

**MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION**

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Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2021

Meeting No. 132

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lin Emmert at 1:35 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lydia Amaya, Larry Garner, Katy Sherwood, Deodge Hill, and Ron Griffin

Commission Staff: Dane Hengesbach, and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP, Jerry Keeder from BOD & Brent West from BOD, Lin Emmert, and Mary Johnson

1. Appointments/Position Nominations:

Larry said he would accept the Chair position.

Bryant expressed that he is willing to serve as vice-chair, if nominated.

Katy & Deodge stated that they do not wish to be nominated.

Katy initiated a motion to elect Larry as the new MLEOM Chair and Bryant as the Vice-Chair. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the December 5, 2020 Minutes:

Lydia moved to approve the minutes as is. Katy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Security Camera

Jerry reported that the cost of the camera and installation should come to about \$5500. The camera can move, pan, slide, record and should be able to give enough detail as to identify any parties taking part in any illicit activities near the memorial.

Jerry reported no penalty for early termination of the MOU, given the party follows the 90-day notice in the contract.

Lydia made a motion not to exceed \$7,000. Ron seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry will finalize the draft, then submit it to all three parties. Once all signatures are received, Jerry will proceed with the order. After the work is completed, Jerry will go over a punch list with the contractor.

4. Memorial Construction Update & Sentinel Guards:

Lin asked Jerry about salt damage and apparent rust. Also there appears to be separation between some of the steel and light panel components. Jerry will look into the issue.

Jerry said the sentinel guards have not been ordered yet, to his knowledge.

Dane has also not seen a cost come through for the sentinel guards.

Jerry told commissioners that the maintenance charges for 2020 will not be billed. DTMB is working on an estimate of what the projected costs are expected to be for 2021.

5. Financial Statement:

Dane provided an up-to-date financial statement.

A donation of \$2,234.59 was made from the Memorial Mile event, sponsored by FOP Lodge #130. Including Lydia's Muskegon area walk.

The Gerstacker Foundation check came through at \$9,100.

\$5,000 was received from the Unity Team.

Ron led a discussion of past fundraising efforts and expectations of commission members.

Fundraising will be an ongoing need and focus as maintenance costs arise and names are added.

6. Executive Reorganization Order:

Lin caught the commission up to speed on how an ERO could affect them. Under an ERO, the governor gives an order to reorganize and maintain a commission, without input from the legislature.

7. Memorial Flags:

Mary volunteered to collect and keep the flags that had flown over the memorial.

8. Electronic Signature for Thank You Letters:

Larry will send Georgia a copy of his signature for donation thank you letters.

9. Names to be Honored:

The list is currently being reviewed. The working total is currently 50. If all 50 names are added to the memorial there will be 142 spaces left for names. The new working total of names will now require 5 panels minimum to be removed, engraved, and replaced.

The current standard that was set by the new legislation is intended to mirror the national memorial.

10. Website/Facebook:

Mary & Lin have asked that the new members look over the website. Two commission members will need to take on these responsibilities. Lydia and Deodge volunteered.

11. Memorial Signage:

It was determined that this topic should be discussed at a future meeting.

12. Supply Storage:

Lin will give her resources to Larry.

Mary volunteered to take the flags. Mary currently has t-shirts.

Debbie has a few coins left and some postcards, as well as stands for presentations – she requests permission to keep them for the time being for fundraising efforts.

Lydia volunteered storage space. She and Mary will meet up to move materials under Lydia's care.

Lydia motioned to adjourn. Katy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2021

Meeting No. 133

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Garner at 1:01 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lydia Amaya, Larry Garner, Bryant Osikowicz, and Ron Griffin

Commission Staff: Dane Hengesbach, and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP, Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, and a member of the public

1. Approval of the January 7, 2020 Minutes:

Bryant moved to approve the minutes as is. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Memorial Construction Update:

Georgia gave a brief overview of a car crash incident that took place on the memorial grounds. Bryant and Georgia will follow up to see if a police report has been filed and see if any steps need to be taken on behalf of the Commission.

David responded about the separation of the panels stating that Robert will go out to the memorial and assess the needs once the weather warms up.

