

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission
February 23, 2021 via Zoom – 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. **Members Present:** Deb Christensen, Bob Hall, Vonz Odem, Rich Hughes. **Absent:** Cori Howard. **City:** None. **Guests:** None.

Chair Rich Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Report to Council: Deb provided a report to city council on AHPC activities over the previous year and answered questions relating to grant funding and on recognition of the bridge on Iowa's Most Endangered Places list.

Old Raccoon River Bridge, Most Endangered Property: There was discussion on the Iowa transportation program (TAP) grant program. Brendan Dolan with the DOT is in charge; their recommendation was to relocate the bridge.

Iowa's 175th Anniversary: Rich has been in contact with Sue Ellen Kennedy with Dallas County Historical Preservation to try to partner on activities.

National Register Nominations: Our goal for the coming year is to prepare materials so that we can apply for state funding for formal work needed to nominate the following properties for listing on the National Register: museum, city hall (former glove factory), and the community building (former Presbyterian church). Funding is required for someone to come in and do the formal research for the application. Rich has sent out for bids and received two at \$4600 and \$9400. Given the large discrepancy between the two bids, Rich is waiting on a third. The grant we originally intended to apply for is 60:40 with 60% funded by the grant and the remainder coming from the city, AHPC fundraising, and/or in-kind contributions. However, SHPO said this project would qualify for an Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant that is due in May. This grant is split 65:35, with half of the 35% match in cash. Rich thought this sounded promising from his discussion with Paula. A rough draft of the grant is due in mid April to SHPO for review. Under this program, we would expect to hear back from SHPO on our respective properties in July. Another grant option is due in August through nonmatching registration process and could take a year or more. Some research can be performed by AHPC and community members as part of the in-kind contribution match for these grants. Dan Van Langen has agreed to volunteer his services to take photographs. Vonz has a notebook on the museum and will compile 2-3 paragraphs on the museum building. Rich will get letters of support from respective property owners

CLG Report: This is due next week and is mostly completed.

GPS Project with Aaron Crow: In addition to the interactive map that Aaron has been working on, Rich suggested asking Aaron about the possibility of getting a QRC code for each building in the Historic District so that visitors walking by could click on this and get more information about the building's history, effecting a type of virtual tour. Bob will reach out to Aaron about this possibility.

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Preservation at Its Best Award: These awards are given in May during Historic Preservation Month. Discussion focused on awarding a “lifetime achievement” award to Jan Price for her work with the museum. We also discussed doing something for the community during this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The **next regular meeting** of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for March 16, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or at Adel City Hall with social distancing practices in place.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Christensen

AHPC Secretary