPC Secretary