

## Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission

April 20, 2021 at City Hall – 8:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Deb Christensen, Bob Hall, Vonz Odem, Rich Hughes. **Absent:** Cori Howard Pritchard.  
**City:** None. **Guests:** Megan Sibbel.

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

**February 2021 Minutes** were approved unanimously without correction or amendment (moved Vonz, seconded Bob).

**Museum Roof:** Commission members discussed the scope of work and bids received by the city and voted to recommend the work quoted by VanWeelden for complete roof replacement with cedar shake shingles at a cost of \$21,500. There was discussion whether this would be eligible for an HRDP grant from SHPO. Although the deadline is short, Deb learned that it is possible to submit two grants if they are in different categories (the other HRDP grant being for National Register nomination preliminary work). The grant would have a 60:40 match, but matching funds would not be needed until the work is completed. Questers have offered to write a grant for up to \$6000 that could provide the necessary match. However, grant awards are not determined until the beginning of July and work cannot begin prior to funding. There are concerns that the roof damage is extensive enough that a delay could cause additional problems if there was significant rainfall. Deb will relay our findings to Anthony and request information on the city's timeline for proposed work to begin.

**June Summit:** The Preserve Iowa Summit will be entirely virtual this year. Please contact Anthony to sign up.

**Macy's Arch:** Work is in progress.

**Iowa's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Deb will attend the Dallas County Historical Preservation meeting on May 1 to learn how we can coordinate activities. No other discussion.

**National Register Nominations:** Rich has begun work on a Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant due in May. This grant is split 65:35, with half of the 35% match in cash. Rich was told that in-kind contributions should be billed at \$7.25/hour. Under this program, we would expect to hear back from SHPO on our respective properties in July. Rich says he has letters of support from respective property owners.

**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 has been unable to contact Aaron about this possibility, so Deb will reach out to a colleague in IT who might be interested in helping with this.

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**Preservation at Its Best Award:** Deb moved that we award Jan Price a “lifetime achievement” award to for her work with the museum. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously. Deb nominated the home at 1210 Grove, owned by Bob and Nadine Law, for recipient of the Preservation at Its Best Award. The home is one of the oldest in town, built in 1865. During the previous year, the owners had the porch removed, foundation work performed, and the port replaced with original trim in place. Rich says he does not make awards without receiving permission of the owner first.

**Commission Membership:** There will be two openings on the Commission in July (Rich and Vonz).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The **next regular meeting** of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at Adel City Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Christensen

AHPC Secretary