



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order 7:10pm

Commission Member Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Kim Nice, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Tom Alexandris

Absent: Dhara Sanghavi

Introductions of guests: Sheryl Walsh (Dir. Communications/Community Relations City of Novi), Sue Grifor (Volunteer), Betty Lang (Library Liaison), Laura Casey (Council Member), Al Bialek

Approval of Agenda: ALL APPROVED

Approval of Minutes- January, 2018 ALL APPROVED

Communications NONE

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

New Member Appointed to the Historical Commission: Milan

Engage Bill signed by Kathy Crawford

Budget needs to be sent to Julie

Betty gave us the names and emails of people who attended our events so we can send an email about new events to them.

Speakers are now paid after the fact of the event. The city now sends the check directly to the speaker. It may be 3-4 weeks before they are paid.

THANK YOU to the Friends of the Library for the Felt Display board with case!

Betty gave us a catalog and suggested we speak with Marcia at the Novi Public Library about buying a banner or Table skirt for tables at events.

Design: City of Novi Logo --- Novi Historical Commission --- City of Novi Logo
Blue lettering on a White background

Upcoming Library/Friends Program

April 17 –Adventures into Michigan’s Past

Conferences/History Skills Workshops March 23-24

History Room: March 5, 12-2: Rae Manela March 19 6-8 Kim Nice

April 2, 12-2pm: Kathy Crawford April 16, 6-8: Kim Nice



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Special Guest: Sheryl Walsh; "City 50th Celebration" Sheryl Walsh

Laura Casey and Mayor Bob Gatt will be on the Planning committee for the 50th
Who else should be on the committee?

What did 50 years ago look like? Music, movies, Moon landing etc.

GOAL: A Year-long (2019) Celebration

Each month the city events will be built around the 50th anniversary

Change the City logo, the website, banners,

Tying in the Decades

70s, 80s, 90s, 00s

12 videos each month

Example: The Library, Police, Fire, Retail, Notable people

How can the Historical Commission connect our efforts with the city to help with research and planning?

Large Events:

Spring Palooza

Picnic at Pavilion Shore and Lake Shore Park

Selling T-Shirts

Oral Interviews: Tell your Novi Story

Share Photos

Calendar: Then and Now

Searching through old Newspapers

In-house graphic designer will lay it out

The Historical Commission can help research

Sheryl's Suggestion for the commission:

Think about what the 12 videos should look like

The Library

Police What did 50 years ago look like? Music, movies, Moon landing etc.

Talking to the Schools

Create a presentation about the 50yrs of the City of Novi

Created so members of Youth Council can deliver the presentation?

Chamber of Commerce

Joint Business Profile/Directory

Feature businesses that are 50 years old

Make a list of people to interview



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History Display event?

What Memorabilia do we have?

Novi Monopoly

City of Novi dishes

Walled Lake Amusement Park/Pavilion Shore Archeology case

Novi Fire Department Helmet/Badge

Judge's Gavel

School yearbooks

School Bell

Pulpit

Photos, Maps, Articles

Display at Novi Civic Center

Do businesses have things we can borrow to display?

Time Capsule (from the 1980s)

Should We Open it?

Should we make a new one to show how we celebrated the 50th?

Document Donation Day: May and October 2018

Post it more broadly, Focus it on 50th anniversary

Re-cap of Feb. 8 program, Rae

Underground Railroad storyteller was a hit!

She spoke about Michigan's connection to the underground railroad

About 27 attendees with about 36 people who signed up

City Council Presentation-Monday, March 12, 7pm

Kathy Crawford

2 year report of what we have achieved

GOALS/Objectives for 2018/19

Tom Alexandris

What cultural/immigration groups have come to Novi?

Immigrant Story

Tammy-Lee

Getting children involved

50th anniversary calendar

Kim Nice

Treasurer

Interviewing businesses for the 50th

Getting businesses more involved, volunteering

Educating them about what the Commission does



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Rachel Manela

Planning the events for 2018-2019 year

Walled Lake Casino presentation Fri. March 9, 11:30am-Nov/Novi AAUW

Discussion items:

Budget Report-financials at ALL mtgs.

Kim Nice

Change of meeting day in 2019

3rd week Wednesday of each month

Parks and Rec award for Pavilion

Michigan Parks and Recreation Award!

City Council

In the Budget: Continue restoration of the cemeteries

Spring Palooza

Friday, May 19th 6-8:30pm

HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS: please put on your calendar

Thursday, March 29 7pm "Petticoat Patriots"

Thursday April 26 7pm "Detroit and the War of 1812: Border Crossings"

2018/2019 Calendar Event Dates

Thursday Sept. 27th 2018:

Thursday Oct. 25th 2018:

Thursday Jan. 24th 2019: (Early) History of Novi? Novi before it was a city

Thursday Feb 28th 2019: Novi's Farm story? Tollgate? The Way we were?

Thursday March 21st 2019: Novi/Local Women? Tools women used?

Thursday April 25th 2019: Walled Lake Amusement Park Presentation?

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

Ideas for new displays

WEBSITE UPDATES

NEW BUSINESS/Other Business

Case for Commission only documents

Minutes, flyers information about social media accounts, treasury info

NEXT MEETING: NOTE: WEDNESDAY, March 28, 7pm

Adjourn: 8:47pm