Call to Order: 7pm

Introduction of Guests: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Betty Lang, Sue Grifor, Kim Nice, Stephen Winterbottom,

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Minutes-September 2016: After some discussion, Approved

Communications: None

A bill for the Commission’s portion of Engage sept.-Dec. 2016: Approx. $255

Motion to approve, John MacInnis, 2nd by Tammy-Lee Knopp

All Approved

Kim Nice, Ambassador Program

Ensuring that the Commission will be involved to present to the new Ambassador class about our commission and volunteering or serving on the commission.

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

Upcoming Events

Heritage Quest talk, Saturday Nov. 5 1-3pm

Friends Program: Under your Keel, Tuesday Nov. 15 at 7pm

About researching the Great Lakes with Daniel Harrison

History Room Hours: Mon. Nov. 7 12-2 John MacInnis and Kathy Crawford

Mon. Nov. 21, 6-8pm Kim Nice and Sue Grifor

Making Sure Library Staff know who is supposed to be there so they know who to call if someone does not show up.

Document Day- Sunday October 23rd 2-4pm

5 people came, 3 of whom were from the commission

Betty was happy to have members of the commission there

Arlene Somerville brought photos and programs from class events

New type of publicity was used: Small flyer placed in older people’s books

Posted on our Facebook and the “I grew up in Novi Facebook”

Speaking before events

Next one will be in May

Spotlight on Novi History

Aug: Ad

Sept. Name of Novi

October: First Settlers

Members of the commission are encouraged to write their own short pieces about Novi’s history. 3-4 sentences, give them to Betty and she will put them in the Newsletter
Walled Lake Presentation—October 20 (Thanks Rae)

- About 25 attendees, it was a successful event
- We got emails of some people who attended and how they heard about the event
- Library poster, Email from the library, from commission members
- Do we want to continue to have coffee at our events?
  - The coffee is not being used but the small water bottles are being used
- City videographer was there, not sure how much he filmed

Villa Barr

- Book sales No updates yet
- Villa Barr Presentation: Kathy Crawford reached out to Margie to see if she wants to be a presenter for us

Novi Cemetery Documentary, October 11 with Geri Angel (Fox Run)

- Kathy Crawford had a good time, presenting for “Off the Beaten Path” for Fox Run
- Some city Photographers and videographers were there also

Concerns about the back of the Novi Cemetery, big cliff you may fall off. We need a fence or sign warning that there is a steep drop off. Contacting Parks and Rec about remedying this safety issue.

- Grave Documentation: City is mapping the graves
- Plantings, Thank you to John O’Brian for the donation of the flowers
- Volunteers from Fox Run: May take a hedge-stone and research the family
- Norm Young has been working to add information from burial permits, lot numbers and names where names have gone missing.

Novi Parks Foundation “Needs/wants” list

- What are ways we can enhance the cemetery?
- Paved pathway, defined driving area
- Parking lot
- Timeline
- Signs to identify all of the veterans
- Park benches
- Fence
- What about erosion on the back of the cemetery?

City engineers said the land is firm, but its still concerning, the Trains that go by shake the ground. Perhaps we need a new retaining wall?

Walled Lake Amusement Park at Novi Rotary, Oct. 27 12pm Suburban Showplace
Historical Commission Programs for Spring  
Detroit History Tours presents “Wild Women of Detroit” March 2, 2017  
War Dog Memorial Presentation May 11, 2017

For Next Year 2017/2018  
Oct. Dr. Ari Berk, Folklore and Mythology  
Nov. Genot Picor, French Social Gathering  
February: Lois Keel, Underground Railroad  
March: Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame “Petticoat Patriots, how Michigan Women got the vote”  
April: Detroit Historical Society: “Detroit and the War of 1812: Border Crossings”

Display Cabinet Downstairs: Volunteer and Cabinet Manager, Sue Grifor  
Keep the Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino display up until January, and in January put up a display related the the Wild Women of Detroit Presentation

Storage Unit?  
No bill received yet  
Is what we have there enough to keep the unit?  
Do we ever envision having a museum?  
- The city of Novi does not have a historic district and not many artifacts  
- To have a museum we would need more people, lots of money, man hours, grant writing  
The pulpit and the Bell should definitely be saved  
Novi China?  
We will renew the Storage Unit one more time

Ordinance Update  
Making sure the City Council and City Clerk know we need an update to our charter/ordinance

Website updates  
It is being kept up to date.  
Pictures from events

New/Other Business: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 22nd, 7pm  
Rae will have to see if she can make it to the meeting due to class  
John Will have to let Kathy know if he will be back.

Adjourn: 8:30pm