3. Financial Statement:

Three checks were received in the last month, one from the Unity Team and two from Mary Johnson's family.

Dane reported that an expense of roughly 13K will be charged to the Commission for Joel's assistance on the monument construction project as the project manager.

4. Names to be Honored:

Mary circulated the current list of names. The list is nearly finalized but Mary is still waiting to hear back from an agency regarding a couple names. There are also some questions that still need to be answered about names that are being included on the national monument. Once the list is ready, it will be posted to the website for a couple of weeks and sent to Bonnie so she can plan the placement of the names. The list of names that Mary has high confidence in is currently 51.

An additional name was submitted 3/3/21. The new submission may need to go on the 2022 list of names to be honored, no final determination has been made yet.

Mary made some recommendations as to how organization names could appear.

Lin indicated that the Commission will have to get a more exact estimate of the cost to add names from Bonnie and the artist and an updated timeline for the additions. Due to the time required for name additions, a service to honor the added names may need to be held in summer.

Mary said she would submit a working list of the names to be honored to Bonnie and Robert before the next meeting.

5. Website/Facebook:

The Facebook site has been transitioned to operating under Lydia and Deodge as the admins.

Lydia is looking into adding an auto-pay option to the MLEOM website. She also suggests MLEOM could look into becoming part of the State of Michigan SEOC Charitable Campaign. Dane provided background on how the state charitable campaign operates. Dane will reach out and see how a charity gets added onto that campaign and how a charity qualifies.

6. Fundraising:

Bryant led a discussion of how the statute that governs the Commission impacts fundraising.

Lin suggested that for any fundraising efforts the Commission should stress why the monument requires ongoing funding.

7. Donor Wall:

Bryant made a motion to approve an expenditure for the donor plaques for the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club and the Unity Team at an expense of \$496.76. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Supply Storage:

Lin will give her resources from her time as a voting member to Larry.

Mary volunteered to take the flags that previously flew over the monument. Mary is currently in possession of all remaining 5K t-shirts.

Debbie has a few coins left and some postcards, as well as stands for presentations. She requested, and was granted, permission to keep them for the time being for fundraising efforts.

Lydia volunteered storage space. She and Mary will meet up to move materials under Lydia's care.

Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2021

Meeting No. 134

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Garner at 1:02 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lydia Amaya, Larry Garner, Bryant Osikowicz, Katy Sherwood, Deodge Hill and Ron Griffin

Commission Staff: Dane Hengesbach, and Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Debbie Swofford FOP, Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson, Joel Gordon DTMB (past project manager), and Jerry Keeder DTMB

1. Mike Sauger Update:

Mike shared that they are making progress in attempting to adapt the statute language that governs the Commission. He will share when there is more information or as changes become definite. Mike is meeting with the Governor's Office 6/3/2021. He expressed an interest in getting a date for the names to be honored.

2. Memorial Maintenance Update and Request for Maintenance Budget:

Jerry covered the responsible parties for various aspects of the memorial's maintenance as well as the maintenance and event request processes. (Events form shared at 7/8/2021 meeting and attached with minutes). For maintenance requests, Commission members can reach out to:

[dtmb-building-parking-services@michigan.gov](mailto:dtmb-building-parking-services@michigan.gov)

Jerry proposed passing a not-to-exceed maintenance budget so that maintenance requests can be processed quickly as well as regular care for the monument can be carried out. Jerry, Dane & Georgia shared information estimating annual costs.

Bryant motioned to pass an annual maintenance budget not-to-exceed 15K. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the June 3, 2021 Minutes:

Bryant moved to approve the minutes as is. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Security Camera:

Jerry presented the camera proposal with the updated quote.

Deodge made a motion to approve the expenditure with a not-to-exceed amount of \$7,300. The motion was seconded by Katy. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Statement:

Dane shared the current statement and will make changes based on the discussions that occurred during the meeting.

6. Names to be Honored:

Mary went over the current list and her recommendations as well as an estimate of the cost to add the names. The estimate was shared with Commission members before the meeting and will be included with the notes. The current version is 52 names.

