

Minutes of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission

August 20, 2024 at Adel Library

Members Present: Vonz Odem, Lane Pralle, Rich Hughes, Anna Phelps, Bob Hall

Absent: Deb Christensen, Benjamin Bobier,

Friends Present: Marcia, Mike, Shirley

Chair Rich Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Minutes from June were approved. Minutes from August need to be approved.

Website says 8pm meeting time. Confirm website is up to date, at 7:30pm.

Rich brought a copy of the Historic District application, coordinated with Iowa SHPO. Initially five copies were in existence, only two are known.

Mike Flynn discussed the *Oysters in Adel* article in Adel Living. First restaurants from 1870's. First mention of oysters in 1890. Clancey's restaurants and Mac's café (now Adel TV and appliance). Mac's had a speakeasy, dance hall in 1930's.

Design Guidelines Follow up

- Lane discussed how to implement new design guidelines.
 - o Can we have a question added to the building permit packet, "is this a historic property" or "is this property within the historic district"
 - Provide a links to the website on the building permit packet
 - o Lane to reach out to Steve Nichols
 - Shall we integrate new design guidelines into city ordinances?
 - How do we get these in front of building owners?
 - Invite Steve to next HPC meeting
 - o Lane to reach out to Scotney Fenton

Website Update

- Chris was not able to attend again, no updates.

- Expect update next meeting.
- HPC members discussed desire to gain access to beta-version of website.
- Chris has a disc of information from SHPO, information should be included, should not complicate website

Historic Buildings within District

- Rich is identifying historical buildings
- Reach out to homeowners, building owners to ask if they can provide any historical information of the property.
- Vonz reached out to Linda regarding legal requirements of this process

Museum Projects

- Shirley provided update on museum updates.
- Discussed grant for shed – go to Lions club for material.
- Industrial tech builds sheds each year. Pay for material, labor is free.
- Contact Brad Mortenson. Call high school office.
- Current projects –
 - o displays reworked to have relevant information together.
 - o Front door replacement for security and historical appropriateness
 - o Shutters are being replaced
 - o New foundation wall repair/replacement
 - o Capital campaign will be required to provide major foundation/basement repairs

Plaque for Community House - Angela Johnson

- Rich to meet with Angela

Rewrite Adel Historic Grant Program

- Deb offered to assist
- No update this month

Accessibility in Historic Buildings

- Lane to meet with Steve Nichols to review:
 - o City of Adel accessibility requirements for new construction, renovations.
 - o What is the current version of IBC
 - o Aging population, growing population with accessibility concerns in historic district
 - o Steps on front side of building, and side of building.

- Grants are available through the city for interior/exterior improvements – 10k exterior, 5k inside
 - How can we provide this information to new business owners?

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm

Next meeting is September 17, 2024.

Respectfully,

Lane Pralle

AHPC Member