Lansing Veterans Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
21 June 19

I. Call to order

11:00 a.m. on 21 June 19 at 9th Floor, Lansing City Hall.

II. Roll call

The Following Commission Members were present:

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Guests: The following guests were present for at least a portion of the meeting

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III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

M. Sutton motioned for Commission to accept the minutes from the 17 May 19 Meeting in as emailed to the Commission Members, prior to the 21 June 19 Meeting.

M. Stone seconded the motion

Vote Taken and Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the 17 May Meeting carried

IV. Open issues

a) Volunteers of America Michigan (VOAMI) Fee Waiver Request for HeroFest
- VOAMI was approved to receive waiver from City of Lansing for $500 application fee for use of Adado Riverfront Park for August 16th HeroFest.
- VOAMI elected to use Cooley Law School Stadium for the event as an alternative. No longer requires fee.
- Issue was closed

b) Communications Coordination with Mayor’s Office Staff
   - Motion made by M. Alley to disable Veteran Commission and Memorial Day Celebration Facebook Pages
   - Motion seconded by C. Taylor
   - Motion carried

c) Update on Memorial Day Celebration
   - Discussion to move event to Memorial Day to increase attendance
   - Discussion to include U.S. Navy Band (Modest fee, including hotel, food, and transportation
   - Negatives
     o Low attendance, bugler
     o Competing with other events on same day
     o No Scouts were present
   - Positives
     o Channel 6 news involvement, gold star interview
   - Look at other event days/times for future events, Request that thank you letter be sent by Commission Chair to event coordinators.
   - Promote future events through shared social media and city media networks

V. New business

a) Martha Fujita announced retirement at end of June. Mark Lawrence will assume duties as liaison for Mayor’s Office.

b) Daniel Hude, Treasurer, Resignation Announcement. C. Taylor assuming duties as Secretary.

c) Treasurer’s Report – M. Sutton provided current balance sheet for inspection and review
   - No Change – Wreath has not been paid for
d) Yearly Fundraising Goal – M. Fujita

- A general budget goal of $6,000 was previously presented
  o Request made by M. Fujita to increase target to $8,000 with stretch target goal of $10,000

e) Veteran Families Subcommittee Update

- N. Blackstock - HeroFest on 8/16, 10AM to 1PM, hosted by Lansing Area Veterans Coalition and Volunteers of America Michigan at Cooley Law School Stadium. Flyers will be sent out


- D. Green – Suggested Lansing Police and Lansing Fire Departments’ involvement in HeroFest with Static Vehicle Displays. N. Blackstock will coordinate with LACV / VOA to coordinate.

f) Open Discussion

- M. Alley discussed replacement for M. Fujita as liaison to Mayor’s Office. Mark Lawrence is the interim contact. M. Alley requested through M. Fujita that the Mayor officially appoint Veteran Commission Liaison.

- Next Meeting, July 19th
  o Move to cancel by M. Alley
  o Motion Seconded by N. Blackstock

- Next Meeting Moved to 11AM August 16th at Cooley Law School Stadium in conjunction with HeroFest.
  o C. Taylor will coordinate for space at Cooley Law School Stadium

- M. Sutton – Flyer distributed to Commission on metrics for City of Lansing
  o Veteran Population
  o Number of Veterans Receiving Services
  o Lansing Community Based Outpatient Clinic
  o Shuttle Services from Lansing to Battle Creek VA Medical Center
- New app that assists in coordination of transportation to and from VA Medical Appointments
- Discussion of aging Veteran population – 10 year projection of leveling out of Vietnam era Veterans due to natural death, however cost of care is increasing
  - A. Schmidt – requested information on process to request money from Lansing Veterans Commission. M. Alley suggested coordination between himself, A. Schmidt, and T. Salisbury
  - K. Singh – Announced two firefighters were injured, both Gulf War Veterans. Request for Prayers.

VI. Adjournment

Mark Alley (Chair) – made motion to adjourn meeting at 12:01
Motion seconded by C. Taylor
Motion to adjourn carried

Minutes submitted by: Chris Taylor - Secretary
Minutes approved by: __________________________