The names are not yet finalized and the timeline for adding them is not yet confirmed with Bonnie. In addition, Joel Gordon was the project manager when the previous names were added and the Commission does not currently have a project manager to coordinate the work. The Commission is eager to add the names and have a ceremony to honor them. After discussion, the decision was made to pass an expenditure to cover the cost so that as soon as the other details are worked out, the process to add the names can proceed without waiting for a quorum and vote.

Katy motioned to pass an expenditure to cover the addition of the names not-to-exceed 60K. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Fundraising:

Debbie shared that as of not, the Tigers are not having the usual fundraising events this year.

8. Stationary:

The Commission decided to forgo a stationary order and to find an alternate, cheaper solution.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:04p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2021

Meeting No. 135

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Garner at 1:03 p.m. in a virtual Teams meeting.

Members Present: Lydia Amaya, Larry Garner, Bryant Osikowicz and Ron Griffin

Commission Staff: Georgia Shuler DTMB Representative

Guests: Brian Rendon Michigan Police Unity Team, Lin Emmert, Mary Johnson and Jerry Keeder DTMB

1. Upcoming Events:

August 14<sup>th</sup> MICOPS will have a candlelight vigil on the steps of the State of Michigan Capital to honor fallen officers. August 15<sup>th</sup> the Michigan Police Unity Team will be meeting at the MLEOM monument to kick off their ride.

2. Brian Rendon:

Brian formally invited all of the MLEOM members to attend the August 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Police Unity Team ride kickoff at the MLEOM monument.

The Commission expressed their gratitude to Brian, on behalf of the Unity Team, for all that they have done to utilize the site for its intended purpose, raise funds for the monument, and to bring awareness to the Commission's mission.

3. Potential October Event:

Bryant led a discussion follow up to what Mike Sauger shared at the last meeting regarding Governor Whitmer's Office expressing an interest in attending an event to honor the officers who passed from COVID-related causes this year.

Bryant asked Larry Garner to follow up with Mike Sauger and see if this is still an active interest. He also suggested that there may be appropriate and timely dates in October to honor the names.

Lin shared that there isn't normally a week in October to honor fallen officers but this year the national COPS and FOP service and adding of the names is scheduled for October 13 – 17. The candlelight vigil will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, the COPS survivor conference will be the 15<sup>th</sup>, and the FOP memorial will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

So MLEOM would want to plan an event for before or after the time when the survivors will be honored at the national event. Lydia suggests considering the survivors travel time, perhaps 3 days or so before the national event. Bryant suggests possibly a date October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

Georgia offers to reach out to Caleb Buhs, who coordinated for the memorial service, and include Mike Sauger to gauge the level of interest and get prospective dates.

4. Donor Plaques/Wall:

Larry reached out to the company who produces the plaques for the order and sent the purchase order to Dane. Dane forwarded the purchase order to DTMB Financial Services. If there is not an update soon, Georgia will follow-up.

5. Financial Statement:

Dane was unable to attend but sent an updated statement ahead of the meeting.

6. Names to be Honored:

Mary went over the current list. Debbie forwarded additional names from national. The current total is 57.

The Commission discussed how they can go about contracting the addition of the names. Mary recommends staying with the current artist, if possible, for consistency as names will need to be continually added and as continuity of the monument is a priority. The Commission still needs a project manager to move forward on this project. Once a project manager is allocated and a timeline to add the names is established, the Commission will need to decide on a cutoff date for the names to be added.

Dane can advise on the financial parameters for future additions.

The Commission discussed if it was advisable or not to move forward on the 60K purchase while the future status of the Commission is undecided. There was a general consensus that project leadership needs to be allocated, then a timeline for the names to be added, then the Commission can decide on a cutoff date for names to be added during this construction process.

Jerry suggests working with financial services to see if we can come to an agreement on how the work will be allocated to a project manager and contractor.

The Commission will also need to identify who can manage the ceremony to honor the names. Georgia asked Jerry to clarify if this is a role a project manager might fill and he advised that in some circumstances they do but generally when the project is newly constructed, such as for a ribbon cutting.

7. Events at the Monument:

Jerry spoke to the importance of utilizing the event application for upcoming events. So that resources for parking, site management, restroom facilities, security, any littering, event trash removal, and the grounds, etc. are prepared to make the event successful.

