



## NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 28 2016 7pm

Novi Library History Room

**Call to Order:** 7pm

**Introductions of guests:** Kim Nice, Arlene Somerville, Rachel Manela, Kathy Crawford, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Betty Lang,

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved (All in Favor)

**Approval of Minutes-August, 2016** Approved (All in Favor)

**Communications:** None

### Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

Petty Cash Fund How it works:

1. Anytime a member of the commission speaks, if we are being paid, the check should be made out to the Novi Historical Commission
2. Write a note to the City asking for a Petty Cash Fund, it can be no more than \$25
3. Placed in a Labeled Lock Box
4. A booklet inside where we dictate what was taken, why, when, and by whom
5. Any reimbursement for more than \$25 needs to have a check request

Events:

October 8<sup>th</sup>: Hands on Genealogy

October 19<sup>th</sup>: Friends

October 20<sup>th</sup>: Magical World of Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Document Day

October 27<sup>th</sup>: At the Rotary meeting: Magical World of Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino at Suburban Showcase

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wild Women of Detroit

May 11<sup>th</sup>: War Dogs Event

Volunteer Norm Young has used the burial permits we have in a database to copy the lot and section number of any plots, to find out if we know of any of the people who are buried there but may not be on the record.

A man came in who had attended the Bassett School and has pictures. He will be doing an Oral History soon

Website Updates: List of events, photos from past events

Josh from the City of Novi is coming to get historic Photos for a celebration video being produced

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society dropped off workshop details for Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**HISTORY ROOM: Oct. 3, 12-2: Rachel    Oct. 17, 6-8pm: Tammy-Lee**



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### **Fox Run Walled Lake Presentation-August 22 wrap up**

Well attended, about 200 people

The people at Fox run were very enthused

Kathy Crawford's presentation went well

Check for \$200 the program was received and will be added to the Historical Commission

Budget

Discussion about keeping in mind inclusivity in our research and presentations.

### **Co Sponsor w/ Friends-Brian Golden Sept 20 7pm Interurban Street Rail Email from Kathy Mutch**

Our co-sponsored event was well attended, and well received.

### **Pavilion Shores Park Pavilion**

The pavilion is finished but the Historical Commission photo display is not up yet.

### **Arlene Summerville**

Discussed her childhood living across the street from the Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino

It was open in the Summer, the first sound of the rollercoaster meant Summer was coming

She worked cleaning up trash, paid 1\$ an hour

She will bring photos for Document Day

### **Villa Barr**

**Book Sales:** We need an updated count of how many books we have sold.

#### **Villa Barr presentation**

Discussion about Kathy Mutch's presentation:

Graphics/Photos could be better

She knows a great deal about David Barr and his work but the presentation still does not seem ready. Concerns about whether the presentation is engaging enough

Perhaps we can purchase the research/presentation from Kathy

Kathy Crawford will need to speak with Kathy Mutch about this presentation

### **Novi Cemetery Documentary October 11 Geri Angel (Fox Run)**

Kathy Crawford is going to appear with Dave (restoration person) will appear with Kathy to talk about the Cemetery

### **October 20<sup>th</sup> Walled Lake Amusement Park Presentation**

Rae may need step in and do the presentation in case Kathy cannot appear due to surgery.

**Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER**



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Display Cabinet currently features the Walled Lake Amusement Park & Casino pics and artifacts

## **Storage Unit**

Renewal payment is coming up. Do we want to keep it?

Kathy Crawford is the point of contact, invoices come to the Library, addressed to her.

It is a climate control unit. Do we believe what is stored there is worth keeping?

A School Bell

School Maps

We need to look at the Unit again and decide what to do

Need a new list from Betty with our appointment date and expiration date

As well as email and phone numbers of Commission members.

## **List for Parks Foundation**

We need to evaluate what projects we might want to have the Parks Foundation do

Example: For the Cemetery; a bench, historic markers, historically accurate plantings

## **City Ordinance for Commission**

Ordinance still says it needs 5 voting members who are residents of Novi plus 1 member of the Hist. Society (no longer exists), a Rep from the Library, Rep. of superintendent of Novi School District, and a Rep. of the City Manager.

We need to find out how to change this to update it and also increase our membership to 7 voting members (if we have 7 members, then we can get 5).

We need to promote ourselves to encourage people to join our commission

New Business/Other Business: **None**

**Adjourn: 8:40pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 26, 7pm**