



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 7pm
Novi Library History Room

Call to Order 7:01pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Betty Lang, Sue Gifford

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tammy-Lee, All in favor

Approval of Minutes-February, 2017: All in favor

Communications: None

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

The commission has been asked by Brookdale living to give a talk about Novi/Walled Lake History. Contact information was given to Kathy Crawford, to potentially give the Walled Lake Amusement park presentation.

Walking tour of Woodmere Cemetery (Detroit) Saturday May 13th. and Saturday Sept. 9th
\$32 with box lunch, handouts, tour and other “surprises”
Gail Hershenzon Could potentially give a talk for us at the library

HISTORY ROOM OFFICE HOURS

12-2 April 3: John MacInnis

6-8pm April 17th: Rachel Manela

12-2pm May 8th: Kathy Crawford

6-8pm May 22: Kim Nice

Local History Room Tour with Betty

E-mail Betty, telling her when the best day and time is for you to have a tour with Betty.
What do you want to know about the local history room, to help people?

When in the room, check the binder for commonly asked questions, and answers.

At the suggestion of Kathy, in the future when attending events, do a small write up of what the event was like, what you learned, who gave the talk/workshop, how we can use it or contact the person to do an event. Then, bring the write up to the next meeting to share with the commission.
Betty: Figure out a file system within the Local History Room to keep information about the speakers/events



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History Conference March 3 & 4-Sterling Heights (Kathy, Sue, Betty, Tammy-Lee)

A few potential future speakers

Dig Michigan, from CMU; historic newspaper database

2017 History Skills Workshops “Keeping Cemeteries Alive” (Kathy & Sue 2/17)

Receipts, mileage, need to be turned in to Marcia.

Sue can turn in her receipts also as the commission’s volunteer “groupie”.

Elections

Nominations for Secretary: Tammy-Lee nominated Rae with a second by Kim.

Rae Accepted

Nomination for Chair Person: Kim nominated Kathy Crawford, second by Rae.

Kathy Crawford accepted

Communication with Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Adding 2 additional members to the Historical Commission, and removing some of the stipulations for how the commission will function.

We need to find out if/when the display will be placed in the Pavilion

School Visit— Rae

The visit was successful. The teachers enjoyed having us in the classroom. The kids had fun, but since they were 2nd graders they were only mildly interested.

Wooden Nickels—Tammy-Lee

The wooden pieces are stuck in customs.

Tammy has turned in her request for reimbursement.

Message from Andre Audette Simpatico, from Ontario

Sent a picture of a tire cover with a promotional image of the Walled Lake Casino



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Goals 2017

Kathy Crawford- a Cemetery Tour

Research some of the oldest headstones, look into the families, their contribution to the community.

Rae Manela – Speaker paperwork, event coordination

John MacInnis – Villa Barr, Correcting the Maps of historic homes in Novi

Kim Nice – Being the Commission’s liaison to the City (communications department) for developing interviews with local businesses about their time in Novi. (especially for the 50th anniversary celebrations)

Lacey Tool, Guernsey Ice Cream, Michigan CAT, Feed store, Heslip, Railroad

Tammy-Lee – Finishing creating a scavenger hunt for the Novi Cemetery, and one for the Knapp cemetery. Geared toward kids.

Finishing the Historical calendar, for the 50th anniversary. Each day will have a small blurb from the news from that day/year.

Future Goal: Developing “Friends of the Historical Commission” or “Friends of the Cemetery” or “Friends of Villa Barr”

We want to ensure we are kept in the loop with the city’s plans for the 50th Anniversary

As we move forward, continue to work towards that goal, and check in each month at the commission meeting with your progress.

Historical Commission Programs:

Detroit History Tours presents “Dames of Detroit” March 2

Was cancelled due to a funeral.

War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017

Discovering Michigan Counties, Barbara Vandermolen, Sept. 28 2018

French Festival, Genot Picor, Nov. 9, 2017

Cemetery Clean Up Saturday, June 10 9-11am



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Kim Nice – When she was hosting Local History Room office hours, she had a man named Stephen Seiler who is writing a book about the history of Faygo. He is looking for us to say we are interested in having him come and talk about his book, for publishers.

He also had an uncle who drowned in Walled Lake, and is looking for a newspaper article(s) about the drowning.

David Barr/Villa Barr

Book Sales

The money from book sales is reinvested into buying more books to be printed.

John needs to buy the book.

Villa Barr presentation

We are paying Kathy Mutch for the research she has about David Barr and his property (\$500).

Annual Report to City Council

Develop a PowerPoint about what we have accomplished in the past year, and what we plan for the future.

John MacInnis – Researching the fire Department, photos.

Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

Getting ready for the May event.

Sue can turn in her receipts

Website updates, Facebook & Instagram

Rae has pictures to send to Betty for the website.

New Business/Other Business

NONE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 26th 7pm

Adjourn: 8:45pm