

**Veterans Events Committee
Police Department
450 E. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order at 7:02 pm

Ilene Harmon-McGough, John Williams, David Wandoff, Mike Sherman, John Wendland, Cynthia Garrett, Bob Jurva, Sgt. Steve Teichow by Zoom for the Ex Officio Report

Absent: Alex McMall

Motion made by Mike Sherman, second by Bob Jurva to Approve the Agenda for April 5, 2022. Approved.

Public Comment – Carol Hennesey, Laura Harrison, and Marion Schmidlin from the VFW.

Request was made to be able to speak at the end of the meeting which was granted.

Ex Officio – Sgt. Steve Teichow spoke via Zoom regarding the Memorial Day Parade Route on Washington for this year only; safety of everyone involved. Vehicles need to go off on Sherman Drive because we can't block off Main Street and we can't have a back up over the railroad tracks. Main Street will be under construction for four months. There will be a shuttle bus from Sherman lot to 11 Mile & Troy St. for the ceremony for those that can't walk.

Discussion on the issue by Committee members.

Motion by Cynthia Garrett, second by Ilene to use the Washington Route for this year. Two were opposed but the Motion passed.

Chairperson report: David didn't have anything but Ilene read Judy's notes since she was unable to attend.

Motion made by Mike Sherman, second by John Williams that we use Pastor/Reverend Mark Livingston and Cynthia will contact him. Motion passed.

Motion made by Bob Jurva, second by John Williams to Approve Minutes from March 1, 2022 with the change that “Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Sherman, second by John Williams. Motion Passed.”. Motion passed.

Old Business

Healing Fields, discussion about clarifying that the funds made from this event will be used towards the beautification of the monument and the correcting of the names, etc.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

QR Code to show the route – getting the word out about the change.

Anthony Carter to be the Grand Marshall – all set.

David Wandoff will take care of posters and programs.

Speaker – David Wandoff still looking for potential speakers

Request that City Commissioners post this information on their FB page about the change to Parade Route from Main Street to Washington Street.

POW MIA Chair with cover and wreath – Mike Sherman will take care of this and bring the costs back to the committee to request reimbursement.

Motion by Mike Sherman, second by Ilene Harmon-McGough to purchase banner up to \$2,000 for Memorial Day. Motion passed.

Possibly a temporary piece to reflect Washington Street this year.

Mike Sherman to contact Judy about purchasing the banner.

New Business

Victory Gym – organization that works with Veterans – participated in Ruck 22 March event.

Public Comment

Next meeting is 4/19/2022 (extra meeting)

Motion made by Cynthia, second by Mike Sherman to adjourn. Approved