I. Call to order

11:06 a.m. on 15 November, 2019 at Lansing Police Department, Lansing.

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

No guests present

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

a) M. Sutton Moved to accept
b) Second – T. Salisbury
c) C. Taylor motioned to approve w/ corrections
   (a) Update of roll call attendance, correct D. Green’s spelling in sections V(a) and V(d)
   (b) Carried
IV. New Business

a) Treasurer’s Report – M. Sutton
   (a) A check from Dean Transportation has been received.
   (b) Total funds at $18,000 or $15,000 pending status of deposits
   (c) Approved donation of $200 to Glen Erin Pipe Band
   (d) Food Expense Bill for Veterans’ Day Ceremony will go to WMU Cooley Law School, will be forwarded to LVC for payment

V. Veterans Day Event Feedback

a) Events – C. Taylor

(1) Discussion:
   (a) Thank you letters to the following
      (i)  Hyacinth House
      (ii) MCU Cooley Law School
      (iii) Color Guard
      (iv)  Glen Erin Pipe Band
      (v)   Lettuce Cook
      (vi)  Lansing Police Department Explorers
      (vii) Cheryl Bywater, WMU Cooley Law School
      (viii) Mike McDaniel
      (ix)  Major Schor
      (x)  Sheri Jones
      (xi)  Chaplain Anderson
      (xii) Art Joslin
      (xiii) City TV (Lansing Public Media Cener)
      (xiv) TV 6 WLNS
   (b) Thank You letters come from Mayor, letter to Mayor comes from Commission.
   (c) M. Lawrence discussed future Pipe Band performances include providing context of music selections to Commission for inclusion in event programs
   (d) Move to develop photos of event to share with A. Schmidt by M. Lawrence
      (i)  Second by M. Sutton
      (ii) Carried
   (e) Discussion of including TAPS and Benediction to event. M. Sutton suggested TAPS inappropriate for event, commission concurred. Possible Benediction in future events, pending future discussion.

VI. Military and Veteran Issues / Metrics

a) M. Sutton

(1) Sub-team for metrics identified: M. McDaniel, D. Green, M. Sutton
(2) Metrics to be identified:
   (a) Veterans Treatment Court
   (b) Veteran Homelessness
   (c) Services available for Veteran Homelessness
   (d) 2-1-1 Service
   (e) Female Veteran Population
   (f) LGBTQ Veteran Services
(3) Request list of resources within city (Holy Cross, VA, Education, Etc.)
(4) Set Due Date for Feedback (Pending)
(5) Discussion on Scope of Metrics Report:
   (a) C. Taylor suggested Tri-County due to City of Lansing Veterans traveling to
       outside counties / areas for services not available within City Lansing Proper.
   (b) D. Green Suggested restricting scope to Lansing City Proper
   (c) M. Sutton Suggest hybrid approach to help identify gaps in services in
       Lansing City Proper
       (i) N. Blackstock Supported suggestion
   (d) A. Schmidt discussed importance of “Lansing” Veterans Commission and
       maintaining tighter focus on City of Lansing measures and metrics.
   (e) M. Alley discussed that data should include resources outside City of Lansing
       identify resources available to City of Lansing Veterans.
   (f) Remaining discussion tabled: Friday 12/13 – Information due from data
       gathering.

VII. Open Discussion

   a) Chaplain Anderson provided gift bags from 11/11 Veterans Event.

(1) Chaplain Anderson inquired how City of Lansing can be involved with Suicide
       Prevention Workshop
   (a) N. Blackstock recommended adding services to LGBTQ and reversal of other-
       than-honorable discharges
   (b) Chaplain Anderson suggested possible annual half-day workshop in
       coordination with Davenport University
       (i) Tabled pending future discussions between Chaplain Anderson and C.
           Taylor
(2) A. Casey requested info on transportation resources for Veterans to and from VA
       Medical appointments and Treatment Court appointments
(3) Discussion regarding future meetings:
   (a) Alley suggested cancelling Dec Meeting due to holidays.
       (i) C. Taylor Moved to cancel December meeting
       (ii) D. Green Seconded motion
       (iii) Carried
   (b) Suggestion to move meeting days to reduce scheduling conflicts:
       (i) Taylor moved to shift meeting to 2nd Friday of month
D. Green challenged, suggested 4th Friday of the month at 11AM
Unanimous approval of change

VIII. Next Meeting – Friday January 24th, 11AM. – American Legion Headquarters, 212 Verlinden Ave.

IX. Adjournment

a) Motion – M. Alley
b) Second – M. Sutton
c) Carried – Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Taylor – Secretary

Minutes approved by: ______________________