Mary suggests a potential events calendar to protect against double-bookings and to assist with planning while keeping the Commission informed on activities at the site.

8. House Bill 4821:

Lin urged voting members to speak to their representation on behalf of the Commission's interests. Larry will follow up with Mike Sauger to see if there has been any substantial movement.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:08p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2021

Meeting No. 136

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Garner at 1:08 p.m. in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lake Superior Conference Room.

Members Present: Lydia Amaya, Bryant Osikowicz, and Katy Sherwood

Members via TEAMS/Virtual: Larry Garner called in from Warren, MI.

Commission Staff: Georgia Shuler, and Kerri Droste DTMB Representative

Guests: Mary Johnson, Jerry Keeder and Brent West DTMB

1. October 9<sup>th</sup> Event at the Hall of Justice:

There has been a request for the space on the lawn of the Hall of Justice (HOJ) for a National Period Action Day event on October 9th. The event hosts have not asked to utilize the MLEOM space, but as the HOJ site neighbors the monument site, the DTMB event coordinator reached out to Georgia and Jerry to have them share information about the event with the Commission and to ensure proper scheduling on that date. Georgia and Jerry discussed with the DTMB Event Coordinator ways the event conditional approval could be improved to better protect MLEOM's interests. The amended conditional event approval was shared with the voting members.

Jerry stated security will oversee the event. The event hosts were advised by the DTMB event coordinator of the intended use and respectful guidelines for the monument space. The DTMB coordinator also asked the event hosts to change the planned location for the porta-johns and speaker system, etc. to move them further away from the MLEOM Monument.

There are no conflicting events scheduled on that date at the monument.

It was discussed whether the MLEOM Commission would benefit from putting a subcommittee in place to review future event applications if the timeline for the event, fell before an upcoming Commission meeting. This is similar to how the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Commission functions. This merely means appointing a point of contact or two. Those present agree it would be beneficial to have a point of contact. This will be further discussed at the September meeting.

A question was raised if the MLEOM Facebook page could be linked to a scrolling calendar of events. Lydia will check with Andrew to see if this can be done.

2. Approval of the June 3, 2021 Minutes:

Bryant moved to approve the minutes as is. Katy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the July 8, 2021 Minutes:

Lydia moved to approve the minutes as is. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Statement:

Dane was unable to attend but sent an updated statement ahead of the meeting.

- Lydia inquired as to the donations listed under her name. Georgia keeps a log and the information is recorded that includes who the donation was made in memory of. Georgia will follow-up with Lydia
- Follow up to Dane will be done by Georgia/Kerri to determine why the financial report only shows Lydia's name, not in memory of (example "Mary Johnson in memory of Rick Johnson")

The Commission reviewed the current statement.

5. Potential Project/Adding Names Update:

Jerry from DTMB/BOD has reviewed the quote to add names. He recommended a few changes to the Commission that may increase the overall quote but will ensure a smoother transition and quality consistency for the monument and with the previously added names. The quote is expired and will need to be re-requested at the appropriate time.

The Commission voted June 3, 2021 to approve an expenditure not-to-exceed 60K for the addition of the names. The Commission is in need of a project manager to move forward with the work as well as to plot out a timeline for the project and assist with a potential service/unveiling of the new names. The timeline of the project will define the available window when the Commission can accept names to be included in this addition to the monument. Since the last meeting, it also needed to be determined whether the work would have to go out to bid or would qualify under single-source parameters.

Jerry with BOD led a discussion on these topics and how the construction season will come into play with the timeline and work. At this juncture, it looks likely that the work could qualify for selecting a single-source contractor. BOD recommends the Commission hire a professional to manage the project. There would be an increase in project costs if an architect's services are also retained.

Given that it is August (weather construction restrictions), that a contractor needs to be selected, the timeline to get a P.O. approved, project planning needs to take place, the approximate timeline for the names to be added, and that the public has not yet been provided cut off dates for when names can be submitted for current consideration—with proper lead time, BOD advises that the actual construction would have to take place in the spring with planning and contractual work starting as soon as can be accommodated now.

