



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?

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

4:30 PM

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If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: kollenbroich.benjamin@danecounty.gov.

A. Call To Order

Chair Bernstein called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm

Staff in attendance: Ben Kollenbroich and Curt Kodl

Present 5 - Chair RICK BERNSTEIN, PATRICK MILES, ALFONSO MORALES, BILL QUACKENBUSH, and Vice Chair ERICA FOX GEHRIG

Excused 1 - TIM YANACHECK

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Dane County Heritage Preservation Commission

Motion by Fox Gehrig, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried.

C. Presentations

1. Discuss Publicity for Markers

Morales shared an idea to possibly publicize the historical markers in a book once the County gets enough markers in the ground. Commissioners and staff also spoke about how the markers would be posted online. Additionally, commissioners discussed how to reach out to UW about if students are interested in helping with the marker website or with future rounds of applications.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Staff Update on Historical Markers and Process

Staff presented the attached presentation to the commission and shared the latest information from their discussions with the landowners of the six historical sites. Commissioners discussed that for Ada Deer, a sign either in front of the house, or on the south side of the property would be OK, rather than on the north side since the north side is too close to an existing tree and the property lines. For the dugout canoes, Commissioners directed staff to contact Shorewood Hills staff about how we would like to have the marker closer to the water in order to draw a connection between the reader and the canoes. Commissioners had concerns that relief-style portraits may lead to less text and decided to not incorporate this into the RFQ. However, they would like to see the Dane County seal and QR codes with the markers. The Commission also affirmed that the marker program should be a new Dane County-led sign program, but there should be an attribute on these signs that states that the County is working in partnership with the Dane County Historical Society to bring credibility to the information on the sign.

2. Review Draft Language and Photos for Historic Markers and Take Possible Action on Approving Language and/or Photos

Commissioners discussed the language on the Robert Valentine, Ada Deer, and Harry Whitehorse signs. It was decided to move forward with the Valentine and Deer language, but to wait until next meeting to discuss Deb Whitehorse's proposed language for the Harry Whitehorse sign.

Motion by Fox Gehrig, seconded by Quackenbush to approve the Robert Valentine language. Motion carried.

Motion by Fox Gehrig, seconded by Miles to approve the Ada Deer language.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Commissioners discussed postponing the September meeting to a later date to allow for more time to develop language and to see the received quotes. A doodle poll will be sent to commissioners.

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Adjourn

Motion by Fox Gehrig, seconded by Miles to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Motion carried.

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