

Wadley Farms Tour on Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Attending:

Bret Swalberg, Chair

Sheron Drake, Vice-Chair

Chelsea Beutler, Historic Commissioner

Brian Beutler, Historic Commissioner

Jared Schauers, Planning Commissioner

Rob Kallas, Planning Commissioner

Mike Marchbanks, Planning Commissioner

Dr. Alan Colledge, Jessica Cook, Tanner Colledge, Ken Drake

Mary Barnes, City Planner

Start Time: 6:30 PM

This meeting was set up by planning staff to introduce the historic preservation commission to the great historical resource of Wadley Farms and to better understand its significance to the community.

Dr. Colledge started the tour with a slideshow within the wedding barn. He talked about the history of the farm, his great-great-grandfather, and the legacy of the Wadleys. Then, Dr. Colledge had to leave. His daughter and son, Jessica Cook and Tanner Colledge, took over. They went through the remaining slides, which talked about the different improvements that have happened on the farm. These improvements include the silos, the red barn, the fence, the castle addition, etc. They also talked about the different events that have been held on the property and the opportunities that this farm brings to Lindon City. The animals and other agricultural production aspects of the farm were also talked about.

Then, Tanner left for a prior engagement. Jessica walked the historic commission through the grounds. First, the commission walked through the rest of the wedding barn, then the Railroad building. Then, the tour went through the barn's courtyard, showing us the greenhouse, groom's room, and main office. We went to the main courtyard and discussed the big gates. Jessica took the commission into the main castle, where she talked about the history behind the different parts and sections of the building. She also led the tour into the vineyards, explaining how the Wadley Farms grape juice is made. Afterward, the commission entered the castle again and explored the castle addition and northern gardens. Finally, the tour ended in the main courtyard.

After some further general discussion, the tour was over.

Adjourn: 7:30 PM