



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 7 PM
Local History Room, Novi Library

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 pm

Chairperson: Kim Nice

ATTENDANCE:

ABSENT:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Brian Walny, 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					
Amended Aug 19, 2026					
		BUDGET	EXPENDITURES		
			Thru June 30, 2026		
Display Cabinet Exhibit		\$ 700.00	\$ (155.06)		
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges		\$ 900.00	\$ (989.27)		
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)		\$ 2,050.00	\$ (400.00)		
Conference/Continuing Education		\$ 1,300.00	\$ (591.28)		
Legal Fees		\$ 700.00	\$ -		
Special Project Items		\$ 5,500.00			
Betty Lang Internships			\$ (3,000.00)		
Oral Histories			\$ -		
City/Community Event			\$ (2,676.79)		
Four Corners Project			\$ (277.03)		
Photography			\$ -		
Special Projects Total			\$ (5,953.82)		
	TOTAL:	\$ 18,600.00	\$ (14,006.43)	\$ 4,593.57	
	(4/16/26 Budget Amendment)				
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		

Some expenses related to the Dig Up History Event.
Raffle basket for August 27 Summer Songfest --
approved

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

Rachel Manela

Two oral history devices purchased for recording purposes.

Constitutions coming for Constitution Day.

Omeka update – replacement is coming, but requires further discussions on funding.

Document Donation Day in October

Overview of upcoming enrollments for Historical Commission public programs. Enrollments are generally strong.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, September 21st	6-8 pm	<u>Kathy & Kim</u>
Monday, October 5th	10:30-12:30	<u>Sharon</u>
Monday, October 19th	6-8 pm	<u>Kathy and Kim</u>

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- August 13th – Commission Year in Review Presentation to Library Board.
 - ☐ Presented successfully.
- Oral Histories – Online Courses - Voice Recorders.
 - ☐ Long discussion about how to move this project forward. We have speakers and initial recordings.
- Miniature Project, Part II – Kathy/Randy & Team (Schedule E/O Friday 1-4pm)
 - ☐ Sept 18 at 1pm next meeting in YAR.
- Wreaths across Novi – Saturday, November 14th 1pm Novi Road Cemetery
- Brian Walney Project Presentation – History Preservation Erwin Orchards Artifacts
 - ☐ Outstanding presentation displaying the history of this plot.
 - ☐ Proposed display and/or event to highlight the research and artifacts.
- Project Idea – Grand River Buildings through the Decades – Kathy Crawford
 - ☐
- Library Open House-Sunday, September 20th, 2-4 pm
 - ☐ Kathy, Sharon, Debbie, Rae
- Pumpkinfest at Tollgate Farm – October 3rd & 4th
 - ☐ Kim, Debbie, Sharon
- Senior Day at NPL- Monday, October 5th – 10:30-1pm

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
- By-Law Review – Ongoing process (will review again in June 2027)
- Villa Barr Book Sales New Sales and Front Desk
- Gravestone Photos – Kim & Rae

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 19, 2026, at 7pm

ADJOURN: 8:46 pm