The Commission agrees that planning for a July unveiling is the best option. Jerry advises that to meet this prospective timeline, the Commission would need to provide DTMB with the names to be added in December of 2021.

The Commission decided to include names submitted for consideration by the public through October 15<sup>th</sup> for historical entries and December 1<sup>st</sup> for recent end of watch dates. Names will be verified with a representative agency to ensure proper spelling, end of watch date, etc. Officers being considered for inclusion will also be vetted for appropriateness for inclusion on the monument utilizing the current guidelines. Mary believes she will be able to provide the finalized list of names to the voting members in time for the Commission meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The Commission can vote to

approve the list of names at that time. Then they will be shared with Jerry for the next step in the process. If there are any end of watch dates between December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and the end of the year, the Commission decided to consider them on a case by case basis.

DTMB BOD requested a projected number of names for inclusion, so they can begin having dialogue with potential professionals. Mary shared the current number of names.

Lydia will see to it that the website is updated with the information on name submission cut off dates.

6. Potential October Event:

The Governor is not currently looking to attend an event in October. The Commission will look into extending an invitation to her office for the potential July 2022 event to honor the added names. In terms of organizing a future event of the same caliber and scale of the initial unveiling, Georgia advised the Commission to seek the assistance of a professional to plan and coordinate the event. This professional could be the same as the entity handling the name additions if this is discussed prior to drawing up a contract.

7. Stationary:

Georgia was able to edit the commissioner names on the current template. DTMB Supply Chain can purchase reams of copy paper for roughly \$4 per ream that will be billed to the Commission. This option will save some money. This new template will not have the watermark on it.

Katy motioned to pass a not-to-exceed \$10 expenditure for 2 reams of paper for stationary use. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Fundraising:

Lydia looking to do a walk a mile fundraiser around Halloween in Muskegon. She is working to iron out the details. 100% of the profits would come to the Commission.

9. Michigan State Police Troopers Association:

Lydia was invited to the Troopers Association quarterly. Mary was honored with an award. It was suggested that Lydia or a representative of the Commission continue to join the quarterlies to update them on the MLEOM. Lydia is not sure of the next meeting date currently.

10. Recognition:

Mary noted that David Milling did not have a good professional picture of the project, suggesting gift for David Milling and/or Bonnie Greenspoon as a thank you since their contract has been closed. In recognition of the work they have done for the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:07p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2021

Meeting No. 136

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Garner at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Garner, Lydia Amaya, Bryant Osikowicz, and Katy Sherwood

Commission Staff: Georgia Shuler, and Kerri Droste DTMB Representatives

Guests: Debbie Swofford

1. Approval of the August 5, 2021, Minutes:

Bryant moved to approve the minutes as presented. Katy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Statement:

Dane was unable to attend but sent an updated statement ahead of the meeting. Bryant posted a question regarding the DTMB fee and whether this is this a new line item this month and whether this had been paid.

- Kerri confirmed with Finance that this item is for the fees from DTMB Design and Construction for managing the construction project and has been paid in full.

Lydia inquired as to the total amount donated in memory of her husband.

- Larry volunteered to review the donations attributed to specific names (see agenda item #6 Donor Wall Inclusion).

Tennyson heart – donation in March. Question was asked regarding how long the Commission would receive benefits from this.

- Who on the Commission knows the details of this?

Bryant moved to approve the August Financial report as presented. Lydia seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Website Officer Inclusion Language/Interpretation

The information on the website needs to be clear and accurate. Mary and Lydia formatted and submitted a copy of the language to Georgia and Bryant. Georgia had questions in relation to referencing the statute. Georgia to provide Bryant the information, and he will review. Bryant indicated he will draft the verbiage and will provide it to Lydia. Bryant may also solicit some help from their office Legislative Liaison. Officer Michael Krol (a Michigan native) of the Dallas, Texas Police Department, is one example given of being a Michigan native vs. working in the State of Michigan (Officer Krol was shot and killed in the line of duty in Dallas).

