



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 16, 2026, at 7 PM
Local History Room, Novi Library

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07

Chairperson: Kim Nice

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Wrobel, Kathy Crawford, Randy Van Wagnen, Sharon Larson

ABSENT:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rachel Manela, Sue Grifor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APPROVED

TREASURERS REPORT: Sharon Larson

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR				
		BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
			Thru June 30, 2026	
Display Cabinet Exhibit		\$ 700.00	\$ (155.06)	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges		\$ 900.00	\$ (153.27)	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs		\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,893.97)	
Program/Speaker Fees		\$ 1,700.00	\$ (1,803.03)	
Storage Unit		\$ 2,750.00	\$ (2,220.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)		\$ 2,800.00	\$ (400.00)	
Conference/Continuing Education		\$ 1,300.00	\$ (591.28)	
Legal Fees		\$ 700.00	\$ -	
Special Project Items				
Betty Lang Internships			\$ (3,000.00)	
Oral Histories			\$ -	
City/Community Event			\$ (2,676.79)	
Four Corners Project			\$ (277.03)	
Photography			\$ -	
Special Projects Total		\$ 5,500.00	\$ (5,953.82)	
	TOTAL:	\$ 19,350.00	\$ (13,170.43)	\$ 6,179.57
Equitable Projects		Expenditures	Revenue Rec'd	
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD			\$ 100.00	
Presentation for Wixom Historical Society			\$ 200.00	
Wreaths Across Novi Project		\$ 2,270.39	\$ 2,450.00	

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT: Rachel Manela

- Large document/photo donation from the Simmons family ranging across the area and the last two centuries.
- Increased interest in genealogy
- Still doing research on the newspaper archive/access companies
- Everything is entered for Engage and Library Market
- September program is in West Only (front door repair moved to Sept)
- Constitution Day is Sept 17, requesting constitutions for the public

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, September 21st **6-8 pm** Kathy, Kim, possibly Sharon

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Summer 2026 Pgm. – “Dig Up History” Sunday, July 12
 - Great success. High turnout (65ish) served.
 - Next year’s theme is Mysteries Await
 - Discussion: the commission is interested in participating and went through several interesting ideas for display.
- August 13th – Commission Year in Review Presentation to Library Board
- Brian Walney Project – History Preservation Erwin Orchards Artifacts:
 - Meeting in August
- Donation from Simmons Family – Rae to update (see above)
- July 9th City Budget Review Update
 - Commission meant with the city to review current and future budget requirements.
- Project Idea – Grand River Buildings through the Decades – Kathy Crawford
 - Research has begun on some of the information, and we explored various ways to present it the public.
- Miniature Project, Part II – Kathy/Randy & Team (Schedule E/O Friday 1-4pm)
 - Resumes in August.
- Senior Day at NPL- Monday, October 5
 - Volunteers Needed
- Pumpkinfest at Tollgate Farm – October 3rd & 4th

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 – research is ongoing.
- Display Case – Sue/Kim
- By-Law Review – Ongoing process – next review June 2027.
- Villa Barr Book Sales New Sales and Front Desk
- Gravestone Photos – Kim & Rae
- Cemetery Sign Update for Knapp Sign – Kim & Kathy

NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 7pm
ADJOURN: 8:38