



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order 7:05pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Dhara Sanghavi, Sue Grifor, Betty Lang

Approval of Agenda APPROVED

Approval of Minutes-June, 2017 APPROVED

Communications NONE

WELCOME new members; Tom Alexandris (was absent at this meeting) and Dhara Sanghavi

Introductions of Commission members: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, John MacInnis, Jim Nice (Tammy-Lee Knopp was absent at this meeting)

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs

Local History Room Tour

John, Dhara, and Tom still need to have a tour

Overview of Commission projects

Pavilion Shore Pictures

Kathy Crawford met with Jeff Muck to discuss the historical photo display that is supposed to be in the newly built Pavilion at Pavilion Shore Park.

To be installed before Pour on the Shore

Novi Cemetery Updates

Continued, Kathy Crawford's meeting with Jeff Muck

Kathy talked to him about the drop-off at the back of the Novi Road Cemetery

A gate with a lock on it was placed on the road to stop people from driving too far back.

Cement blocks at the cemetery are being used for restoration at the

We got a topographical map of the cemetery and sent it to Roy Prentice to ensure we can map the trees

The city has completed the GPS of all of the headstones

Looking to see if we can identify hand carved headstones vs catalog ordered headstones.



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CEMETERY WALK-A-BOUT Saturday, September 9, 10am

Components-Headstones, History of Novi in 1800s, Cemetery history

Asking Mr. Pratt to come

Need invitation for City officials

Photo of the front Gate, "Cemetery Walk-A-Bout"

Electronic and Physical paper invitations

ask for RSVP by September 1st

Refreshments provided

Include commission members names

Ask people to park at Panera and Across Novi Road, if people park in the cemetery, they need to pull around the whole loop

Invites go to

Library Board, Friends of the Library, City Council, Parks and Rec

Foundation, Parks and Rec, Cheryl Walsh, Wendy

Invites will go out August 19th

We want to present a history of the cemetery, notable names; ie: Someone who was at the meeting when they decided on the name: NOVI.

Meet 6pm Monday, August 14th to plan the Walk-A-Bout

Kathy wants to provide the guests with a folder/pamphlet with information in it.

We want to tell an interesting story

CITY COUNCIL REQUEST:

Have the names of any Veterans who were "killed in action" to be placed on the marker at City Hall.

Kathy Crawford needs to have a meeting with Wayne Wrobel explaining the potential pitfalls of a project with this. We need to decide what war, what "killed in action" means, will we include POW MIA? What defines "Novi residents",

Before we can start on any research, the City Council needs to help us define the parameters. It will be a huge task.

GOALS-2017 and beyond

Novi Cemetery Scavenger Hunt Tammy-Lee Knopp

Historical Calendar for City's 50th Tammy-Lee Knopp

Novi Fire Dept

Headstone Research

Local business interviews in prep for 50th



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HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR FALL:

Flyers are now available that cover all of the 2017/2018 programs.

Discovering Michigan A to Z	Barbara Vandermolen	THURSDAY Sept. 28 7pm
Ghost Towns of Michigan	Alan Naldrett	THURSDAY Oct. 19 7pm
Stories, Songs: Dances of the Voyageur	Genot Picor	THURSDAY Nov. 9 7:30pm

VILLA BARR

Book Sales

Villa Barr presentation

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

Next display will be related to our next program:

Discovering Michigan A to Z Barbara Vandermolen **THURSDAY Sept. 28 7pm**

WEBSITE UPDATES

Be sure to check out the website and see if anything needs to be updated.

NEXT MEETING: NOTE: Wednesday, August 23, 7pm

Adjourn: 8:45pm