4. Event Subcommittee Discussion

Bryant motioned to designate the Commission Chair and Co-Chair to serve as points of contact to review event applications that come through DTMB requesting events be held on/near the MLEOM Monument. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Walk a Mile Halloween Style

This event was held for the first-time last year with this being the second annual. This is a dress up walk a mile event around downtown Muskegon. Anticipated \$25 registration and 100% of the proceeds will go to MLEOM. Lydia will be filling out the application for the event and has been informed the city will allow this event to happen free of charge with no fee's owed to the city for the application. The date is scheduled for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Lydia will investigate registration options. Lydia may have some expenses related to door prizes, medals, etc. Question: what is the best way for the Commission to receive these proceeds?

- Donations can be made through MLEOM website.
- Checks can be provided to Lydia made out to MLEOM (this will help Lydia in knowing who registered for the event.

Eventbright was used last year as the registration system. Eventbright charges a percentage-based fee which is minimal. Lydia will provide an update at the October meeting.

6. Donor Wall Inclusion

Georgia did an analysis back to 2004 in efforts to determine donations as attributed to specific names. This analysis covered the period from 2004 - 2019. Going forward this task should be handled by a Commission/voting member. Larry graciously volunteered to take this task over.

7. DTMB Support

Kerri Droste (DTMB) announced that this is Georgia Shuler's last meeting supporting the Commission on behalf of DTMB. Georgia's responsibilities will be transitioning back to Kerri Droste who provided support to the Commission prior to Georgia. Thank you went to Georgia for a job well done!

8. Open Discussion

Mary advised (via email) that Kalamazoo Deputy Ryan J. Proxmire and Branch County Sherrif's Deputy Kevin Kokinis, will need to be added as names under consideration for addition to the sentinels.

Mike Sauger emailed the Commission information on two bills introduced by Senator LaSata. One allows for residents to donate to MLEOMF on their tax returns (SB 625) and another (SB 626) adds 2 additional seats to the Commission, one selected by the Speaker of the House, and one selected by the Senate Majority Leader. Questions pertaining to these bills should be directed to Senator LaSata's office.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2021

Meeting No. 137

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Garner at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Garner, Lydia Amaya, Bryant Osikowicz, and Deodge Hill (virtual)

Commission Staff: Georgia Shuler, Jerry Keeder, and Mary Johnson (virtual)

Guests: Debbie Swofford and Niki Tefft of BOD

1. List of Officers to be Honored:

Mary verified a couple agency and fallen officer items that were awaiting verification. Due to COVID, there have been some newer names submitted for consideration. Debbie brought another two line of duty deaths, David Cook and Earl Avery, to the commission's attention. Earl Avery from Livingston County with an EOW date of 4/5/2021 has already been approved for the inclusion on the national monument.

Another name for consideration, Eric West, needs to be verified with his agency before potential inclusion.

Mary reminded voting members that DTMB had asked for a finalized list by 11/15/2021 in order to hit the target date of a name unveiling ceremony in July.

Bryant asked Jerry if it would still be feasible to have a ceremony in July if the commission could get Jerry a final and complete list of names by 1/1/2022. Jerry plans to move the project process forward with the drafted list.

MLEOM would need to contact the agencies of any still unverified names. Mary said she can follow up unless a voting member is able to do so.

Darrian M Young was denied for the national monument. The commission discussed her potential inclusion and possible hindrances with including any names not approved for the national monument. Discussion about her inclusion will continue.

2. Approval of the August 5, 2021, Minutes:

Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statement:

Dane sent the financial statement electronically prior to the meeting. The voting members reviewed the financial statement. Bryant made a motion to approve the statement. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Meetings Schedule:

Larry suggested changing up the frequency of meetings for next year to bi-monthly in the hopes that having less frequent meetings will help voting members prioritize attendance and make it easier to achieve a quorum.

If the commission is unable to get a quorum next month, the attending voting members suggested they plan to hold a special meeting to ensure the final list of names is approved for Jerry before 1/1/2022.

All members expressed interest in changing the schedule.

Larry asked voting members if they would prefer an alternate date and time but ultimately commission decided to keep these aspects as is. Bryant motioned that the commission start meeting bi-monthly in 2022 with a January meeting to kick off the year. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Panels/Sponsorship:

Larry shared that the new sponsorship panels are now in place on the monument.

