

To: Whitewater Landmarks Commission

From: Kevin Boehm, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Date: 12/17/2025

Subject: Request for Approval – Installation of West Side Stair Railings and Concrete Replacement at the White Memorial Building

The City of Whitewater Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department respectfully requests approval from the Landmarks Commission to install two new stair railings on the west side of the White Memorial Building. This request also includes approval to replace a deteriorated section of concrete at the top of the west stairway as part of the same project.

The proposed railings will be installed at the bottom of the stairs along the west pathway leading from the White Memorial Building. These new railings are intended to mirror the existing railings currently in place on the building. The design, dimensions, materials, and overall appearance will be identical to the existing railings, with no alterations or deviations. Upon installation, the new railings will be painted to match the existing railing color to ensure visual consistency and maintain the historic character of the building.

The primary purpose of this project is to bring the west stairway into compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility guidelines. ADA standards require handrails on both sides of stairways with a rise greater than six inches. The west stairway currently lacks handrails on both sides, and the addition of these two railings is necessary to meet safety and accessibility requirements for public use.

In conjunction with the railing installation, there is a section of concrete at the top of the west stairway that has deteriorated and requires replacement. The concrete replacement will be limited strictly to the affected area and will not alter the stair configuration, dimensions, or appearance. The new concrete will match the existing surface in finish and appearance to the greatest extent possible.

This project has been designed to be minimally invasive, preservation-minded, and fully consistent with the historic nature of the White Memorial Building. No historic materials will be removed or altered beyond what is necessary to complete the improvements described above.



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We respectfully request the Landmarks Commission's review and approval of this project so the City may proceed with these necessary safety and accessibility improvements. Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information or have questions regarding the scope or intent of the work.

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