



# NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 26 2017 7pm  
Novi Library History Room

**Call to Order:** 7pm

**Attendance:** Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Betty Lang, Sue Gifor, Kathy Mutch

**Approval of Agenda:** All in favor

**Approval of Minutes-March, 2017:** All in favor

**Communications:** Invite to Spring Palooza, Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
Wooden Nickels, Brochures, Display board.

## Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

### **HISTORY ROOM OPEN HOURS**

May 8 (12-2) Kathy May 15 (6-8) Kim Nice  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 12-2 Tammy-Lee June 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8 Kathy Crawford  
July and August by Appointment

The Local History Room along with Kathy Mutch and John MacInnis is working on a history project about the Novi Fire department. Photo gallery, Timeline and Oral History Rachel Manela will be interning in the local history room from May-August 2 days a week to help with this project and other library needs.

The Commission website has been updated.

### Upcoming Library/Friends Programs

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: Highland Fling at 7pm**

**“On the Road” trip with Kathy and Gail. Friday, April 28**

### **Local History Room Tour with Betty?**

All commission members need to schedule a tour with Betty to better acclimate themselves with the room.

**Wooden Nickels:** Arrived! (Promotional tokens)

Tammy-Lee is looking for information about the history of wooden nickels

### **Novi Cemetery on Novi Road**

Kathy Crawford has contacted Jeff Muck about getting Engineering to look at the back of the cemetery to ensure safety of people and cars. Also, maybe the pathways asphalt.

Could the city look into buying the parking lot property next to the cemetery so people could park there in order to walk more easily to the cemetery?

Concerns about the weeds and hedge stones in the back that need some attention.

Also, what can be done with the stones that have worn away due to the elements?



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## **Pavilion Shore Mural/Display**

Kathy Crawford asked when that would be going into the pavilion shore shelter, was told Tracey Ringle “has been working on the mural with community relations and is hoping to have the draft ready soon.” We had sent them pictures and information about the photos a year ago.

## **GOALS-2017 and beyond**

Tammy-Lee Knopp

### **Novi Cemetery Scavenger Hunt**

Tammy-Lee is going to go on a tour of the Woodmire Cemetery to learn more about how information about cemeteries is/can be presented.

### **Historical Calendar for City's 50<sup>th</sup>**

½ way done with December.

Starting with 1955 (1<sup>st</sup> year of Novi News) Looking for information about what was happening, what products cost.

Kathy Crawford

### **Headstone Research**

**Example: Morren, Goodell, etc.**

Wants to tell the stories of some of the older/more prominent names buried at the Novi Cemetery.

John MacInnis

### **Correcting and confirming the maps of historic sites of Novi**

Kim Nice

### **Local business interviews in prep for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Novi**

Rachel Manela

### **Event booking and management**

## **Upcoming Historical Commission Programs:**

### **War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017**

Flyer is up, Display case is finished.

Age was lowered to 12+

Facebook Ad was placed (\$14.00)

Flyer was sent to the high school and middle school

### **May 21<sup>st</sup> Document Donation Day, 2-4pm**

### **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Clean Up, 9-11am**

### **Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Discovering Michigan County by County, 7pm**

### **October 19<sup>th</sup>, Michigan Forgotten Boomtowns of Michigan that were forgotten,**

**Alan Naldrett, 7pm**

### **November 9<sup>th</sup>, French Festival, Genot Picor, 7:30pm**

All paperwork was completed for 2017-2018 calendar year of events.



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## Villa Barr

### **Book Sales**

### **Villa Barr presentation**

Kathy Mutch, returning the check the Commission gave her for her work on the David Barr Presentation. She will no longer be involved with any of our future presentations about David Barr or his home: Villa Barr. Communication between the commission and Kathy Mutch will maintain open communication in order to ensure any presentation/project we do concerning Villa Barr is done well with good information.

### **Display Cabinet Downstairs, Volunteer Sue Gifor, Cabinet Manager**

Possible Summer display: All of David Barr's Books, with the Villa Barr book in the center, advertising that it is for sale at the library by the Commission.

### **New Business/Other Business**

Possibly co-hosting an event in Spring 2018 with the Friends.

App- Clio; Connecting people with their local history. Considering logging in as an institution. Self curation, using them to make an app for your own community.

<https://www.theclio.com/web/>

Needs some significant infrastructure behind it, possibly partnering with the Library to make our own as an "institution".

**NEXT MEETING: NOTE: Wednesday May 24, 7pm.**

**Adjourn: 8:10pm**