

*Proposed plaque at: CORN PALACE – Public Park*

This Historical Plaque marks the original location (areas bound by Lawrence Expressway, Dahlia Drive/Court, Lily Avenue and Timberpine Avenue) of one of the last family-owned farms in Sunnyvale which consisted of 20-acres and was popularly known as the Corn Palace. The farm dates to at least the 1860s when it was purchased by Michael Francia as an orchard and was later cleared in 1956 to grow produce. The descendants of the Francia family, brothers Ben and Joe, worked together to grow corn, bell peppers, green peas, cucumbers, tomatoes, and squash. They farmed the property for over 50 years with family members. The Corn Palace farm stand was constructed in 1965 which was located at the north end of White Oak Lane and Lily Avenue. The western half of the farmland was developed in 2013 with 51 single-family homes and the eastern portion was developed in 2021 with 55 single-family homes and the public park.

*Plaque size about 18" x 18" or 24" x 24" to accommodate the above text at approx. ¾ to 1inch copy height.*