



Dane County

Minutes

Dane County Heritage Preservation Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, November 17, 2025

4:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Chair Bernstein called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm

Staff in attendance: Ben Kollenbroich and Majid Allan

Present 4 - Chair RICK BERNSTEIN, PATRICK MILES, TIM YANACHECK, and Vice Chair ERICA FOX GEHRIG

Excused 2 - ALFONSO MORALES, and BILL QUACKENBUSH

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2025 DANE COUNTY HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Motion by Yanacheck, seconded by Gehrig to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 meeting, with the edit to change "Fox Gehrig" to "Gehrig".
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Presentations

D. Reports to Committee

1. STAFF UPDATE ON HISTORICAL MARKERS AND PROCESS

Staff presented the attached presentation to the Commission. Commissioners discussed the marker style and coloring they would prefer for signs and directed staff to find out more information about the Revised Ohio marker. The Commission discussed who would be responsible for developing the graphic design for a laminate interpretative sign and asked that staff contact the companies to find out more information about this question.

Motion by Miles, seconded by Gehrig to have the Dane County Historical Markers

program use the Revised Ohio style from SEWAH with medium green plate coloring and ivory letter coloring, contingent on the County logo fitting and being legible on the marker.

Motion carried 3 to 1.

Ayes: 3 - MILES, YANACHECK and FOX GEHRIG

Noes: 1 - BERNSTEIN

2. REVIEW DRAFT LANGUAGE AND PHOTOS FOR HISTORIC MARKERS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION

Staff shared that they are still waiting to hear back from BSG about their capabilities to have a photo on its own sign with a caption, independent of the historic marker, but attached to the post. Depending upon BSG's response, the Commission decided that their preference is:

1. The Robert Valentine photo should be on an independent sign, attached to the post, but not on the face of the sign.

2. The Ada Deer photo should be on an independent sign, attached to the post, but not on the face of the sign, however staff should look to see if other photos of Ada are available.

3. The Vandenburg Heights photo of service members at Truax Field as an independent sign, attached to the post, however a caption would be required. The Commission appreciated that it showed service members in military attire, but had reservations that there was not necessarily a direct connection to Vandenburg Heights.

4. The Harry Whitehorse photo should be on an independent sign, attached to the post, but not on the face of the sign, dependent on if the Whitehorse family approves of the photo.

Motion by Gehrig, seconded by Yanaccheck to approve the language for the Vandenburg Heights/Capehart Housing historical marker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Yanachek, seconded by Bernstein to approve the photo of service members for the Vandenburg Heights/Capehart Housing historical marker, contingent on if BSG can provide a caption for the photo.

Motion carried 3-1. (Ayes: Bernstein, Yanaccheck, Gehrig. Noes: Miles)

Motion by Miles, seconded by Yanaccheck to approve the language for the Harry Whitehorse historical marker, conditioned on some of the "he and his" words in the text being changed to "Whitehorse", and the final "His" being changed to "Harry Whitehorse".

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gehrig, seconded by Yanaccheck to approve the attribute language at the bottom of the markers to read "Dane County Heritage Preservation Commission in Partnership with the Dane County Historical Society (Year of Installation)".

Motion carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS AND FUNDING FOR SIGNS IN FUTURE YEARS

Commissioners discussed who should write the language for the Ho-Chunk signs, and next year's budget, which includes an additional \$10,000 for the historical marker program. For 2026, the Commission discussed the possibility of another round of nominations and having commission members propose a few locations/people for this round, along with how to use nominations for places within the City of Madison.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

**Motion by Yanacheck, seconded by Gehrig to adjourn at 5:41 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.**

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