

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission
October 20, 2020 at Adel City Hall – 8:00 p.m.

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 8:02 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the September 2020 meeting were unanimously approved as written (moved by Vonz Odem, second by Bob Hall).

Plaques: The building plaques were received last Tuesday and installed on Friday. Rich will write a summary for the biweekly Chamber Newsletter.

Windows funded by the **grant** for Val Sutton at the former Reich Law Office building have started going in on the east side. Deb will write a short paragraph on for the Chamber Newsletter when the project is completed.

CLG Training: Rich mentioned that several virtual training opportunities are coming up at the end of the month and shared details for anyone interested and available.

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). Dan Van Langen has agreed to volunteer his services to take photographs. Vonz will compile 2-3 paragraphs on the museum building. The grant applications are due in August.

Questers Grant Opportunity: Questers State preservation and restoration grant applications are due in February. One Adel chapter asked if AHPC had any projects that they could assist with. Deb will find out if the money could be used for the national register application, although it seems unlikely. Other projects mentioned were Macy's Arch. Anthony was going to have this structure looked at during the CDBG work, but it's unknown if that was done. Rich will follow up with Anthony and ask about this.

Museum: Deb spoke with Shirley McAdon and received an email from Anthony regarding the role AHPC has in relationship to the museum. As far as the latter goes, Anthony replied that "Chapter 25 of our Code does not specifically mention the museum or its director. However, 25.04.4C mentions the commission's role, with council approval, to preserve, restore, maintain, and operate historic properties. Without a legal interpretation, it would seem that the council might be able to give the commission the authority to determine the best path forward for the museum." Shirley indicated that Jan and Don Price have been making audio recordings for self-guided tours on devices owned by the library. That way, Jan can continue to provide "tours" and information as if she were guiding people through the facility in person and they can go at their own speed. Otherwise, Jan continues to manage the museum as before, but with reduced hours due to COVID-19. Shirley did mention that the facility suffered some damage to the roof during the derecho. The city is hoping that roof repairs can be covered by insurance.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The **next regular meeting** of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for November 17, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. at Adel City Hall with social distancing practices in place.

Respectfully submitted
Deb Christensen
AHPC Secretary