

The History Advisory Board worked for five months selecting the wording and events for the plaques. They began working from the June 7th adopted History Report. They worked off the time line and selected the most important facts to include. No new facts or information were included, rather language was drawn from the history report.

They also conducted extensive research on writing interpretive panels.

<https://history.sd.gov/preservation/docs/CHTInterpretiveSignRecommendations.pdf>

<https://amykvistad.com/keys-to-effective-interpretive-panels/>

The Board was presented with examples chosen by City staff, weighed the positive and negatives of all options to find an option that would best serve the material and environment.

Over the course of nine meetings dedicated exclusively to plaque wording, members from the public submitted public comments, all of which were addressed by the board. Additionally, members of the Bruce and Prioleau families attended meetings, offered information, photographs, and opinions on the representation of their families. All feedback was considered and incorporated as appropriate.