



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 27 2016 7pm
Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp,
Betty Lang, Julie Farkas (Library Liasons)
Kim Nice, Sue Griffor (Guests)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tammy-Lee Knopp, 2nd by John McInnis
Approval of Minutes-May, 2016 (No meeting in June)
Reading of May's Minutes

Communications: None

Library Liaison Report: Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Program

Julie brought up that for any flyers about an event we are co-hosting with the Friends, we need to have our logo on it

Document Day-October Sunday, October 23rd 2-4pm

We need to advertise and encourage people to come and donate
A member of the Commission should go to Friend's meeting
(2nd Wednesday of each month 7pm) to talk about document day and also to continue fostering a relationship with their base

Sept. 14th! is when the next meeting is

Summer Local History Room Open Hours

Rachel has been having open hours 2-5 on Wednesdays

Day 1: July 6th 2 guests

Day 2: July 13th 1 guest, Cross referenced with the catalogue and reorganized the books

Day 3 July 20th, No guests, Rachel re-shelved books in the room

Day 4: July 27th: 1 guest: Woman came in to use the microfilm machine

Historical Commission Website Update

Added historic photos

Added photos from Baseline Project

Added Brochure of Baseline Project

Added contact information: Facebook and Instagram

The commission asked Julie Farkas for a plug be added to the center of the floor of the room



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Spotlight on Novi History

Starting in September, Betty will have a small section in the Public Library E-Newsletter dedicated to local history

Betty would like commission members to send her 1-3 sentences to add to the section

She would need a submission by the 15th of each month

What is the true history of how Novi Got its name?

That will be the first spotlight might be the various myths of how the city got its name with a survey for people to choose the

The second Spotlight would reveal the truth of how the city got its name and the results of the survey.

EVERYONE BY THE AUGUST MEETING come up with 1-5 sentences of things to include in Spotlight

Speakers

1) **Brian Golden (September) Co-sponsor with the Friends of the Library**

Interurban street rail:

We need to order a check to give to the Friends, ask Masha for an invoice

We already agreed to pay ½

Fox Run Walled Lake Presentation-

Monday August 22 at 1:30 Belmont Theater, Fox Run

Kathy will do a presentation on the Walled Lake Casino and Amusement Park

We will have a table at the event to display photos, flyers, and the see David Barr's Book

We will have a Raffle Give away a few prizes

The presentation will be done again in October at the Novi Library

Possibly could be done at another local library

Detroit History Tours- Bailey Isgro

Rachel reached out to them to ask them to come to Novi and Speak

March: Wild Women of Detroit

Possible Dates: March 2nd, 9th or 16th.

Possible Program Idea: War Dog Cemetery in Lyon Township (In May?)



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Pavilion Shores Park

The building is underway
When is the dedication?

Kathy and Rachel sent the photos and the write up to the city for the creation of a plaque to go on the pavilion

Cemetery Clean Up

Rachel went and saw the volunteers who were moving plants and debris
Wendy was directing the clean up program
About 30-50 people were part of the clean up

David Barr Villa Barr Presentations by Kathy Mutch

Barr Property Project discussion- books on sale in Library
Kathy Mutch will give her final presentation at the August 24th meeting
We could also have her give the presentation at the Novi Library in the winter (November)?

Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER
Have the Display case stay up for 2 months

Goals

1) Presentation(s) for the Schools and other presentations for Commission at the Library or for Spotlight in Novi

Possible Ideas:

Who were the founding families: Feurst, Shaw Salow,
Tollgate Farm (we have one made already)
What is the Historical Commission? What does it do?
Where can you get information?
McGuire Family (Guernsey Farms)
How did Novi get its name
2nd Graders: What was happening the year you were born?
Walled Lake Amusement Park (Done)
Novi Special Engine
History of Novi Schools
Novi Corners
Lee Begole
12 Oaks Mall
History of Novi Cemetery (Novi Road)
Churches in Novi



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New Business/Other Business

We need another person for the commission

Michigan State Fair- Sept. 1-5...Free Senior/Veteran Day Thurs. Sept. 1

50th Anniversary of the City of Novi incorporation

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 24th at 7pm

Adjourn: 9:00pm