Chairman Knapp called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

**Members Present**

Heidi Birch
LeRoy Brady
Donald Keuth, Jr.

Tom Smith
Warren Whitney for Betsey Bayless
Tom Knapp, Chairman

**Members Absent**

Senator Jim Waring
William McMullen
Joy Rich

Representative Jake Flake
Polly Rosenbaum
David Richert

**Speakers Present**

Emerson Stiles, Project Manager, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA)
Carol McFadden, Executive Chief, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office
Roger Berna, General Manager, Building and Planning Services Section, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA)

**Approval of Victims’ Rights Monument**

Emerson Stiles, Project Manager, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), stated that he reviewed the site for the Victims’ Rights Memorial and has no objection to the proposal. Maricopa County will maintain the memorial in coordination with the ADOA ground crew. The text was reviewed with the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission, which indicated that the text does not contain historical information, and therefore, did not make a recommendation (Letters, Attachments 1 and 2).

Carol McFadden, Executive Chief, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, proceeded to give a presentation regarding the Victims’ Rights Memorial (Attachment 3). The Members were provided with a letter from Maricopa County Attorney, Richard Romley, regarding aesthetic aspects of the memorial (Attachment 4).
Chairman Knapp advised the Members that his firm is currently working for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, and although he does not believe it would affect his ability to vote, everyone needs to be aware.

Mr. Keuth moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Commission approve the Victims’ Rights Memorial. The motion carried.

Discussion

Mr. Smith inquired about a Code Talker Memorial. Chairman Knapp advised that at the invitation of Representative Sylvia Laughter, he attended a meeting of the Code Talker Memorial Committee a few weeks ago, as a representative of the Commission, where a presentation was given on the memorial. He also agreed to attend a meeting tomorrow at noon to help the members understand the rules.

Mr. Stiles explained that a tentative location was chosen for the Code Talker Memorial to the west of the Kiva on the elevated portion that was previously earmarked for the Goldwater Memorial, which he was told by Mr. Smith may be resurrected.

Mr. Smith commented that he is the Subcommittee Chairman for a group that is meeting the next day to discuss an Iraq Memorial. He suggested that the Commission begin identifying spaces available in Wesley Bolin Plaza (WBP). The person who designs the Iraq Memorial might want to know where it will be located because it will impact the design. He acknowledged that he heard there are plans to move ahead with the Goldwater Memorial again.

Mr. Stiles conveyed the fact that the scale of the Code Talker Memorial is such that an important setting is required, and not too many spaces in WBP would accommodate a statue of that size.

At Chairman Knapp’s request, Mr. Stiles agreed to update a drawing of memorials in WBP for distribution to the Commission Members.

Chairman Knapp commented that space is available in the garden adjacent to the Desert Storm Memorial, and he believes there is a relationship between Desert Storm and the Iraqi War, but other than that, he does not remember any immediate opportunities.

Mr. Stiles stated that the site proposed for the Code Talker Memorial is the only large one unless that whole avenue is opened up by removing some trees, which is a possibility that has been discussed by the Legislature and ADOA.

Chairman Knapp stated that there was some discussion and work done many years ago on a master plan, but he does not remember it coming back to the Commission. He speculated that it may be time to look at that because the Commission and ADOA are reactive bodies in terms of the memorials, and perhaps something can be done to become more proactive.

Roger Berna, General Manager, Building and Planning Services Section, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), said the difficulty with the memorials is that each is unique and the concept dictates the site, especially important memorials like the proposed Iraqi War and
September 11. The Code Talker Memorial, which is twice life-size, would physically fit on a small site, but viewing would not be appropriate. He recalled that the Goldwater Memorial had a 30-foot tall saguaro cactus next to it that would be plugged in front of the access to the view of the Capitol, which is why he never supported the planter site for that memorial. Tourists every day struggle to take pictures of themselves in front of the Capitol, but cannot because they have to stand in front of the trees, which are too close to the Capitol. He said the vista could be restored by removing some of the overgrown desert trees.

Mr. Berna related that the monument sites remaining are very small. There was a plan indicating that by maximizing what could be placed in the WBP, 30 more very small sites could be available. Larger monuments could possibly exist north of the Arizona Memorial, but none that would reduce the significance of that memorial.

He indicated to Chairman Knapp that in order to plan for future memorials, a better approach would be to work proactively with committees at the conceptual stage to figure out what is appropriate since there are some fairly marginal sites remaining. Memorials cannot be located on the central lot because there are no spaces left so memorials will have to be erected along the fringes where sidewalks may have to be created for access.

Chairman Knapp stated that working with the committees leaves the Members only with the known entities and suggested approaching the Arizona State University (ASU) School of Landscape Architecture, for example, about doing some design services since the state has no money and a more significant plan is needed for WBP. Mr. Smith stated that he is a member of the ASU Downtown group and would be glad to check with them.

Chairman Knapp remarked that any fee required could be funded between the Phoenix Community Alliance (PCA) and other benefactors of the Capitol Mall area. He pointed out that the County Attorney’s Office’s memorial is appropriate in size and scale, as well as very humble. He added that he senses a bit of one-upmanship about to begin in the garden so it would be incumbent upon the Commission to stand up and say that is not appropriate.

Mr. Brady alluded to the fact that the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County also have some memorials in the Plaza and should be involved.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary
June 23, 2003

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