NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 7 PM
Local History Room, Novi Library

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m. **Chairperson:** Kim Nice

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

ABSENT:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rae Manela (Library Liaison), Sue Grifor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APPROVED

TREASURERS REPORT: Sharon Larson

General Fund 101		
Display Cabinet Exhibit	$	700.00
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Shirts/Name Badges	$	900.00
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs/Technology	$	3,000.00
Program/Speaker Fees	$	1,700.00
Storage Unit	$	2,750.00
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)	$	2,800.00
Conference/Continuing Education	$	1,300.00
Legal Fees	$	700.00
Special Project Items	$	5,500.00
Betty Lang Internships		
Oral Histories		
City/Community Events		
Four Corners Project		
Photography		
Total:	$	19,350.00

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LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT: Rachel Manela

- June event will be in West Meeting Room owing to HVAC upgrades.
- New library policy: No more events Friday and Sunday starting in May.

- Omeka support efforts continue, and the digitization of new materials progresses.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, February 2nd	**10:30-12:30**	**Kim/Debbie**
Monday, February 16th	**6-8 pm**	**Kelly**
Monday, March 2nd	**10:30-12:30**	**Sharon/Kim**
Monday, March 16th	**6-8 pm**	**Randy/Debbie**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Annual Elections – Kathy Crawford to facilitate.
    - Chair – Kim Nice
    - Vice Chair – Kathy Crawford
    - Treasurer – Sharon Larson
    - Secretary – Randy Van Wagnen

- Novi's Community Impact Day-5-13-26 (Info Meeting Jan 15, 2026-CANCELLED)
- Summer 2026 Pgm. – "Dig Up History" (Rae, Kim, Randy) Sunday, July 12 1-3 p.m.
    - Planning meeting results: planned events: Sand table, Matt Moeren's store display, Walled Lake Amusement Park with artifacts box, Legos and blocks for Build the City of the Future
- Villa Barr Presentation in Wixom – February 16th at 7 pm.-Kathy Crawford
- Fall 2026 Program Meeting-Kim, Debbie, Sharon, Sue
    - Jan 28th 1:30 p.m.
- "Did you Know" Project – Sharon to resume.
    - In progress
- Miniature Project, Part II – Kathy/Randy & Team (Schedule Fridays in February)
    - Requested dates in February. Planned resumption on February 6.
- **<u>Upcoming Events:</u>**
  Wednesday, March 11th "A Purse of Her Own" 7 pm
  Document Donation Day, Saturday, March 21st 10-12:30
  Local History Conference at Oakland University, Fri-Sat, March 27th & 28th
  CommunityFest, Thursday, June 4th 3-8pm

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Display Case – Sue/Kim
- By-Law Review – Ongoing process (will review again in June 2026)
- Villa Barr Book Sales New Sales and Front Desk
- Gravestone Photos – Kim & Rae
- Omeka
- Cemetery Sign Update for Knapp Sign – Kim & Kathy

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7pm

ADJOURN: 8:36 p.m.