



SOUTHFIELD VETERANS' COMMISSION

MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 2018

The meeting of the Southfield Veterans' Commission was called to order at 6:32PM by Chairman Gregory Pulliam and reciting in unison the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present: G. Pulliam, R. Caruthers, G. Houston, D. Craig, B. Seldon. (a quorum)

Members Absent: C. Miller, B. Clarke

Members Excused: T. Wirkus

In the absence of Tim Wirkus, Barbara Seldon prepared the minutes. The minutes from September were read and accepted without correction.

Chairman's Message:

Chairman Pulliam did not have a report and asked for items from the members.

Mayor Siver was unable to attend the meeting but called in to review the program for Veteran's Day. The results of the phone conference:

The items below are just those discussed. There will be additions and deletions.

1. It is the 100th anniversary of World War I
2. The service will be held in council chambers
3. Emphasis will be placed on the life of Glenn W. Levey a WW1 vet and community philanthropist/advocate
4. Prayer
5. National Anthem (Davis Gloff ?)
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Mr. J. Williams will speak about his service (all services will be represented)
8. SVC will find speakers to talk about remembrances of their loved ones (approx. 12 vets)
9. Rose to be placed in a vase and ringing of the bell ("I place this ROSE in memory of...)
10. Recitation of Poem (A SOLDIERS PRAYER)
11. Walk to the Veteran's Garden, place vase of roses, 21 gun salute TAPS

12. City will provide water, coffee, cider and donuts (anticipate about 100 attendees) set up in pavilion with table covers, decorations, flag display and military music.

13. Asking SVC to donate 150.00 towards refreshments.

14. VFWA will donate 100.00 to support Veterans Day refreshments.

15. Barbara Seldon will ask ACE hardware to donate flags.

16. Uniform of Mr. Glenn Levey and other military artifacts will be on display.

Commissioner Danny Craig:

For SVC and other benefits projects attendance is an issue. The greatest difficulty is to get people to attend events; especially those that need it most.

He received a call from a 91 year old veteran with a roofing problem. Commissioner Houston will contact Habitat for veterans Relief fund @ 313 35-7257.

Mr. Craig submitted a flyer from Ark Encounter Tour, a life sized re-creation of Noah's Ark for all to see and if interested may contact.

Commissioner Rod Caruthers:

Presented the treasurer's report and indicated that there were no changes from last month's report. He noted the veteran changes for purchasing at military bases. The purple heart can purchase on any base, and they are trying to expand to DAV and everybody.

Commissioner Gerald Houston:

Mr. Houston looked into purchasing berets for the new commissioners. It was discovered that you must purchase at least 10 at a time. One beret alone cannot be purchased. He also brought up changing the color of the berets. He considered changing from Black to Blue or Burgundy. Mr. Caruthers suggested getting a mock up of what the beret will look like with full letters on it. Voting was delayed until all members of the commission are present.

Mr. Houston submitted information about the Michigan Women Veterans' Empowerment project. He has asked the commission to attend. It will be held at Southfield Parks and Recreation room 115 on November 17, 2018 from 10 AM until 2 PM.

Commissioner Barbara Seldon:

Mrs. Seldon stated that the PhotoPrie contest is over and a reception will occur on October 10th at 6:30 Pm in Council Chambers to learn of the winners.

There were 225 photo submissions. The SVC, if is chosen among the top 25 will be in the Southfield 2019 calendar. She invited all of the commissioners to attend.

Barbara Seldon has asked the commissioner to support the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force Walk for Peace and Program. The date is on the MLK Holiday January 21, 2019.

All commissioners in attendance voted to purchase a full page ad, and to individually become patron donors. (Houston, Pullium, Craig, Seldon). Mr. Houston will contact Mike at Cable 15 to prepare the photo for the advertisement.

It was moved and seconded that we move forward with the purchase of the full page advertisement (Passed).

Barbara Seldon suggested that we provide a Thanksgiving basket to a needy veteran family. She is to contact Rhonda Terry of Southfield Human Services for determining the family.

Barbara will make a list of the content of the food basket and bring it to the net meeting with an estimate of the cost.

She also suggested Socks for Vets at Christmas time.

It was moved and seconded that we donate socks for Vets at Christmas time and determine from Michael Manion just how we can get boxes (for socks donations) strategically located in the Southfield administrative building for people to contribute (passed).

Barbara Seldon will contact Michael Manion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There will be a Vets for Justice Outreach Program / Seminar on November 9, 2018 from 9 AM until 3 PM, Dingell Veterans Hospital at 4646 John R Room B1290 1st floor yellow section. All commissioners are welcome to attend.