



# NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 7pm  
Novi Library History Room

**Call to Order: 7:00pm Rescheduled (February) meeting.**

**Attendance:**

Members:, Kathy Crawford, John MacInnis, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Rachel Manela, Library  
Liason: Betty Lang  
*Absent:* Roger Crownover  
Guests: Sue Griffor, Jim and Laura Paulk, Sarah Chapman, Julie Farkas (NPL Director),  
Jeff Muck (Parks & Recreation Director)

**Agenda: APPROVED**

**Approval of January 2016 Minutes: APPROVED**

**Motion by Tammy-Lee Knopp  
2<sup>nd</sup> by John MacInnis**

**Library Liaison Report: Betty Lang**

**Upcoming Library/Friends**

Document Donation Day: May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) 2-4pm at the Novi Public Library  
William MacDermaid – Display in Local history room  
Police, Fireman, Justice of the Peace, Newspaper articles, Court Docs,  
Novi News report to encourage people to come to the document day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>

History Room Volunteers 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of every Month

Mon. 3/7: Rae (12-2 pm) 3/21: John (6-8pm)

April 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (12-2pm) April 18: \_\_\_\_\_ (6-8pm)

**Upcoming Event:** Letter from Oakland County Historical Resources:  
Annual meeting is on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-12pm at Bloomfield Township Library  
Commission members welcome to attend, Tammy and Sue expressed interest in attending

**Michigan in Perspective History Conference 3/11-3/12**

**Reimbursement:** All attending will be reimbursed for registration and mileage

## **Novi Parks and Recreation National Accreditation**

Jeff Muck, Director of Parks & Rec

Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation (CAPRA)

Only 2 agencies in Michigan are accredited

Document with 150 standards ranging from HR to money management to programing.  
Three visitors from across the country reviewing standards and documentation.

### **Historical Commission Resource Management Plan**

Karen Kopchonick put together a preliminary plan for Historical Preservation

Borrowed a sample from Austin Texas

Commission members are asked to review and edit and adopt officially by the commission.

Commission members will be making edits, including goals, and mission statement, verification of dates, then, giving those edits to Betty Lang to give to Parks and Recreation at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

#### **The Standard for National Accreditation:**

“Historical and Cultural plans include an inventory of Historical and Cultural resources and strategy for how they will be managed. These resources may be addressed as part of the jurisdiction’s comprehensive plan or the agency’s Park and Recreation System Master Plan”

Discussion:

Does the plan we draw up have to go through City Council or can we approve it ourselves and incorporate it into the Parks and Rec plan ourselves?

Discussion:

Rachel: Do we need a treasurer, vice-President etc?

Kathy Crawford: No, commission is too small. City acts as our Treasurer

But, going forward we will parse out tasks to commission members

Township Hall Museum?

Do we have enough resources, people, curation abilities?

More involvement with Township Hall by the Commission

## **Plans for Pavilion Shores Park** Jeff Muck, Director of Parks & Rec

Location: Pavilion Shores. Lake at end of Novi Road

Jeff Muck took commission members through a PDF presentation of the plans for the pavilion.

### What it looks like

A park for enjoying the water and hopes of respecting the history of the park.

Old Casino, Dance hall

Design: The arch to reflect what the dance hall looked like.

Interior, Open, airy

Exterior: Heavy but moveable picnic tables, large enough for small performances

Not cement block pre-fab shelter, it will be a pavilion that has a building for restrooms and exterior that is open but covered.

The fieldstone design was approved

3 Restrooms: Men and women and Family

designed to be able to serve 400 people an hour

Sits parallel to the lake, to stop it from becoming a wind tunnel, open so Police can see into it.

#### Space for Historical Display

Historic Dedication plaque and MI Natural Resources plaque will also be attached to the building

#### Display Dimensions

1 inch deep, 12ft by 6ft Permanent display roughly

Something similar to Motor City Markers

#### Should it be a changeable display?

But, it is outside it could be damaged

Decision: changeable display would not be ideal, Motor City Marker style will be used, Pictures from the Park and a written narrative of the park, perhaps with a timeline

#### Preliminary design Deadline: End of April?

Jeff muck will give us the dimensions, and we will design the plaque and work with the people who made the Motor City Markers to make a display for the Pavilion

Commission members who are able will meet Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm to look for Pictures of the park, casino and dance hall from its hey-day.

Finished product by July or at least a mock up of the marker

Discussion: The success of the Motor City Markers around Novi

#### **Jeff Muck left the meeting: 7:50pm**

Discussion: Giving photos and narrative to some graphic designers to mock up for us  
Or, give the photos and verbiage directly to the company that made the motor city markers to make some mock-ups.

Julie Farkas said she would get the dimensions for the display

## **David Barr Villa Barr Presentations** by Kathy Mutch

Barr Property Project discussion- books on sale in Library

Kathy Mutch was unable to attend the meeting.

Rachel: Kathy's idea is to book end her presentation with his voice and his ideas. Then the presentation would be about his art and his global impact and how he designed his property

Julie Farkas will reach out to Kathy Mutch to find another time for her to give us a presentation.

## **Draft Policy regarding Conveyance and Assignment of Creative Materials**

**Approved:** Move by Tammy-Lee Knopp 2<sup>nd</sup> by John MacInnis

## **Historical Commission Programs**

April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Laura and Jim Paulk on Philip Shaw home

Presentation: History of the home and architecture  
Timeline of what was happening in broader history?  
Why did people come to Michigan and this area?

Display Showcase to be developed by Sue Griffor with Laura and Jim Paulk

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

(Set up Friday by 6pm) at Novi Civic Center  
Shirts and badges to be worn plus hand outs

Table: Sell David Barr book?

We had 50 books printed, about 10-12 have been sold so far.

Display – Rae will be in charge of making it

Historical Photos, Current Photos, Links to Social Media,

Brochure: Motor City Markers, 19 Historical Sights of Novi

**Display Cabinet Downstairs** Volunteer Sue Griffor, Cabinet MANAGER  
Congratulations to Sue and Rae for the Black Women's History Display

Paulk Display goes up in mid March

Website updates new Facebook link: [www.facebook.com/HistoryofNovi](http://www.facebook.com/HistoryofNovi)

## **New Business/Other Business**

### Discussion: Do we need students/kids as members of the Historical Commission?

Tammy talked about the struggle of getting the students assigned to the commission to actually do what they say they will do. There are no consequences for the students if they don't do what they are supposed to do.

Kathy Crawford talked about how the city just places students on any board/commission if they do not get on the city youth council

Anyone can come to the meetings including high school students who are interested and want to volunteer are welcome but there will no longer be a made position on the commission

Julie Farkas agreed to reach out to the city to tell them the Historical Commission no longer wants an appointed student from Council.

However, any student who wants to come is welcome and the Commission is welcome to recruit its own students, but no longer wants an appointment from the city.

Tammy no longer needs to worry about the students

### Discussion: Age for Signing up for activities

The commission is going to change the age for programs: from 18+ to 12 and up

### Discussion: Chapman House

Novi Road

Large white house for sale, Sarah is looking into buying and is interested in buying the historic property a restaurant

### Expense Approval Request

Rachel asked for approval for poster bought for Display case (\$10.14)

Motion by Tammy-Lee

2<sup>nd</sup> by John for Rae's expenses for Display case (\$10.14)

All in favor

APPROVED

### **Adjourn: 8:52pm**

Motion by Tammy

2<sup>nd</sup> by John MacInnis

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 23 at 7pm in local History Room