

The meeting was called to order at 3:05. p.m. in the Constitution Hall Hutchinson Conference Room, immediately following the Press Conference held in the Con Hall Atrium announcing the winner of the Design Competition for the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Members present: Kathy Cole, Lin Emmert, Richard Darling, Jim Niewiek
DMB staff present: George Hakim, Robert Hall, Vivian Grinnell, Karen Deering
Guests: David Milling & Associates of Ann Arbor

1. Press Conference

- Was a great success with numerous police officers in attendance, WILX TV and a lot of media coverage. Speakers included: Tim Yungfer, Lt. Colonel of the Michigan State Police, representing the Governor's office; Larry Julian, former State Representative; Mayor Virg Bernero of Lansing; Attorney General, Mike Cox.
- Lin Emmert presented the awards to the top four winners of the MLEOM design competition. Todd Perry, Physical Plant Supervisor with DMB Facilities Administration, took both third and fourth places, and received \$250.00 for each entry. Gilbert Olds and Mary Johnson of East Lansing received \$500.00 for second place. David Milling & Associates, an architectural firm from Ann Arbor, received the \$1,000 prize award for their winning design. David Milling asked the Commission to keep the \$1,000 as a donation toward the construction of the monument.
- Lt. Kevin Sommers presented the Commission with a check in the amount of \$2,000, in memory of Sgt. Christopher Wouters of the Warren Police Department. Sgt. Wouters was killed in the line of duty in 2000.
- Kathy Cole indicated she would drop off one of our MLEOM mugs to the local Channel 10 radio station, WILX-TV located at 500 American Road. WILX is always looking for coffee mugs for their morning presentations. This will generate some free publicity for the MLEOM.

2. Design Competition Winner Introductions

- #1 – The Sentinel Design was submitted by David Milling & Associates. Seven members, representing half of their team, introduced themselves and explained how excited and honored they were to be selected as the winners. They indicated that the project was meaningful and that they were delighted that this memorial would have such a prominent place in the Capital City. David Milling indicated that this was his 40th year working on public projects.
- Vivian introduced George Hakim, the DMB Facilities Administration Director, and Robert Hall, the Acting Design & Construction Director, to the Commission. Tom Kane retired at the end of January and Bob Hall will

- replace him as the Commission liaison. Both George and Bob indicated that they would be glad to assist the Commission in any way.
- Kathy thanked Vivian and Karen, and indicated how helpful they had been to the Commission throughout this entire process.
 - Kathy recently spoke with the Vietnam Memorial Monument group. They extended their appreciation to the Commission for including them in the MLEOM process and design considerations. They also reported that an intensive investigation revealed that installing metal strips on their monument benches would greatly reduce the damage caused by skateboarders. David Milling's group had already researched this data and mentioned similar products available at www.skatestoppers.com.
 - **Some questions from the Commission included:**
 - Q. If the panels are 4 X 8, how much of that will be in the ground?
 - A. 2 to 3 feet will be in the ground. The glass will be 6 inches thick, and some of the glass companies are trying to encourage us to use 4-inch thick glass panels, which would be much easier to work with and less costly.
 - Q. If any panel were damaged, how difficult would it be to replace?
 - A. The projected cost of each panel is approximately \$25,000, so it would be expensive to replace one. It would also require a machine to etch the names (on site).
 - Q. What about the extreme cold weather we are having now?
 - A. No problem. The glass can expand and drain accordingly. Solid glass is not an issue. They will have further discussions with Corning & various other glass companies as well as the project progresses.
 - Q. What about vandalism; rocks, bullet holes, etc.?
 - A. The glass is always most vulnerable at the edges. We would have to find a way to protect them somehow. *We would hope that the monument is so striking and beautiful, nobody would want to hurt it. Also, with the camera / video surveillance, and the fact that it will be so well lit up at night (and police officers really looking out for it), it won't be damaged.
 - Q. Do you have any guesstimate as to what the expense would be to build this monument?
 - A. Preliminary findings, \$2 to \$3 million dollars.
 - Q. What about the maintenance expense?
 - A. Vivian indicated that DMB would have Keith Paasch attend one of the future meetings to discuss this issue. In addition, depending on the options chosen, fiber optics vs. light bulbs, etc. the costs could vary.
 - Q. How far apart are the panels from each other?
 - A. 10 feet

The winning Architect asked the Commission to identify a subcommittee they could work with when they have questions. Kathy Cole and Bob Hall

volunteered, and suggested conference calls be used as needed to simplify the process.

The Commission is still discussing what information should be etched on the panels, Names, Dates (should department be included?)

3. Financial Update: Dane Hengesbach

Dane was present at the press conference, but was unable to attend the actual Commission meeting. He left copies of the updated financial report for the Commission to review. Dane also provided a sample of the new verbiage on the donation form regarding *dates donations would be processed* and the specific months the *quarterly donations would be processed*. Commission unanimously approved verbiage.

4. Line-of-Duty Death Criteria

- Tom Furtaw gave Lin a DRAFT copy of the MCOLES verbiage relative to the survivor benefits, since the AG's office is currently reworking the statute regarding eligibility.
- Much discussion followed; the Commission will review the draft language submitted and take under advisement. It was agreed that the line-of-duty death criteria must support the philosophy of this Commission in determining which names are included on the monument, regardless of the criteria used by other groups for similar monuments.

5. Fundraising Update

Lin and Jim manned a booth last week at the Chief's Convention and came back with some good ideas for future fundraisers.

Action item – after the mock-up is received, Kathy will schedule another meeting with the Union Leaders to approach their vendors.

- Reminder: FOP convention is next month.
- Tribal police – approach the Joint Tribal Council
- Identify possible large donors
- Copy donors list used by Grand Rapids police department (Jim Niewiek)

6. Review of Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2006 and January 11, 2007

Motion to approve regular minutes from November 16th meeting was made by Jim Niewiek; seconded by Richard Darling. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve regular minutes from January 11th meeting was made by Richard Darling; seconded by Lin Emmert. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Next Steps

- Vivian will work with Print & Graphics to design a brochure using the new memorial design photo with a donation slip on the back section of the brochure.
- Kathy to follow up on the Trademark item. She indicate her check had not been cashed. She will make some phone calls and report at next meeting.
- More mugs need to be ordered, there are only very few left. No motion made on this item.
- Bob Hall will call David Milling & Associates and request cost estimates for them to create a model of the winning design. The Commission can use it at fundraising events to create visual excitement, as well as create an electronic image to be used in print and other media.
- Tom Furtaw made a motion to authorize \$1,000.00 for the model; motion seconded by Jim Niewiek. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- David Milling indicated that he will assign a chief architect to the project, who will serve as a single point of contact for the Commission.
- David Milling & Associates is prepared to make revisions as the plan progresses, and will plan to attend the March 8th meeting
- The Commission's construction goal: Break ground **some time in 2008**
- Much discussion and consideration must be given regarding "tasteful integration" of the major donors contributions.
- Donors must be identified yet not *detract* from the monument. Please give consideration for discussion at future meetings
- Members to define what constitutes "major" donors, and the dollar amount required for the name to be recognized on the monument
- Law Enforcement publications will be contacted and asked to publish the winning design
- Lin will replace the logo on the website with the design, and move the logo to the corner of the photo (if possible)
- Vivian will bring extra Design Competition information booklets to the next meeting to distribute to members
- Lin and Kathy will discuss the timeline for exhibiting the design submissions at the Michigan Library Historical Center

Motion to dismiss by Richard Darling at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Kathy Cole. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8th @ 1:00 p.m. in the
Stevens T. Mason Building – OPS Conference Room**