IEEE 802 LAN/MAN STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Milestone Project

Friday, Nov. 5 2021
Status Report
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What is a MILESTONE?

- Commemoration of a historic event in the history of engineering.
- A bronze plaque placed at the site of the event.
- Example:

![Image of a plaque commemorating the birthplace of Silicon Valley.](image)
Proposed Plaque Text:

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August 2020 (GOT-version of 20/2/04)
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  - Generated proposed text
    (See backup slide for rules)
  - Determined Jack Tar site isn't suitable
    (Whole block now occupied by Pacific Medical Center)
  - Agreement from Proposed Site: CHM
    (per Marc Weber, Curatorial Dir., Internet History Pgm)

- **PROBLEMS:**
  - Silicon Valley vs. SF (Different sections)
  - Non-responsiveness from Officers

- **MY STATUS:** Stuck!
  - I need another person to help
THANK YOU!
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BACKUP SLIDES
The PROPOSED SITE for the Milestone Plaque is the entrance garden for
The Computer History Museum
1401 N Shoreline Blvd
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There is a wall of (currently) 10 Milestone plaques. Most of these are duplicates of ones at now obscure or hard to visit sites.
See a video of the wall at:
https://tinyurl.com/ygsybzam
PROPOSED SITE:

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- It honors the achievement, rather than the person or place. (i.e. Names of persons is generally forbidden)
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