NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7 PM

Local History Room, Novi Library

CALL TO ORDER:
Chairperson: Kim Nice
ATTENDANCE: Kathy Crawford, Sharon Larson, Randy Van Wagnen, Debbie Wrobel
ABSENT:
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rae Manela, Sue Grifor
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved
TREASURERS REPORT: Sharon Larson

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2026/2027 Fiscal Year

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURES As of Sep 16, 2026	
Display Cabinet Exhibit		$ 750.00	$ -	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges		$ 900.00	$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs		$ 3,700.00	$ -	
Program/Speaker Fees		$ 1,950.00	$ -	
Storage Unit		$ 2,800.00	$ (2,220.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)		$ 3,400.00	$ -	
Conference/Continuing Education		$ 1,400.00	$ -	
Legal Fees		$ 700.00	$ -	
Special Project Items				
Betty Lang Internships			$ -	
Oral Histories			$ -	
City/Community Events			$ (456.59)	
Gravestone Photos			$ -	
Four Corners Project			$ -	
Special Projects Total		$ 6,800.00	$ (456.59)	
	TOTAL:	$22,400.00	$ (2,676.59)	$ 19,723.41

Equitable Projects	Expenditures	Revenue Rec'd
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		
Wreaths Across Novi Project	$ -	$ -

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT: **Rachel Manela**

Grant for new programming coming 2027

Upcoming events for the Book of Names – Mar 11-14.
Volunteers needed.

Fall programs have great enrollments.

Open House: Sunday Sept 20, 2-4 – Debbie Sharon Kim

Report on new intern that is working on our digital history.

Kathy Crawford's pics have been digitized and it is agreed that the originals will be disposed.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, September 21st	6-8 pm	Kathy & Kim
Monday, October 5th	10:30-12:30	Sharon
Monday, October 19th	6-8 pm	Kim & Kathy
Monday, November 2nd	10:30-12:30	Debbie, Sharon
Monday, November 16th	6-8 pm	Kim

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Oral Histories – Online Courses – Sign Up or In House Training ?
    - In-house in January or February
- Miniature Project, Part II – Kathy/Randy & Team E/O Friday (Starting 9-18-26)
    - Working on the front porch
- Wreaths across Novi – Saturday, November 14th 1pm Novi Road Cemetery
- Review & Plan next Steps - Brian Walney Project Presentation – History Preservation Erwin Orchards Artifacts. Discussion about turning this into agricultural history project. More to come….
- New Project – Grand River Buildings through the Decades – Kathy Crawford
- Ed Kriewall Interviews – Develop Schedule and Team: Tuesday 22 and 29 at 12 noon.
    - Kathy and Kim both days, Sue 29th, Sharon 29th, Deb 22nd.
- Library Open House-Sunday, September 20th, 2-4 pm – Debbie, Sharon, Kim
- Pumpkinfest at Tollgate Farm – October 3rd – 10-4pm - Kim, Debbie, Sharon
- Senior Day at NPL- Monday, October 5th – 10:30-1pm – Kim, Debbie, Kathy

Upcoming Events:

9-11-26 - Ladies Night Out at The Hub
9-30-26 – Forward Down the Field – Detroit Lions Program at 7 pm

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Omeka
- Display Case – Sue/Kim Oct 1st Thursday afternoon (2pm).
- By-Law Review – Ongoing process (will review again in June 2027)
- Villa Barr Book Sales New Sales and Front Desk
- Gravestone Photos – Kim & Rae
- Document donation day – Oct 10th

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7pm

ADJOURN: 8:27