



# NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 7pm

Novi Library History Room

**Call to Order** 7:05pm

**Attendance:** Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Dhara Sanghavi, John MacInnis, Tom Alexandris, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Kim Nice, Betty Lang, Sue Grifor,

**Approval of Agenda** ALL APPROVED

**Approval of Minutes-July 2017** ALL APPROVED

**Communications** Request from Parkview Elementary to come talk to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students

Nametags and shirts requested for new members

New member list handed out

Tammy-Lee and John's positions on the commission end January 2018.

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

### **Upcoming Library/Friends Programs**

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Kaleidoscope Series 1<sup>st</sup> event from Friends of the Library

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday Road trip to Grand Rapids

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Evening Arts with Jazz, Cider, and Doughnuts

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Craft-tastic Wednesday: 3D Jewelry

**OUR EVENT: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Discovering Michigan County by County**

### **Local History Room Tour**

Dhara, Tom and John need to schedule a tour with Betty

Dhara and Tom agreed to come Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### **History Room Office Hours**

**Monday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm:** Dhara Sanghavi and Kim Nice

**Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-2pm:** Rachel Manela and Tom Alexandris

**Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm:** Kim Nice

## **Pavilion Shores pictures are up...was posted on Parks and Rec website**

The pictures up at the Pavilion Shore Park

Sue Grifor: Went to see it and the pictures on display are fine, but none of the photos are of the Bath house. Additionally, the narrative talks about the casino but *not* the Bathhouse

Additionally, none of the Motor City markers has a photo of the bathhouse.

Kathy said she would talk to Jeff Muck about this concern



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## **Cemetery Walk-a-Bout Saturday, September 9 10am**

Invitations went out

Cost of Printed invitations: \$22 and \$30 for postage

Online Invitations \$18

Total: \$70

*Parks and Rec providing:*

6 flags

8ft table

Small Igloo with Water and Drinking cups

10-15 chairs

10x10 Canopy Tent

Trash Can

Commission Members Arrive at latest by 9am

## **Research**

Kathy will speak about general Cemetery information

1. American Revolution War: Veteran: Hooper Bishop

Researcher: Tom Alexandris

Presenter: Kathy Crawford

2. War of 1812 Veteran: Caleb Carr

Researcher: Sue Grifor

3. Civil War Veteran: Curtis Z. Pratt

Researcher: Dhara Sanghavi

4. WWI Veteran: Scott Dunham

Researcher: John MacInnis

5. WWII Veteran(s) Otto Regentik

Researcher: Rachel Manela

6. Vietnam Veteran: Vladimir Regentik

Researcher: Kim Nice

Stuffing meeting to make folders to provide information to visitors

## **What we want out of this event**

Stopping the erosion

New Signs

Park Benches

Paving the U-shaped Road

Parking



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### Second Grade at Parkview Community Project Thursday, Sept. 28 9-11am

About our role in the Community  
toys/games, pictures, Wooden Nickels  
School work from Fuerst Sisters  
Felt Family Tree  
Dhara Sanghavi and Rachel Manela

### Council Request

#### War Memorial

Still need to find out what exactly they want

What qualifies as a Novi resident?

How do we get information?

Do we include POW/MIA soldiers?

Which wars do we include?

Etc...

What criteria have other communities used? Plymouth or Northville

Tom Alexandris has agreed to talk to the city in Plymouth to see how they made their monument, how they researched the names

### Samuel White Burial Ground-Taft Rd./Nine Mile

Historic Home and there was a burial ground there

But the graves have been moved

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR FALL:

#### Please put these on your calendar

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

**Discovering Michigan A to Z**

**Barbara Vandermolen**

**Thursday Sept. 28, 7pm**

**Ghost Towns of Michigan**

**Alan Naldrett**

**Thursday Oct. 19 7pm**

**Stories, Songs and Dances of the Voyageur Genot Picor**

**Thursday Nov. 9 7:30pm**

### VILLA BARR

Working on developing a presentation related to his book and the property

Parks foundation is going to offer tours of the property and working on getting an artist in residence who will live there

Did the display case about the Villa Barr book generate increased sales?



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## GOALS-2017 and beyond

Novi Cemetery Scavenger Hunt and Headstone Research

Historical Calendar for City's 50<sup>th</sup> (2019)

Novi Fire Dept.

Local business interviews in prep for 50<sup>th</sup> (2019)

## DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

September Display: Michigan A-Z

WEBSITE UPDATES Facebook link/Instagram

NEW BUSINESS/Other Business NONE

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, September 27, 7pm**

Adjourn: 8:40pm