

LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

September 15, 2025



Agenda Item #: 5
Project Title: Historic Markers
Legistar File ID #: 89946
Prepared By: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner
Members: Present: Richard Arnesen, Ald. John Duncan, Molly Harris, Katie Kaliszewski, and Jacob Morrison
Excused: Edna Ely-Ledesma and Maurice Taylor

Summary

Bailey presented the proposed language for the historic markers.

Harris said that overall, she liked the markers and thought they met staff's goal of being brief yet informative. On the Outdoor Markets plaque, she suggested that "square" be capitalized and more descriptive to ensure everyone knows what the square is. The consensus was to change it to "Capitol Square" and capitalize those words.

On the Outdoor Markets plaque, Morrison thought the last sentence was too generic, "Markets have grown to support Madison's economic diversity." Harris suggested they say "Street markets..." instead. Morrison agreed that "Street markets..." or "Farmers' markets..." would help make it clearer.

Harris asked if the plaques should include the date they were put up. Bailey thought dates might be confusing in this case, and Harris said she was on board with not including dates.

Action

A motion was made by Kaliszewski, seconded by Morrison, to Approve the language for the historic markers with proposed edits. The motion passed by voice vote/other.