

The meeting was called to order at 1:10.m. in the Director's Conference Room of the Lewis Cass Building.

Members present: Kathy Cole, Richard Darling, Jim Salo, Jim Niewiek, Laura Cook representing Tom Furtaw

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

Guest: John Buczek, FOP Executive Director

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2006

Changes to be made to item #3, referencing mug contributions: this should read **\$12.00**. Richard Darling suggested that item #6 referencing adding **MLEOM** link and **MLEOMF** link to various websites, be changed to read the same initials for consistency sake (MLEOM).

A Motion was made by Jim Salo to approve the minutes, with changes, seconded by Richard Darling. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Legislative Update – Kathy Cole and Vivian Grinnell

Much discussion regarding next steps for Commission once HB 5620 passed. After our meeting adjourned, Monique Field sent the following statement to Vivian to share with the Commission:

No further legislation is required for the following reason. I have confirmed with Sen. Toy's office.

PA 177 of 2004 created the law enforcement commission as a type II agency within DMB. PA 380 of 1965 states that a type II agency has all its powers, statutory authority, duties and functions transferred to the principal department, in this case DMB. In short, the commission is a component of DMB and conducts all its business through DMB.

PA 177 of 2004 also states that the commission shall work in consultation with the Michigan Capitol Park Commission to place the monument they were given the authority to raise funds for, design and construct, on land within the jurisdiction of the Michigan Capitol Park. PA 431 of 1984 designates the boundaries of the Capitol Park as between Ottawa and Allegan etc. However, the Capitol Park commission was abolished by Engler in Executive Reorganization Order 2000-7 and all its powers, functions and land was transferred to DMB.

As a result, no further legislation is required. DMB is not conveying the land formerly known as the Capitol Park to the law enforcement commission, DMB is working in consultation with the Law Enforcement Commission to determine the best location for the monument on land under DMB's jurisdiction. There are no other pending groups who have approached the Department to place monuments on that land, nor is there any pending legislation to allow placement of other monuments on that property. The legislature has already vested the Department with the statutory authority to determine use for that property and in following the mission set forth in statute for the Law Enforcement Commission, DMB will assist in determining the appropriate placement of their monument.

3. Call for Entries: Laura Cook representing Tom Furtaw

Please reference the packet of documents that Vivian handed out from the Vietnam Monument Commission. Laura referred to the memo from Christina Riddle [in this packet] and recommended the commission review this memo to understand some of the potential issues they may encounter during the design competition. Tom Furtaw continues to work, in conjunction with Tom Kane, on the design and call for entries piece for submission requirements.

Kathy indicated that she still has not talked with her Art Serve contact regarding jury participation. She left a message but they have not returned her calls. Jim Salo suggested that they contact **Lawrence Tech** for possible jury members. Kathy said she would try and find out the appropriate contact.

4. Financial Update: Dane Hengesbach

Dane provided an updated financial report for all Commission members. He indicated they had received about \$11,000 from the Scott Stewart spaghetti dinner. John Buczek, the Executive Director of the FOP presented Dane with a check in the amount of \$5,000 today as a contribution towards the memorial. Many thanks to the FOP, this contribution is very much appreciated!

5. e-Store Update – Dane Hengesbach

Dane stated that there were a couple of small donations this month. Kathy Cole will send a “mug shot” or photo of the mugs to Dane for posting on the website.

6. Trademark Update

Paperwork cannot be located. Vivian will contact Tom Furtaw to obtain proper documents that need to be filed. Commission must get these documents recorded.

7. Line of Duty Criteria Recommendations

Richard Darling referred to the Gene Hoekwater e-mail referencing the Trooper memorial. No written criteria was used for inclusion, however they dealt with only one entity and a single standard with the same people reviewing all the claims. This Commission has numerous agencies involved, so they will encounter many more challenges and disputes, thereby requiring the Commission to establish their own criteria.

8. Press Release

Richard suggested the more exposure, the better. Jim Niewiek agreed, stating, we should take every opportunity to get more (free) press and get our logo and mission statement out there. The Commission has been established, now let's take every opportunity and announce each milestone, the House Bill passing, the design competition, etc. Vivian will discuss the content with Edward Woods, III.

9. Use of Logo

- Kathy had a request from Ferris State University. The student that designed the Commission logo attends FSU and he was working in conjunction with a State Trooper who asked permission to display our logo and raise money for the memorial. They wanted to have a “memorial wall” at Ferris and accept donations for the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

The Commission has agreed to the following criteria for use of the logo:

1. A written request must be submitted to the Commission, including specifics/plans for using the logo.
2. Requests will be reviewed and approved by the commission.
3. Approval will be granted or denied in writing and will include any necessary modifications to the intended use.
4. Written authorization will prohibit any changes to the logo or design. (e.g. – putting a star over Ferris State University)

Laura Cook concurred, that the Commission must have established criteria in place for all future requests.

10. Next Steps

- Raise more money
- Review entire packet from the Vietnam Memorial before the next meeting and come back with ideas for Tom Furtaw
- Issue Press Releases for more exposure and “PR”
- John Buczek suggested that they go on the road. Get out there and present your information and promote this memorial. The Southeastern Chief’s of Police meet once a month, attend the meeting and take some literature with you.
- Jim Niewiek and Jim Salo are waiting to hear from the MSP Executive Committee authorizing the Commission to add our website link to their website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

Next Meeting: April 20, 2006