Southfield Veterans' Commission

Serving all Vets

Minutes: September 14, 2009

Present:

Commissioners:	Dan Brightwell, Felix Seldon, Ethel Grossman, Gregory Pulliam, Louis Robinson, Larry McLemore
Excused:	Tim Wirkus
Professional Staff:	Bryan Jarrell
Volunteers & Visitors:	Jim Harden, Roy Bell

Call to Order : Dan Brightwell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, at the Parks & Recreation Bldg, Room 112. The commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes : Copies of the minutes were provided by Gregory Pulliam. They were read by Dan Brightwell. After comments and corrections, a motion to accept was made by Gregory Pulliam and seconded by Larry McLemore.

Chairman's Report : Chair Dan Brightwell passed out pre-ordered veteran berets, with instructions for proper wear. Commissioners were asked to wear new headgear to future official military functions.

Police Report : Bryan Jarrell assured the commission that thank-you letters were sent to all seminar presenters. He also reported that he has been receiving additional applications for commission membership.

Fund Raising Issue : For Your Information, it has been determined that any fund raising projects initiated and/or participated in, by the commission or commissioners shall be presented on City of Southfield stationery, and approved by the Southfield Police Chief.

Bryan also explained the procedure for new commissioners to obtain commission name tags.

Treasurer's Report : Gregory Pulliam indicated no change in available funds. Chairman Daniel Brightwell explained that a $50.00 donation had to be returned to Mr. Albert Seychel.

Old Business : Veterans History Project : Presently, the schedule is complete for every Wednesday until the end of October, 2009.

The next interview will happen : 09/16/09 at 11:30am.

Location : Southfield Library - 3rd floor.

It has been determined that in the future, interviewees will be given only one copy of their respective dvds.
Chairman Brightwell will be making a presentation, explaining The History Project to a veterans group in Birmingham, MI.

Flag Disposal Project:
Principals : Daniel Brightwell
Larry McLemore
Gregory Pulliam
Update ; The Southfield Fire Department has produced a Plaque giving the veterans commission recognition for initiating and participating in the American Flag Disposal Project.
It has been determined that the flag collection process will be done at strategically located and identifiable discarded US Post Office Drop Boxes. The containers will be located at all Southfield Fire Stations and at the Southfield Police Headquarters. As the flags accumulate they will be periodically disposed of at the Southfield Fire Dept Headquarters.

Seminar Update : Felix Seldon stated that the DVD for our most recent seminar will be available by the time of our next meeting. Greg Pulliam requested a copy of each prior seminar DVD. Dan Brightwell stated, that would not be a problem.
Dan requested that Louis Robinson enhance registration forms for seminar attendees.

Commissioner Tenure : FYI
Each commissioner is appointed or re-appointed on a staggered time frame determined by the Southfield City Council.

New Business : Chairman Daniel Brightwell reiterated the guidelines for our Commission Protocol.

A. If a commissioner is invited to speak at a function
1. commissioner must not accept w/o chair approval
2. commissioner must not promise any action w/o chair approval.

B. Project Initiation - Funding or Otherwise
1. commissioner must receive approval from commission - quorum (4 out of 7 members)

Invited : Each commissioner is invited to attend a presentation at

City Hall, pertaining to establishing a Military Community

Covenant. Specifics to be determined.
Date : 09/21/09
Location : Southfield City Council Chambers
Time : 5:30pm

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 12, 2009, 6:30pm in the Parks & Rec Bldg

Motion to adjourn : Felix Seldon, seconded by Louis Robinson. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Gregory Pulliam,
Treasurer

Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the Veterans' Commission on 10/12/09.

Tim Wirkus
Secretary