

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission
May 18, 2021 at City Hall – 8:00 p.m.

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

Chair Rich Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

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

Preservation at Its Best Award: Deb nominated the Bob and Nadine Law home at 1210 Grove for the Preservation at Its Best Award at the April meeting. Rich met with the owners and reported his approval of the nomination. Bob moved and Vonz seconded that we award the Preservation at Its Best Award for 2021 to Bob and Nadine Law for their work on their historic home and city landmark. Passed unanimously. The award will be presented at the June meeting of the City Council. The Commission also voted to award Jan Price a “lifetime achievement” award to for her work with the museum at the April meeting with Vonz to write up something for publication. Rich determined that we should put the presentation of the award on hold until that time when Jan steps down as museum director. Rich reported that a new director had been selected but could not remember the person’s name and no timeline for Jan’s resignation was presented.

National Register Nominations: Rich submitted a Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant for review by Kristen at SHPO. However, as Rich submitted the grant application as an NPO rather than under the city, he will need a letter from Paula Mohr indicating that we are in good standing. We should hear back from SHPO on our respective properties in July.

Museum Roof: Deb contacted Anthony and relayed the information discussed during the April meeting, including the recommendation that replacement be performed by VanWeelden, according to the quote provided to the Commission by the city. Additional information on the timeline for roof work was requested. Anthony invited the Commission to the City Council meeting. Rich presented our recommendation for a roof replacement as quoted by VanWeelden to City Council. There was no discussion on the proposed timeline of the work.

GPS Project: In addition to the interactive map that Aaron had worked 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 and we have not heard from Aaron in nearly a year, so Deb has reached out to a colleague in IT who might be interested in helping with this.

June Summit: The Preserve Iowa Summit will be entirely virtual this year. Please contact Anthony to sign up if you have not already.

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Macy's Arch: Work has been completed.

Iowa's 175th Anniversary: Deb reported from the Dallas County Historical Preservation (DCHP) meeting on May 1 and presented a list of topics that DCHP had provided to us earlier, along with information that was presented by SHPO. There was no additional discussion by the Commission.

Antenna on the Courthouse: AHPC was contacted by Adel Chamber and former city council member, Jon McAvoy, about rumors that there were plans in place to put an internet antenna on the Courthouse roof. AHPC discussed this and its impact on the Historic District and its standing on the National Register. Rich thought Supervisor Mark Hanson would handle it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The **next regular meeting** of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at Adel City Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Christensen

AHPC Secretary