



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order 7:00pm

Attendance: Commission members: Kathy Crawford, Tammy-Lee Knop, Roger Crownover, Rachel Manela, John MacInnis, Betty Lang (Library Liaison),
Guests: Sue Griffor, Jim and Laura Paulk, Cullen Kullick, Kathy Mutch

Approval of Agenda: APPROVED

Approval of Minutes-March 7, 2016: Motion by Tammy-Lee Knopp, 2nd by Roger Crownover

Library Liaison Report - Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs

- “Heritage Trail Route US 12” Thursday April 20th at 7pm
- “If This Novi House could Talk” Thursday April 28th at 7pm
 - Jim and Laura Paulk
- “Floating Palaces of the Great Lakes” Tuesday May 17th at 7pm
 - Ships of the Great Lakes

Library Historian → Kathy Mutch

New display in Local History Room: William McDermaid

Kathy Mutch and Betty Lang will be working together to create the display

Article 2 of the City Ordinance: Discusses the Historical Commission

Document Day...Sunday, May 24 2-4 pm...talk it up

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

3/21 John (6-8pm)

April 4 (12-2) **Roger**

April 18 (6-8) **Kathy**

May 2nd (12-2) **Rachel Manela**

May 16 (6-8) **Roger**

Eagle Scout Presentation- Cullen Kulick Troop 407

Project: Knapp and Novi Cemetery Civil War Veterans

Cullen’s Report:

He cleaned up some foliage in both the Knapp and Novi Cemeteries

Proposal: A plaque in the Knapp Cemetery to honor Civil War Veterans:

J C Bruce, Dwayne Cook, H Parmenter, W.M. Draper

Cullen Kulick is proposing donating \$250-\$300 to help off set the cost of the plaque

Motion by Tammy-Lee Knopp to Approve Cullen Kulick’s project to receive his Eagle Scout Commendation

2nd by Roger Crownover

*After the meeting Rachel Manela contacted Wendy Duvall and Tracie Ringle regarding approval of Cullen's project

*Database: Fold 3 can be used to research military records

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

Tammy-Lee Knopp discussed an interactive experience she watched with historic redactors related to the Lusitania with Michigan connections and is hoping to contact her about doing a presentation for us.

Discussion of Potential youth programs in connection with the schools

Helping students with a Michigan History Conference Project

Pros: engaging students, working in and connecting with the community on a deeper level,

Cons: Man power, time, resources, money, fees, developing a program, maintaining a program, mentoring ability/capacity

We are a year or 2 out from starting a program like this

Where to start? A small program/power point that goes into the schools (assembly style) to teach about Novi history. 20-30min. program

Plan for next school year

Could the Friends of the Library collaborate with us?

Native American Boarding Schools Program from the Conference could be a presentation in the future.

Military History potential future program or Display Case

Historical Commission Resource Management Plan comments

Comments were provided by the commission members and provided to

Rachel Manela will be typing up the changes and sending them to Betty for Parks and Rec.

Plans for Pavilion Shores Park Pavilion

Discussed photos to include and a brief blurb/history of the location

Commission members to meet April 6th at 1pm at the Local History Room to find photos and begin to lay them out and decide on a design.

David Barr Villa Barr Presentations by Kathy Mutch

Kathy Mutch apologized for missing previous meetings.

Kathy Mutch, on her own has sold 13 copies of *Villa Barr*

What are we looking for in a program?

1 hour to 1 1/2 hrs.

Presentation with Q & A section

Kathy Mutch's Proposal: We want to spark interest in David Barr that sparks interest so people will want to buy the book. She proposed talking about not just his sculpture work, but to talk about his writing as an artistic pursuit and how he wrote about art to help people see what he intended with his sculptures.

Kathy Crawford's hopes for the presentation: Who was David Barr, what was unique about him, the sculptures including building his home and furniture and the fact that it was in Novi. His local and Global impact.

Only book of David Barr's available to the public is Villa Barr

We all agreed to hear Kathy Mutch's presentation to the Commission at the May 25th meeting

The advertising of the book/flyers are poorly done and should be changed.

Plan to develop a more concrete plan for presentations before ordering another book

Historical Commission Programs

"If This Novi House could Talk" Thursday April 28th at 7pm

Jim and Laura Paulk

Kathy Mutch proposed we might want to co-sponsor a Friends of the Library program

Spring into Novi...

Saturday, May 14 10-1pm (Set up Friday by 6pm) Civic Center

hand outs will be on Betty's Desk for pick up on Friday

Rae is making a Poster for the Table

Rae can be at the booth in the morning

Tammy-Lee will be at the table

Volunteer Appreciation at Duel Thursday, April 14 at 5pm

Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

Ideas for new displays

"Then and "Now" display from the Local History Room can be put in the cabinet downstairs

Borrowing a display from Northville Genealogical Society?

Website updates

Rae updated the Website, Facebook and Instagram for the Commission

New Business/Other Business

None

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 27 7pm

Adjourn 8:57pm