



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 6th 2017, 7pm
Novi Library History Room

Call to Order 7:10pm

Attendance: Rachel Manela, Dhara Sanghavi, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Kim Nice, John MacInnis

Introductions of guests: None

Approval of Agenda: John, 2nd by Kim Nice

Approval of Minutes-October, 2017: ALL APPROVED

Communications: None

General

This was John MacInnis' last meeting as a member of the commission.
Tammy-Lee's term is also up, but she is reapplying to the commission.

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

None, Betty Lang was absent from this meeting.

History Room Office Hours:

Dec. 18 6-8pm Dhara Sanghavi

Jan. 15 6-8pm (MLK Day) Kim Nice

Feb. 5 12-2pm Rachel Manela

Feb. 19 6-8pm Tammy-Lee Knopp

Upcoming Events:

Michigan in Perspective: March 23rd and 24th 2018 in Sterling Heights, MI

Michigan Local and Statewide History Conference

Hsmichigan.org

If a commission member attends the conference, you can be reimbursed for the conference fee and mileage.

Friends of the Library Kaleidoscope Series

March 21st: The Man Who Made Detroit Beautiful

April 17th: Adventures into Michigan's Past



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HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR SPRING:

please put on your calendar

Flyers are now available that cover all the 2017/2018 programs.

Thursday, Feb. 8 7pm “Thank God for Michigan and It’s Underground Railroad”

Thursday, March 29th 7pm “Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women won the Vote”

Thursday, April 26 7pm “Detroit and the War of 1812: Border Crossings”

Ideas for marketing the events:

- Post in coffee shops/grocery stores/restaurants
- Facebook/Instagram
- Local Libraries
- Schools
- Fox Run

Past-Event Wrap-up

11/9 Stories, Songs and Dances –Genot Picor

Smaller turn out compared to previous events.

It was a fun and engaging presentation!

Native American Sign language, dancing, music.

11/10 “Taking Oral Histories One Step Further”

Kathy Crawford attended this event, and will tell us about it at our next meeting

11/21 Senior Executive Lunch at Lakes

This was Kathy Crawford’s talk, she was absent from this meeting so she will give us a wrap up at our next meeting

Budget Prep

We will wait to discuss this at our next meeting

Agenda Items we want to discuss in all future meetings:

Agenda Item: Budget report, financials at ALL meetings

Agenda Item: Need to have a conversation about changing meeting day for 2019

Agenda Item: We need to create a standard email list and mailing list

Send Event Flyers

Council Request regarding Veterans:

No updates

We need to hear from the City Council before we can move forward.



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City of Novi 50th Anniversary celebration meeting, Kim Nice

Sheryl Walsh, Nathan, Wendy Duvall, Tracy Ringell (Parks and Rec), Lindsay (NPL's Children's Librarian)

Vision: A large Gala at the end of the year or one in February to kick the year off.

Actual Date of the Anniversary: Feb. 24, 1969

Other groups the city should/could reach out to for help

Schools, PTO, Jaycees, Parks Commission, Providence Park, Suburban Showplace, Historical Commission, Library,

Concerns:

There are historical companies that the city can work with to put on events/create a book.

The city has less than a year to prepare

Tammy-Lee's calendar

A history of the Police and Fire Departments

What are neighboring communities doing?

Northville = 150 years

Plymouth = 150 years

How do we get people interested and involved?

Important: The need for the city to understand they need the Historical commission to understand and interpret the history

Should we incorporate our events into the 50th anniversary celebration year?

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

WEBSITE UPDATES

Has updates with pictures from our events

Facebook Likes: 67

Instagram followers: 93

NEW BUSINESS/Other Business

Novi City Council presentation/annual report and budget request

NONE

NEXT MEETING: NOTE: WEDNESDAY, January 24, 7pm

Adjourn: 8:20pm

Goodbye John, we will miss you on the Commission!