

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission
October 15, 2019 at City Hall – 8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Deb Christensen, Bob Hall, Rich Hughes, Vonz Odem. **Absent:** Cori Howard
City: None. **Guest:** Aaron Crow, ADMHS

Chair Rich Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes: The August minutes were approved as written (moved by Bob Hall, second by Vonz Odem, and passed unanimously without comment or correction). There was no meeting in September.

Downtown Scenarios Event: On 29 October 2019, there will be a follow-up to the information gathering meeting with ISU design students at 6:00 pm at the library. Students will present several possible scenarios/visions for the historic downtown area. Vonz attended the previous event and provided input. All AHPC members are encouraged to attend.

715 Main Street: Anthony Brown notified the AHPC that Lannie Montag has submitted \$5200 for reimbursement for the grant awarded to him for window work. He is expected to submit requests for the remaining \$800 soon.

ADM High School Interactive Historic Map Tech Project: Aaron Crow from ADMHS has updated the computer program with images that automatically adjust to large, small, and phone size to accommodate various platforms that consumers might use to engage with the program. The result is an interactive program that is professional in appearance and is extremely user-friendly. The Commission commends Aaron's work and continued commitment to the project.

Reich Law Office: Renovations to this important building on the square were discussed. Valerie Sutton is redoing the upstairs, and Vonz will invite her to our next meeting to provide updates. Rich will ask Deb Bengston if the building was included in the CDBG project so we can determine eligibility for the TIF grant program.

Wagon Bridge: The bridge and its possible inclusion into Adel's eastside trail scape were discussed in a previous meeting. Rich has obtained the engineering reports; these state the building is poor quality and cannot be welded or fixed. The structure is currently condemned. The bridge is co-owned by the City (1/3) and Dallas County (2/3).

City Hall Windows: Rich asked Anthony about the recent window work done to the former glove factory that now houses city hall offices, as there were concerns that the work would prevent the building from being listed on the National Register. Anthony reported that the project was approved in 2005, but there was AHPC was not asked to comment on the proposal.

Training Opportunity: There is a training opportunity in Independence, Iowa on 10/26 and a grant-writing workshop in the library on 10/23 from 9-12.

Grant for Building Plaques: Paula reviewed the grant application that Rich had prepared. Following her input, he has revised and submitted the application. Results will be made in December.

Walking Tour: We can tie the building plaques in with the walking tour. The brochures will need to be updated.

Former Car Dealership: The former Dodge/Jeep dealership on the north side of the square is now vacant. It appears that the County will be using it as a garage. There is some concern that this will detract from the historic aesthetic.

National Register Building Possibilities: The Depot and Old Library are privately owned, so application is up to the owners. Rich has approached both, but neither seem eager to participate. The best current possibilities are the community building, owned by Raccoon Valley Bank, and the museum, owned by the City.

Coloring Book: In progress.

Preserve Iowa Summit: Will be held June 4-6, 2020, in Dubuque.

Museum Roof: There is some concern that the museum roof and soffits are in poor repair. Questers are interested in writing a grant to fund necessary repairs, as they did for window work.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the AHPC will be held on Tuesday, 19 November 2019, at 8:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Debora Christensen

AHPC Secretary