



**Southfield Veterans'
Commission**

Serving all Vets

Minutes: November 14, 2011

Present:

Commissioners: Tim Wirkus, Gregory Pulliam, Ethel Grossman, Jim Bezy,
Dan Brightwell
Excused: Bryan Jarrell, Felix Seldon, Larry McLemore
Professional Staff: None
Volunteers & Visitors: None

Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance at 6:30PM by Dan in room 111.

Meeting Minutes:

Tim passed out copies and read the October meeting minutes. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Gregory, the minutes were approved with one minor correction.

Chair Report:

Dan commented that he participated with a speaker bureau at Brace. Filled in the commission on this program.

Treasurer's Report:

Gregory reported no changes to any of our accounts.

Dan had two bills for Gregory to sign and get paid.

Old Business:

Citizen of the Year Award:

Dan reported that the Citizen of the Year Award at the Veterans' Day Ceremony went well and that numerous people from city hall agreed with our decision to give the award to former PD Chief Joe Thomas. The commission will consider if we will make this a yearly award or just went it is felt that someone stands out and should receive it. More discussion on this subject should take place around May?

African-Americans in the Military:

Larry circulated a proposed program agenda on this for the Southfield School system, possibly to take place during Black History Month. Larry still needs to meet with the school system to make final arrangements.

New Business:

History Project:

Dan reported that interviews would resume for the History Project this week, break for the holidays, and then resume again in January.

Commission Dinner:

It was agreed by the commission members that we would have our annual Holiday Dinner at Sweet Loraine's in lieu of our regular meeting in December, at 6:30PM.

Open Discussion:

Tim spoke about the Freedom Center at Metro Airport, how it is going, and how the opening ceremony went. Tim also mentioned the recent Veteran Seminar in Pontiac.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Veterans' Commission will take place on Monday, January 9, 6:30PM, in the Parks & Rec Building.

On a motion by Tim, seconded by Dan, the meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Tim Wirkus
Secretary