



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 17-487, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 8/9/2017

TITLE:

Revised Historic Court Square Marker

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Board endorsement of revised marker text for Court Square

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Walker, Letteri, Kamptner

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Douglas C. Walker

BACKGROUND: The City of Charlottesville's Historic Resources Committee (HRC) has been preparing a series of nine Court Square markers intended to replace the existing granite markers that have become difficult to read. As part of this effort, they have requested the Board of Supervisor's approval to replace the large, freestanding marker that was located adjacent to the Albemarle County Courthouse when the 2002-2004 renovations were completed. (Attachment A)

STRATEGIC PLAN: Engaged Citizens: Successfully engage citizens so that local government reflects their values and aspirations. **Educational Opportunities:** Provide lifelong learning opportunities for all our citizens

DISCUSSION: The intent of the new markers is to create a self-guided walking tour of Court Square that tells a more complete story of the historic buildings and activities there. The revised marker (Attachment B) has benefited from the thorough vetting of the Historic Resources Committee as well as the input of the City's Blue Ribbon Commission. Albemarle County staff has also reviewed the revised marker text.

The new marker would be installed using the existing framing, following details prepared by the architectural firm of Wolf-Ackerman. (Attachment C) Following endorsement from the Board of Supervisors, the new markers will be put in place by the fall of 2017.

BUDGET IMPACT: No budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board endorse the revised Court Square marker text.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Existing Court Square Marker

Attachment B - 2017 Revised Court Square Marker

Attachment C - Wolf Ackerman Courthouse Sign Installation Details