



# NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 7pm

Novi Library **Board Room**

**Call to Order:** 7pm

**Attendance:** Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Betty Lang, Julie Farkas, Sue Griffor, Kim Nice, Rachel Zagaroli, Kathy Mutch

**Approval of Agenda** (All in favor)

**Approval of Minutes**-July 27 2016 (All in Favor)

## **Communications**

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Dissolving of Novi Youth

Villa Barr Smithsonian

Novi Cemetery Video Show

Storage Unit

### **David Barr Art Park- Rachel Zagaroli**

Owned by city of Novi, The Novi Parks Foundation will be running the program

Rachel Zagaroli explained that Saturday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm the park would be open. (Tickets for sale online)

Looking for docents to provide information about each sculpture

Everyone agreed to be docents

Table set up to sell the David Barr book (Rachel M. and Betty)

A Villa Barr book was given to Rachel Zagaroli, with the promise the Novi Parks Foundation would send a check (\$20) for the book

### **Library Liaison Report Betty Lang**

#### **Upcoming Library/Friends Program:**

Kaleidoscope Program (Co-hosting with the Friends of the Library)

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday at 7pm) Interurban Streetrail with Brian Golden

Document Day-Sunday, October 23 2-4pm

#### **History Room Open Hours**

Total: 14 people came to the Room on the Wednesday s that the room was open

Sat. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tammy-Lee taught some people who came by about Ancestry

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Local History Room Office Hours 6-8pm

Kim Nice and Tammy-Lee Knopp



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### **Fox Run Walled Lake Presentation-August 22 at 1:30 Belmont Theater**

Feedback: Mark Adams and Carol and Asa Smith were in attendance.

They liked the presentation, but wanted to add that The Flying Dragon came from Oklahoma and was reassembled on site

Over 200 people in attendance (over half had been to the park)

They liked the display table

Kathy is donating the \$200 commission from Fox Run to the Commission

### **Considering keeping a petty cash fund for the commission**

In future: If a talk prepared by the commission is given somewhere that wants to pay us, we will have them make out the check to the Novi Public Library with the Novi Historical Commission written in the memo, so the cash comes back to our petty cash fund

Develop a Library of presentations with the PowerPoint and the narrative used saved to not just a thumb drive but on the Commission computer

October 20<sup>th</sup>: Kathy is set to give the talk again at the Novi Public Library

### **Novi Cemetery Documentary October 11 Geri Angel (Fox Run)**

Wants to do a video presentation about the cemetery to be shared on Fox Run's internal television station

Kathy proposed she would talk about the general history of Victorian cemeteries

Contacting Novi Parks and Rec

#### **Update**

O'Brien's funeral home is looking to donate the money needed to replace vegetation in the entry way of the Novi Cemetery in keeping with Victorian cemetery

### **Dissolving of Novi Youth**

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> City Council approved dropping off the Historical Commission as a place high school students can be appointed to

We will no longer have student representatives

### **New member request to Clerk's office**

The City waits until there are multiple openings to have all the interviews in one night



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## **Villa Barr presentation; Kathy Mutch**

Tales, Trails and Details

Kathy gave us her presentation about David Barr and the art that is featured at his home in Novi

The Commission member wrote out thoughts and concerns for Kathy Mutch to further develop her presentation

It is a PowerPoint with Photos of his property and his sculptures along with headings

She explains how he built the home and some information about each of the key sculptures without giving away exactly what the book is about

She gives a tour of the property

## **22 Villa Barr books have been sold**

### **Historical Commission Programs:**

**Co Sponsor w/ Friends-Brian Golden Sept 20 7pm Interurban Street Rail  
Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino- October 20<sup>th</sup> at Novi Public Library**

Need to develop a flyer for this event

**Detroit History Tours presents "Wild Women of Detroit (March)**

**War Dog Memorial-May**

Kathy contacted the War Dog person and he agreed he would love to do a presentation

We need to send him the paperwork to him to fill out with a few dates for him to choose from

The write up will need to be ready by sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Kathy agreed to do the write up for this event

### **Pavilion Shores Park Pavilion Progress**

Supposed to be done By Labor day

Ribbon Cutting : To Be Announced

### **Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER**

Ideas for new displays...Karen Kapchonik

Walled Lake Amusement Park & Casino pics and artifacts for the October Program

**Website updates new Facebook link/Instagram**



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## **New Business/Other Business**

**Michigan State Fair- Sept. 1-5...Free Senior/Veteran Day Thurs. Sept. 1**

### **Storage Unit**

If we are keeping the storage unit, the one we have is less expensive than what is out there.

Is the Unit worth keeping?

We will discuss this at the September meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September, 28 7pm**

**Adjourn: 8:53pm**