6. Funding Allotment – LEO \$500K

Bryant led a discussion of the funding that was recently allocated for the commission. Many details have yet to be clarified as to any spending stipulations and when the funds will be released to the commission.

Bryant will reach out to Dane for more information and cc Georgia.

7. Tennyson Heart Jewelry:

No clarity on the parameters of this fundraising opportunity as of yet. Debbie will follow up.

8. Website Contact/Point Person Using .Gov Email:

As part of compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it is advisable that the commission have a central email address contact to reach all voting members. Andrew Belanger with DTMB Communications strongly recommended it be a .gov email address. Bryant volunteered to work with Andrew to set up and keep track of email inquires for that address.

9. Walk a Mile Halloween Style:

This was the second annual occurrence of this fundraiser. At the time of this meeting Lydia raised \$1,140 for the monument. Some participants found the website confusing to utilize. Lydia said the majority of the donations came via cash or check.

Deodge offered to assist Lydia with the walk next year.

A motion was made by Bryant to adjourn. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2021

Meeting No. 138

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Bryant Osikowicz at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present: In person- Bryant Osikowicz, Katy Sherwood and Virtual- Lydia Amaya, Ron Griffin and Deodge Hill

Commission Staff: Niki Tefft, Kerri Droste, Jerry Keeder, Brent West, Mary Johnson

Guests: none

1. Review of Minutes:

Lydia provided correction of Walk A Mile fundraiser total. Motion by Ron to approve with update to Lydia's Walk A Mile fundraiser total. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Statement:

Dane sent the financial statement electronically prior to the meeting. The voting members reviewed the financial statement. Bryant asked about the \$500K funding allotment and Dane will investigate how it came in or if there are any restrictions. Motion by Bryant to approve the statement. Lydia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bryant & Jerry discussed the amount allotted for names- Katy motioned to increase from \$60K to \$70K. Deodge seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lydia asked about holding a memorial dedication fund for future (2019 was \$7500). Discussion will continue later.

Dane mentioned a line on the financial statement that was a total amount since credit card payments are not broken down into individual names. He will investigate. Lydia stated that \$75 could be her daughter's donation since she received a receipt, but it was generic.

3. Naming- Legislative Requirements (NLEOM)

Original list started with 63 names and 5 names were removed as questionable. Bryant asked how many of the removed 5 names were EOW in 2020. Mary provided 2 names in 2020.

Darrian Young EOW 6/4/2020– special deputy, on duty, animal control (not accepted by NLEOM) is still being discussed. After removing questionable names, list is now at 58 (59 if Young is added).

Proxmire not submitted/approved to NLEOM yet- not listed but should be added. Bryant stated that he believes it would be either/or (MCOLES/NLEOM) so Proxmire should be approved.

Jerry requested a new final approved list of names with no questions or highlights to submit to engraver. Can submit an add-on list later if necessary.

Lydia believes NLEOM should be the final decision and it should be the agencies duty to submit and question not MLEOM's decision for names. It leaves too many gray areas. Communication should be sent to all agencies informing of the process and criteria to submit. Is it MLEOM's responsibility to add names? Do we have the expertise to make these decisions? Our job is only to add the names and maintain the memorial.

Bryant agrees that MLEOM should not have to use discretion regarding who should be added.

Bryant asked if commission should vote to submit Mary's list of 58 NLEOM approved names. Mary cannot confirm names are all NLEOM approved since list was submitted by Debbie. Mary is still fighting for Young to be added and stated that it could be revisited to see if she qualifies under either 2A or 2B. Committee agrees to revisit Young later.

Mary provided edited version of final 58 names to Jerry for submittal. Jerry requested confirmation of using FBI and ATF or Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for engraving.

Katy motioned to submit Mary's list of 58 names for memorial. Lydia seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Deodge motioned to use acronyms FBI and ATF for engraving. Lydia seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Open Discussion

Katy confirmed that meetings will still be the first Thursday of the month and bi-monthly starting in January 2022.

A motion was made by Lydia to adjourn meeting. Deodge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09pm.