

**Minutes**  
**Landmarks Commission Meeting**  
**August 3, 2023**

**Members Present:** Luke Fessler, Gordan Kinder, Kathy Krusiec, Ron Larson, John Wells

**Staff Present:** Andrew Bremer, Kong Thao

1. CALL TO ORDER

Fessler called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None received virtually and in-person.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Kinder motioned to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Landmarks Commission meeting. Seconded by Larson. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion regarding establishment of an outdoor community history sign.

Thao provided the Commission an updated on the findings related to the vendors reviewed, estimates collected, proposed locations, and design. Staff confirmed for the Commissioners that the community history signs are different from the historical marker signs, as they include a different narrative for information and different material. Bremer provided details on the remaining budget following the purchase order from Sewah Studios for the historical markers. Staff discussed the example poster brought to the meeting was for viewing purposes only as the relative size was important. Thao reiterated that they are still awaiting feedback from the Village Parks Superintendent for the proposed locations.

The Commission discussed desired details to be on the signs, materials associated with each sign, preferences for high traffic areas. The Commission identified McDaniel Park as the preferred location for the first sign, followed by Arnold Larson Park. Staff will contact Larson and the McFarland Historical Society outside of the meeting for contents on the sign. The Commission recommended reaching out to the nearby indigenous tribes for any historical data also.

- b. Discussion regarding historical signage 2024 budget.

Staff and the Commission discussed possible budget requests for the 2024 budget. Staff commented the budget request should include an amount to cover the remaining Exchange Street markers. Bremer suggested options for the Commission to discuss whether to complete one sign with the remaining budget now, or multiple signs following the Exchange Street markers. The Commission discussed timelines, a planned approach supplemental to a reasonable budget request

of \$15,000-\$20,000 for 2024, the educational importance of these signs, and future projects requiring a budget.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. To be determined.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Krusiec motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Kinder. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.