



# Novi Historical Commission

Wednesday, October 26 2016 7pm

Novi Library History Room

**Call to Order:** 7pm

**Introduction of Guests:** Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Betty Lang, Sue Grifor, Kim Nice, Stephen Winterbottom,

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Approval of Minutes-September 2016:** After some discussion, Approved

**Communications:** None

A bill for the Commission's portion of Engage sept.-Dec. 2016: Approx. \$255

Motion to approve, John MacInnis, 2nd by Tammy-Lee Knopp

All Approved

## **Kim Nice, Ambassador Program**

Ensuring that the Commission will be involved to present to the new Ambassador class about our commission and volunteering or serving on the commission.

## **Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang**

### **Upcoming Events**

Heritage Quest talk, Saturday Nov. 5 1-3pm

Friends Program: Under your Keel, Tuesday Nov. 15 at 7pm

About researching the Great Lakes with Daniel Harrison

## **History Room Hours: Mon. Nov. 7 12-2 John MacInnis and Kathy Crawford**

**Mon. Nov. 21, 6-8pm Kim Nice and Sue Grifor**

Making Sure Library Staff know who is supposed to be there so they know who to call if someone does not show up.

### **Document Day- Sunday October 23rd 2-4pm**

5 people came, 3 of whom were from the commission

Betty was happy to have members of the commission there

Arlene Somerville brought photos and programs from class events

New type of publicity was used: Small flyer placed in older people's books

Posted on our Facebook and the "I grew up in Novi Facebook"

Speaking before events

Next one will be in May

### **Spotlight on Novi History**

Aug: Ad

Sept. Name of Novi

October: First Settlers

Members of the commission are encouraged to write their own short pieces about Novi's history. 3-4 sentences, give them to Betty and she will put them in the Newsletter



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## **Walled Lake Presentation-October 20 (Thanks Rae)**

About 25 attendees, it was a successful event

We got emails of some people who attended and how they heard about the event

Library poster, Email from the library, from commission members

Do we want to continue to have coffee at our events?

The coffee is not being used but the small water bottles are being used

City videographer was there, not sure how much he filmed

## **Villa Barr**

**Book sales** No updates yet

**Villa Barr Presentation:** Kathy Crawford reached out to Margie to see if she wants to be a presenter for us

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

Kathy Crawford had a good time, presenting for "Off the Beaten Path" for Fox Run

Some city Photographers and videographers were there also

Concerns about the back of the Novi Cemetery, big cliff you may fall off. We need a fence or sign warning that there is a steep drop off. Contacting Parks and Rec about remedying this safety issue.

**Grave Documentation:** City is mapping the graves

**Plantings,** Thank you to John O'Brian for the donation of the flowers

**Volunteers from Fox Run:** May take a hedge-stone and research the family

Norm Young has been working to add information from burial permits, lot numbers and names where names have gone missing.

**Novi Parks Foundation "Needs/wants" list**

What are ways we can enhance the cemetery?

Paved pathway, defined driving area

Parking lot

Timeline

Signs to identify all of the veterans

Park benches

Fence

What about erosion on the back of the cemetery?

City engineers said the land is firm, but its still concerning, the Trains that go by shake the ground. Perhaps we need a new retaining wall?

## **Walled Lake Amusement Park at Novi Rotary, Oct. 27 12pm Suburban Showplace**



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## Historical Commission Programs for Spring

Detroit History Tours presents "Wild Women of Detroit" March 2, 2017

War Dog Memorial Presentation May 11, 2017

### For Next Year 2017/2018

Sept. Barbra J. Vandermolen "Michigan from A-Z"

Oct. Dr. Ari Berk, Folklore and Mythology

Nov. Genot Picor, French Social Gathering

February: Lois Keel, Underground Railroad

March: Michigan Women's Hall of Fame "Petticoat Patriots, how Michigan Women got the vote"

April: Detroit Historical Society: "Detroit and the War of 1812: Border Crossings"

## Display Cabinet Downstairs: Volunteer and Cabinet Manager, Sue Grifor

Keep the Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino display up until January, and in January put up a display related to the Wild Women of Detroit Presentation

## Storage Unit?

No bill received yet

Is what we have there enough to keep the unit?

Do we ever envision having a museum?

The city of Novi does not have a historic district and not many artifacts

To have a museum we would need more people, lots of money, man hours, grant writing

The pulpit and the Bell should definitely be saved

Novi China?

We will renew the Storage Unit one more time

**Ordinance Update** Making sure the City Council and City Clerk know we need an update to our charter/ordinance

## Website updates

It is being kept up to date.

Pictures from events

**New/Other Business:** None

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 22nd, 7pm

Rae will have to see if she can make it to the meeting due to class

John Will have to let Kathy know if he will be back.

**Adjourn: 8:30pm**