



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 25 2016 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Introductions of guests: Rachel Manela, Kathy Crawford, John MacInnis, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Betty Lang, Sue Griffor, Kathy Mutch

Absent: Roger Crownover

Approval of Agenda: APPROVED

Approval of Minutes-April, 2016 APPROVED Motion by John MacInnis and 2nd by Tammy-Lee Knopp

Communications

None

Library Liaison Report

Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Program

Be sure! If you're in the local history room be sure to leave a note for Betty or email her that day letting her know how many people were in the room that day.

None due to Summer agenda

Document Day...Sunday, May 22nd 2-4 ...report

Very few people but not getting documents, will rephrase how we advertise it in the future. Adding publicity at the service desks. Have someone speak at programs that tend to have older people in attendance.

Future Document day will be in October

History Room Volunteers beginning 1st and 3rd Mon. 12-2pm

Week by week basis due to summer

Rae will host hours in July and August on Wednesdays 2-5pm in the Local History Room.

Betty will be updating the website

Pavilion Shores Park Pavilion display

Rachel and Kathy presented the write up they made for the photos to be included at the Pavilion Shore display.

design...confirmed 4 x 8 ft.

City Council approved construction contract...moving forward ASAP

Betty had the jpgs. and the wording to send to the company to make the display



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Historical Commission Programs for Fall 2016

There are no programs for Fall because the person Tammy-Lee had contacted fell through.

September: Kathy Mutch recommended that we co-host a program with the Friends of the Library in September: Brian Golden

We will pay the Friends to help co-host the event.

October: Possible program the Commission can put on without bringing in a speaker: Myths and Urban Legends of Novi/Northville?

November: None

Winter/Spring Programs 2017: (Deadline to have these scheduled is

January: TBD

February: TBD

March: TBD

April/May: Possibly Co-Host an event with Friends of the Library?

Contacting Andrew Mutch and Ron Campbell about doing presentations in the future.

Shaw Home Presentation Report: If this Novi House could Talk

On April 28, 2016 Laura and Jim Paulk presented about their experience of living and exploring their historic home. The event had about 30 attendees. The Paulk's dated their house to about 1872-1878.

PowerPoint for Schools

Everyone needs to come prepared to the June meeting with 5 Things you consider necessary to be included in Novi's story

Teachers are looking for: "Why is local history important?" The unit on Local history is usually at the end of the school year.

We need to develop a Power Point with pictures with a narrative for the Commission member to use when presenting to students.

What are teachers doing now?

Geography



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Spring Into Novi ... Saturday, May 14 10-1pm ...report

One book sold to Rae

Rae was there some people came by including members of the Beautification commission might want to partner with us in the future.

Someone asked about The Water Tower:

It is privately owned so the city can't clean it up

David Barr *Villa Barr* Presentations by Kathy Mutch

Kathy Mutch presented to Commission how she would talk about David Barr and his home and how he talked about his work. She is hoping to spark interest but maintain some mystery so people will still want to buy the book.

She talked about how everything he did had meaning from his sculpture to his home to his books.

Kathy talks about how the property is laid out and why certain sculptures are where he placed them.

Kathy is working on putting a video together to start off her presentation

Barr Property Project discussion- books on sale in Library

Novi Cares Cemetery Clean-up was on Saturday, June 4 9-11am (Novi Rd.)

Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

For the summer: Novi Then and Now. Looks good.

New Business/Other Business

None

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday June 22, 7pm

Adjourn 8:55pm