



SOUTHFIELD VETERANS' COMMISSION MINUTES – September 9, 2019

The meeting of the Southfield Veterans' Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Gregory Pulliam with presentation of colors, and pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

G. Pulliam, G. Houston, D. Craig, B. Seldon, R. Caruthers, B. Clarke, J. Eley

Excused: Our new City Liaison: Officer Jeff Jagilewski. He will be attending as needed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS: (Gregory Pulliam) No report

Chairman Pulliam opened the meeting with words of encouragement to the board members, and with a strong urge for all members to be prepared as we make our plans for the 2019 – 2020 year. He stressed the importance of meeting our goals and objectives and staying within the City's guidelines.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Gerald Houston)

- Mr. John Eley has been confirmed by City Council and is now a new member of our Veterans' Commission. Mr. McCain has also been approved. He is from West Bloomfield, Michigan, and is on hold until a slot becomes available. We are only commissioned for seven slots. We will be asking to increase our membership numbers. It will require a by-laws change and City approval.
- Mr. John Eley was introduced to the commission members and gave a lengthy report of his military, veteran and civilian history. Dr. Caruthers introduced him to the website, our by-laws and Students Veterans of America organizations.
- Barbara Seldon has been asked to update the SVC directory to include Mr. Eley and Danny Craig.
- Our City Liaison Detective Lieutenant Jeffrey Jagielski has been appointed. He is an accountant. He is not a veteran but we need to meet with him, get him on board and inform him of the duties of our commission.

It was moved and seconded that the Vice-chairs report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

TREASURERS REPORT: (Dr. Rodney Caruthers)

- At the suggestion of the police department liaison Detective Lieutenant Jaglieski, Dr. Caruthers requested a copy of the SVC accounting report from Southfield City Accountant Mr. Kusch. Mr. Kusch e-mailed the current SVC account balance as of September 9, 2019. The current balance is \$6,509.00. It remains the same as last months.
- Once we are back on board with our strategic plan we will be able to receive funds from the City.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted subject to audit. **Carried.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary read the minutes from the June 10th meeting. The secretary's report was accepted as presented with the correction of adding the time the meeting ended at the end of the report. **Carried.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Barbara Seldon reported on the success of the VFWA Post 2645 Meet and Greet held on June 30th. More than 80 people were in attendance, the music and presentations were awesome. Oakland County Commissioners, Southfield Judges, , Mayor, Southfield City Council members, Representative from Senator Peters office, judges, veterans, their families, and other veteran administrators were in attendance. She indicated the pride she felt as so many of the SVC members attended (Craig, Pulliam, Seldon, and Houston). Thank you.

The decision was made by the VFWA Post 2645 for the future; they will be assisting with the Southfield Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force, and working closely with the Southfield Veterans' Commission on their programs and projects.

For 911 Patriot Day:

- Mayor Siver will be participating with Habitat for Humanity in supporting their project of helping veterans in need with their home projects such as fixing porches, placing roofs and other minor construction related jobs in veterans homes. Barbara Seldon attends with him and sings the National Anthem during the early morning gathering just before they go to the homes. A light breakfast is served, and the veterans, whose homes will be serviced, will be introduced. He is asking that the SVC come out to represent the Commission, wear your berets, and greet the veterans in attendance.

- The VFW Post 2645 will be purchasing Pizza's from papa Romano's to take to all of the police and fire stations in Southfield at lunch time on 911 (Patriot Day). Barbara Seldon will be assisting. VFW Post 2645 used to invite the police and fire departments to the post but there were so many emergency runs the event would be interrupted. It was easier and more affective to take lunch to them. This is an annual event. SVC may want to help with this in the future.
- November 11th is coming up. We need to contact Michael Manion to get our dates, times and program in place. Mr. Houston will begin to work on contacting and getting participants. Barbara Seldon will assist.

Mr. Clarke asked if we have ever done a survey to the veterans asking what their needs are. Dr. Houston answered "yes we have." His suggestion has been placed in the minutes and Chair Pulliam will work with Mr. Clarke in accomplishing the survey.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The meeting ended with greeting to the new member, sharing of ideas about the future, and warm wishes to everyone until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the SVC is scheduled for October 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the P and R room 111 at the Southfield Civic Center.

The secretary left the meeting at 7:30 PM due having to be at a dinner commitment at 8:00PM.

The meeting ended at: _____.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Seldon
Interim Secretary