

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission

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

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

Chair Rich Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

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

Preservation at Its Best Award: Mayor Jim Peters presented the Preservation at Its Best Award to Bob and Nadine Law for their work on their property at 1210 Grove. Deb represented the AHPC at the presentation. Jan Price was awarded the Key to the City by the Council for her work on the museum.

National Register Nominations: The Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant submitted by Rich was not funded. Leah Rogers at Iowa City suggested that we talk with Will Page and solicit his help with this. Will Page aided the AHPC with their previous work in getting the square designated an historic district and on the National Register. He currently writes historic tax credits. Will came to Adel earlier today and made the following suggestions:

1. We should develop design guidelines. These exist for the TIFF grant program, so those could be used here.
2. We are likely to be more successful if we nominate small historical districts, rather than individual isolated properties. Will offered to help us with this.

Will Page is also willing to come to a meeting to discuss this in more detail and provide guidance, if we want.

State Grant: Rich reported that the grant deadline for a survey is August. Rich did a reconnaissance survey, but Will recommended that we do a selective survey instead. Rich will contact Will to see if this is worth submitting for the current grant cycle.

Macy's Arch: The city wants to know what to do about the portions of the caps that were painted white. Rich sent pictures to someone at the State (SHPO) to get their recommendations.

Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP): Training will be on October 2, 2021, at Van Horne and is provided by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. Please let Anthony know if you would like to attend.

Iowa's 175th Anniversary: Rich presented a packet of information that discussed the placards available. Prepared lesson plans are available from the State. Deb will try to find the link to those.

Interactive Walking Tour: Dana Brown has volunteered to help with this and getting QRCS for buildings on the tour. Rich will set up a special meeting so that we can meet with her to discuss this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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The **next regular meeting** of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for August 17, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at Adel City Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Deb Christensen
AHPC Secretary