



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Dhara Sanghavi, Tom Alexandris

Guests: Sue Grifor

Approval of Agenda ALL APPROVED

Approval of Minutes-August: 2017 Kim made 1st motion, 2nd by John ALL APPROVED

Communications NONE

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs

Trivia Night at the Library Sports Pub

Cook the Book

Document Donation Day Oct. 22nd

Pumpkin Fest at Tollgate

Local History Room Tour

Dhara and Tom had their tour

Cemetery Walk-a-Bout Saturday, September 9: RECAP

“Wildly successful”- Kathy Crawford

Turnout was good

It was very successful in explaining the importance of restoring and building up of the cemetery as a passive park

Thinking about the Future of the Cemetery

Inviting Dave Carter, Cemetery Restoration specialist coming to the next meeting

Ask him about different headstones, types of materials used

Thinking about talking to the City of Novi Planner, preliminary sketch, incorporate with city master plan

But, need to talk to Parks and Rec first since they manage the restoration and upkeep of the Cemetery

We need to re-do the historical marker sign

Sue Grifor Report on other Cemeteries

Presbyterian Church cemetery, Elmwood Cemetery,

How different Cemeteries developed and organized their tours and pamphlets

Sue Grifor: Update about Caleb Carr

When she first did research on him, she found nothing

Spoke with a woman from the DAR, explained that his marker from war of 1812 and wanted to know more information.

“Confirmed that the grave marking was placed by the DAR but the grave marking is incorrect. It was marked in 1914 but in 2013 a different DAR chapter decided to re-mark both Caleb Carr and Hooper Bishop’s graves because the original markers were missing. The National Office of the DAR approved Hooper Bishop but not Caleb Carr. No proof that service claimed to be his was



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his, and not a man with the same name. He was born and lived in Rhode Island at the time of War of 1812 however, there were 14 Caleb Carrs in Rhode Island at that time. Additionally, a descendant found that members of the family went to Canada after the war and were loyal to Great Britain.” Could not corroborate that the Caleb Carr in the Novi Cemetery is a War of 1812 veteran.

Second Grade at Parkview Community Project Thursday, Sept. 28 btw: 9-11

Rachel and Dhara will be going to the Elementary School. We will have a display to talk about family trees, wooden nickels, school work of the Fuerst Sisters, toys

Council Request regarding Veterans

Council Member Wrobel and the Council voted in favor of developing/creating the display. Kathy Crawford spoke to the Mayor about our concerns and the creation of criteria for who will be included on the display.

Council needs to decide what the parameters will be, and then we can start the research.

One parameter we have: Killed in Action (but that has different ways of approaching it)

Will we include POW and MIA?

HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR FALL: please put on your calendar

Flyers are now available that cover all the 2017/2018 programs.

Discovering Michigan A to Z	Barbara Vandermolen	Sept. 28
Ghost Towns of Michigan	Alan Naldrett	Oct. 12 th
Stories, Songs and Dances of the Voyageur	Genot Picor	Nov. 9

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

Displays used to advertise the events

VILLA BARR

Presentation On hold

GOALS-2017 and beyond

Novi Cemetery Research/budget items

Historical Calendar for City's 50th

Novi Fire Dept.

Headstone Research for Knapp and Novi Cemeteries

Looking into a History App

Local business interviews in prep for 50th

Kim is sending out an Email Thank you to the people who came to the Cemetery Walk-About



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Expenditure Approval

\$18 for Rachel Manela (Evites for cemetery Walk-A-Bout)

\$20 for Dhara Sanghavi (Toys for Student Event)

Motion by John MacInnis, 2nd by Kim Nice, ALL APPROVED

Community Outreach with programs (Walled Lake/Cemetery/Early Farms)

We need to start developing these

WEBSITE UPDATES

Fix Dhara's last name on the Website: Sanghavi

Add pictures from events

NEW BUSINESS/Other Business

Discussion with Jeff Muck regarding Pavilion Shores lack of Bathhouse pics

We would like this problem remedied

NEXT MEETING: NOTE: **Wednesday, October 25, 7pm**

Adjourn 8:45pm