

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room of the Lewis Cass Building.

Members present: Kathy Cole, Jim Salo, Jim Niewiek, Dian Philpot, Richard Darling, Lin Emmert, Tom Furtaw

DMB staff present: Vivian Grinnell, Dane Hengesbach, Karen Deering

1. Edward Woods, III, DMB Public Information Officer

Vivian introduced Edward as DMB's new PIO. Edward asked that each Commission member introduce themselves and give some background information to assist him in writing a press release.

Kathy Cole – Commission Chair – Her husband, Sgt. Paul Cole of Ingham County Sheriff Dept. was killed in the line of duty. She originally got involved to improve the survivor benefits program and over time she has become active in the monument cause to honor her husband and those like him that have given their lives to protect others.

Diane Philpot – MICOPS – Her husband was a Detroit Police Officer, killed in the line of duty in May of 1995 when her daughter was 6 months old. She has worked with the legislature to improve survivor benefits and now supports efforts to make sure these sacrifices are not forgotten.

Jim Niewiek represents the Troopers association and lost his son in 1992. He has worked on the Trooper Memorial and wanted to work on a monument that would represent all Michigan law enforcement officers. Their mission lives on long after they are gone.

Jim Salo – Police Chaplain for 30 years, who, during the Vietnam War era, visited the Washington D.C. Vietnam Memorial. He stated he was moved to tears and stunned by the spiritual nature of what that wall represented. He has officiated many funerals for police officers, and is interested in this memorial to make sure no one ever forgets the sacrifices these officers have made.

Rick Darling – Each Commission mandates a seat for the Department of Treasury. Jay Rising asked that he be their representative.

Lin Emmert – Director of Michigan Survivors – her son was killed in December of 1994 in Grand Haven. She has visited the memorial in Washington D.C. (at night) and felt it was a very spiritual place to be. She feels strongly that Michigan law enforcement officers deserve to be recognized for their sacrifices, as well as the sacrifices of their survivors.

Dane Hengesbach – As DMB's Office of Financial Services' representative, Dane will provide the Commission with financial reports on receipts, expenditures, and projections.

Gayle Drouilart – (A visitor- not a Commission member). Gayle's brother was a law enforcement officer killed during a bank robbery. It has been very beneficial for her to be part of this process to memorialize those that have been killed in the line of duty.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2005

A Motion was made by Jim Niewiek to approve the minutes, seconded by Lin Emmert. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Call for Entries: Tom Furtaw

Tom indicated there were several items for discussion and many decisions to be made:

➤ When will the site be designated to the Commission?

As of today, the Commission is still waiting for legislative approval. Vivian indicated she discussed this with our legislative liaison, Monique Field. Commission members will be notified when it is appropriate for them to contact their legislators.

Vivian stated she would send the legal site description to Tom Furtaw to incorporate into the draft Call for Entries. Kathy described the site location as South of the Vietnam memorial facing the Library and the Hall of Justice. This requires the Veterans Park boundaries be redefined to accommodate the Law Enforcement Memorial.

➤ Who will be invited to submit?

Discussion ensued and the Commission agreed the design submissions would be restricted to Michigan residents. Although the design will most likely include complex architectural themes, The Commission will encourage students, artists, amateurs, and professionals, to submit their ideas individually or in partnership with one another.

➤ How will the selection process work?

Tom indicated the Commission might want to use a jury, consisting of a half dozen professional architects, to review all of the entries and identify the 10 best selections for presentation to the Commission. Jury members would provide their services at no cost and could include professional staff from the Office of Facilities' Design and Construction Division. The Commission will determine the specific responsibilities of the Jury. Kathy and Diane suggested at least one Commission member assist the Jury in all stages of this process to ensure entries capture the spiritual nature of the memorial. Tom Kane, or his designee, will serve as the professional advisor to this Commission on this project.

➤ What should the monument represent?

Tom Furtaw reiterated that the Commission must be specific in describing what this monument represents as the Call for Entries is drafted. The phrases and sentiments expressed in previous meetings need to be included in this draft language (page 3 of the November minutes and page 2 of the December minutes). Jim Niewiek also stated that the monument should NOT overshadow the loss. Kathy indicated that she assured the Veterans Commission that the Law Enforcement Monument would NOT be larger or overshadow the Vietnam memorial.

➤ Jury selection

Tom recommended that three Commission members volunteer to select the Jury. He indicated that Art Serve, a non-profit agency of professionals, might be willing to serve as Juror. Richard Darling made a motion to approve, Jim Niewiek seconded, MOTION CARRIED. Kathy Cole, Tom Furtaw, and Gayle Drouilart volunteered to draft the proposed jury selection and process.

- How much does the commission anticipate this monument will cost?  
Tom inquired if the cost had been projected or anticipated. Kathy Cole indicated her best guess would be \$3 to \$5 million. Vivian reported that the Vietnam Memorial cost approximately \$2 million, and that all DMB fees were waived. DMB is willing to waive their fees for this project also.

4. Financial Update: Dane Hengesbach

Dane provided an updated financial report for all Commission members. He received two more bills, approved by Kathy, for the pins and the website. These payments will be reflected on the next report. Dane added that the FOIA request, discussed at the previous meeting, was provided using a date and donation amount only. No donor names were provided.

5. e-Store Update

Dane stated that Cindy could not attend today's meeting, but that she had received an email from Tom Weston regarding the Michigan State Police ICHAT system. Tom indicated the MLEOMF website link could be added to the ICHAT site. The ICHAT site currently generates approximately \$12,000 per day in revenue – all by credit card. The website address is [www.michigan.gov/ichat](http://www.michigan.gov/ichat). The Commission agreed this would be a great idea – the more exposure, the better.

Other discussions included payroll deduction for all police agencies, credit card contributions, etc. Jim Salo will talk to John Hedin from Vanco Services, who provides this type of service to non-profit agencies on a regular basis. Payroll deductions must be approved by the appropriate county, city, etc. and therefore can become a logistic nightmare e.g., FOP has 83 counties, etc. Jim will talk with John and share information with Kathy Cole.

6. Website Update: Lin Emmert

The FOP and Chiefs of Police are adding an MLEOMF link to their websites. Kathy Cole will check with the Sheriff's Association, and Jim Niewiek will make some inquiries with the State Troopers to do the same. Lin also discussed adding pictures of fallen officers to the website.

7. Trademark Update

Vivian indicated that she was still waiting for Print and Graphics on the Trade marking documents. She will follow-up and report at the next meeting. Vivian gave Kathy a copy of the documents for her review.

8. Line of Duty Criteria Recommendations

A "DRAFT" copy of the language was shared with the Commission. There was discussion on having an Administrative Law Judge or regulatory body make final determinations of what constitutes a line of duty death, based on litigation. Richard Darling interjected that no matter what the verbiage, there will always be challenges and ambiguities. It was agreed that the Commission would utilize this criteria in determining names to be included on the monument. Members also agreed that it is the Commission's responsibility to handle any challenges in this regard.

9. Other Business

Vivian has ordered more fliers and another poster. Lin needed the poster by 1-25-06. Vivian will check with Print & Graphics to see if she can get it ASAP.

10. Next Steps

Vivian will work with Edward Woods to draft a Press Release for Kathy's review.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:55**

**Next Meeting: February 16, 2006**