



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Dhara Sanghavi, Rachel Manela, Kim Nice, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Kelly Kasper, Tom Alexandris

Introductions of guests: Betty Lang (Library Liaison), Sue Grifor, Kathy Mutch

Approval of Agenda: All Approved

Approval of Minutes- July 2019: All Approved

Treasurer's report -Kim:

Approve the budget with some continuing education and display materials expenditures.

There are discrepancies in the 2018 budget. Kim Nice is working with Marcia Dominick at the Library to remedy this.

Approval of invoice from Marcia Dominick about Engage ALL APPROVED

Communications:

Michigan Chronicle was delivered.

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

NOTE: August History Room by appointment only

Betty is working on a flyer with Dana (Library Communication) to advertise the Villa Barr 1979-Forwards Tax reports from the City were donated to the Local History Room

36 people registered for Guernsey

26 people registered for Northville Psychiatric

9 Registered for the Library's Novi Special

Seeking information about the "West Novi School"

Seeking Jon Vogt's Steam Saw Mill

September History room:

Mon. Sept. 16 6pm-8 Kim Nice

Mon. Oct. 7-12pm-2 Tom Alexandris

Mon. 10/21 6pm-8 Kelly Kasper

Discussion items:

Villa Barr at Fox Run wrap up

A slide was missing from the presentation, need to work with IT to recover the image

Need to ensure people know to bring money to the event.

Doing this presentation will probably take minimum of 3 people.

The program is about an hour and then time for questions

Thursday, 8/22...Parks & Rec arts tour

Kathy Crawford will be at Pavilion Shore to talk about the park and Fate of Empires by David Barr



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Memorial sign options

Plaques represent what stories we value.

Vote: Having Historical Commission Logo on all Historic Markers
6 in favor 1 opposed

Vote: Will all historic Markers in the city be the same design/similar, similar size
6 in favor 1 opposed

Vote: Lighter Background
6 in favor, 1 abstained

Before we make more decisions, we need to speak with vendors and learn more about historic markers.

As far as sign at Austin House goes, we need more direction as to where the sign will be placed

10/5-10/6 Tollgate Pumpkin Fest 11am-5pm

They asked for the toy display again.
Kelly will be there on the 5th

1959 Novi /Northville Class Reunion (60th) 9/6/19

Historical sights Brochure

Tom/Dhara

Ordering more Villa Barr books

There are plenty of books to sell!

Wreaths across Novi

Kelly

Kelly will start reaching out to businesses to reach out for donations
50 wreaths

We will work to have an article written in Novi Today

Get wreaths from a local florist, need a quote

What would each wreath cost? How many wreaths can each group/organization buy?

What date do we want to place the Wreaths? Mid December?

Once we have more information about cost, the Commission will consider buying a few wreaths and/or large wreaths at the front of the cemeteries

Veterans Memorial

Found a new patriot? In the Novi Cemetery (Sarah Cochran chapter of the DAR)



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BACK BURNER PROJECTS

Narratives and Power Point for Walled Lake Amusement

Novi Rd. Cemetery Sign- Removal and update

See Above discussion about the Historic Markers

HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS -2019/2020

9/19 Guernsey Farms Dairy

10/24 Northville Psychiatric Hospital

10/30 Novi Special (Library Program)

1/23 The 19th Century Evolution of Football, Jim Craft

2/27 Guardians of Detroit-Architecture of the Motor City

3/26 Women of the 1913 Copper Miners' Strike

4/23 The Yankee Air Museum

What do we want in each display cabinet?

Old Business:

Storage Unit move to Corrigan

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

Next display is for Guernsey Dairy, our September Program

NEW BUSINESS/Other Business

WEBSITE UPDATES : Facebook link/Instagram

Next MEETING: **Wednesday, September 18-7pm**

Adjourn: 8:45pm