



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 26 2017 7pm
Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Betty Lang, Sue Gifor, Kathy Mutch

Approval of Agenda: All in favor

Approval of Minutes-March, 2017: All in favor

Communications: Invite to Spring Palooza, Friday May 19th 6-9pm
Wooden Nickels, Brochures, Display board.

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

HISTORY ROOM OPEN HOURS

May 8 (12-2) Kathy May 15 (6-8) Kim Nice
June 5th 12-2 Tammy-Lee June 19th 6-8 Kathy Crawford
July and August by Appointment

The Local History Room along with Kathy Mutch and John MacInnis is working on a history project about the Novi Fire department. Photo gallery, Timeline and Oral History Rachel Manela will be interning in the local history room from May-August 2 days a week to help with this project and other library needs.

The Commission website has been updated.

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs

May 21st: Highland Fling at 7pm

“On the Road” trip with Kathy and Gail. Friday, April 28

Local History Room Tour with Betty?

All commission members need to schedule a tour with Betty to better acclimate themselves with the room.

Wooden Nickels: Arrived! (Promotional tokens)

Tammy-Lee is looking for information about the history of wooden nickels

Novi Cemetery on Novi Road

Kathy Crawford has contacted Jeff Muck about getting Engineering to look at the back of the cemetery to ensure safety of people and cars. Also, maybe the pathways asphalt.

Could the city look into buying the parking lot property next to the cemetery so people could park there in order to walk more easily to the cemetery?

Concerns about the weeds and hedge stones in the back that need some attention.

Also, what can be done with the stones that have worn away due to the elements?



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Pavilion Shore Mural/Display

Kathy Crawford asked when that would be going into the pavilion shore shelter, was told Tracey Ringle “has been working on the mural with community relations and is hoping to have the draft ready soon.” We had sent them pictures and information about the photos a year ago.

GOALS-2017 and beyond

Tammy-Lee Knopp

Novi Cemetery Scavenger Hunt

Tammy-Lee is going to go on a tour of the Woodmire Cemetery to learn more about how information about cemeteries is/can be presented.

Historical Calendar for City’s 50th

½ way done with December.

Starting with 1955 (1st year of Novi News) Looking for information about what was happening, what products cost.

Kathy Crawford

Headstone Research

Example: Morren, Goodell, etc.

Wants to tell the stories of some of the older/more prominent names buried at the Novi Cemetery.

John MacInnis

Correcting and confirming the maps of historic sites of Novi

Kim Nice

Local business interviews in prep for 50th Anniversary of the City of Novi

Rachel Manela

Event booking and management

Upcoming Historical Commission Programs:

War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017

Flyer is up, Display case is finished.

Age was lowered to 12+

Facebook Ad was placed (\$14.00)

Flyer was sent to the high school and middle school

May 21st Document Donation Day, 2-4pm

Saturday, June 10th Cemetery Clean Up, 9-11am

Sept. 28th, Discovering Michigan County by County, 7pm

October 19th, Michigan Forgotten Boomtowns of Michigan that were forgotten,

Alan Naldrett, 7pm

November 9th, French Festival, Genot Picor, 7:30pm

All paperwork was completed for 2017-2018 calendar year of events.



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Villa Barr

Book Sales

Villa Barr presentation

Kathy Mutch, returning the check the Commission gave her for her work on the David Barr Presentation. She will no longer be involved with any of our future presentations about David Barr or his home: Villa Barr. Communication between the commission and Kathy Mutch will maintain open communication in order to ensure any presentation/project we do concerning Villa Barr is done well with good information.

Display Cabinet Downstairs, Volunteer Sue Gifor, Cabinet Manager

Possible Summer display: All of David Barr's Books, with the Villa Barr book in the center, advertising that it is for sale at the library by the Commission.

New Business/Other Business

Possibly co-hosting an event in Spring 2018 with the Friends.

App- Clio; Connecting people with their local history. Considering logging in as an institution. Self curation, using them to make an app for your own community.

<https://www.theclio.com/web/>

Needs some significant infrastructure behind it, possibly partnering with the Library to make our own as an "institution".

NEXT MEETING: NOTE: Wednesday May 24, 7pm.

Adjourn: 8:10pm