

City Clerk

From: Mayor's Assistant
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:32 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Meeting between Mayor Doud and Director Sandra Clark
Attachments: Mackinac Island Marker Draft.docx; Mackinac Island S34 - Marker Photo.jpg

Good morning Danielle,

Could you please put this on the agenda as an informational piece. They may have to go to HDC, they will have to go to committee. I just want council to be informed that they are wanted to change and provide a new sign to the City.

Thank you,

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From: Davis, Michelle (DNR) <davism1@michigan.gov>
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To: Mayor's Assistant <assistant@cityofmi.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting between Mayor Doud and Director Sandra Clark

The historical marker titled "Mackinac Island." The marker was written in 1956 and the language does not share an inclusive story. I have attached the draft revised text and a photo of the original marker.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in setting up a time for Sandra and Mayor Doud to talk through this revision. Or maybe you know who we should work with to get approval to have this sign replaced. We have had tribal consultation provided by Eric Hemenway, and would like to discuss next steps with someone from the City of Mackinac Island.

Kindly,
Michelle Davis
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Michigan History Center

Large two-sided marker
Different Text Each Side
2" caption
1 ½" text
Mackinac Co.
Mackinac Island
Side One

MACKINAC ISLAND

1 Mackinac Island, or Michilimackinac,
2 is known as “the great turtle” by the
3 Anishinaabek (Odawa, Ojibway and
4 Potawatomi). In their varied creation
5 beliefs, it is the place where the first
6 people came to the earth. It is also home
7 to various spirits and the place where
8 the Anishinaabek laid their dead to rest.
9 In 1670 Jesuit Father Claude Dablon
10 became the first Frenchman to winter
11 here. Over the next century, mission-
12 aries, fur traders and explorers made the
13 Straits of Mackinac the interior center
14 of New France. Between 1760 and 1815
15 the island played an important role in
16 the military conflicts that involved the
17 Anishinaabek, France, Great Britain
18 and the United States. The British built
19 Fort Mackinac on the island in 1780.
20 The United States took control in 1796.
21 During the War of 1812, the British and
22 Anishinaabek won two battles for
23 control of the island.

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Mackinac Island
Side Two

MACKINAC ISLAND

1 After the War of 1812 Mackinac Island
2 became a center of trade, politics and a
3 merging of cultures in the Great Lakes.
4 It was the hub of John Jacob Astor's fur
5 empire and at the crossroads of Great
6 Lakes transportation. As fur trading
7 declined in the 1830s, fishing continued
8 to thrive, and such tourists as Great
9 Britain's Anna Jameson wrote about
10 "the little fortress, snow-white, and
11 gleaming in the morning light." Odawa
12 and Ojibway villages made the island
13 an Anishinaabe economic and social
14 hub until the 1870s. By the later part of
15 the nineteenth century, the fort was no
16 longer an active military post. In 1875
17 much of the island became the nation's
18 second national park. In 1895 the park
19 and fort became Michigan's first state
20 park. Tourism and summer cottages
21 grew to dominate the economy of the
22 island that remains home to the
23 ancestors of the Anishinaabek.

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