Call to Order 7:05pm
Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Dhara Sanghavi, Sue Grifor, Betty Lang
Approval of Agenda APPROVED
Approval of Minutes-June, 2017 APPROVED
Communications NONE

WELCOME new members; Tom Alexandris (was absent at this meeting) and Dhara Sanghavi

Introductions of Commission members: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, John MacInnis, Jim Nice (Tammy-Lee Knopp was absent at this meeting)

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang
Upcoming Library/Friends Programs
Local History Room Tour
John, Dhara, and Tom still need to have a tour

Overview of Commission projects
Pavilion Shore Pictures
Kathy Crawford met with Jeff Muck to discuss the historical photo display that is supposed to be in the newly built Pavilion at Pavilion Shore Park.
To be installed before Pour on the Shore

Novi Cemetery Updates
Continued, Kathy Crawford’s meeting with Jeff Muck
Kathy talked to him about the drop-off at the back of the Novi Road Cemetery
A gate with a lock on it was placed on the road to stop people from driving too far back.
Cement blocks at the cemetery are being used for restoration at the
We got a topographical map of the cemetery and sent it to Roy Prentice to ensure we can map the trees
The city has completed the GPS of all of the headstones
Looking to see if we can identify hand carved headstones vs catalog ordered headstones.
Cemetery Walk-A-Bout Saturday, September 9, 10am
Components: Headstones, History of Novi in 1800s, Cemetery history
Need invitation for City officials
Photo of the front Gate, “Cemetery Walk-A-Bout”
Electronic and Physical paper invitations
ask for RSVP by September 1st
Refreshments provided
Include commission members names
Ask people to park at Panera and Across Novi Road, if people park in the cemetery, they need to pull around the whole loop
Invites go to
Library Board, Friends of the Library, City Council, Parks and Rec Foundation, Parks and Rec, Cheryl Walsh, Wendy
Invites will go out August 19th
We want to present a history of the cemetery, notable names; ie: Someone who was at the meeting when they decided on the name: NOVI.
Meet 6pm Monday, August 14th to plan the Walk-A-Bout
Kathy wants to provide the guests with a folder/pamphlet with information in it.
We want to tell an interesting story

CITY COUNCIL REQUEST:
Have the names of any Veterans who were “killed in action” to be placed on the marker at City Hall.
Kathy Crawford needs to have a meeting with Wayne Wrobel explaining the potential pitfalls of a project with this. We need to decide what war, what “killed in action” means, will we include POW MIA? What defines “Novi residents”,
Before we can start on any research, the City Council needs to help us define the parameters. It will be a huge task.

GOALS-2017 and beyond
Novi Cemetery Scavenger Hunt Tammy-Lee Knopp
Historical Calendar for City’s 50th Tammy-Lee Knopp
Novi Fire Dept
Headstone Research
Local business interviews in prep for 50th
HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR FALL:
Flyers are now available that cover all of the 2017/2018 programs.

Discovering Michigan A to Z  Barbara Vandermolen  THURSDAY  Sept. 28 7pm
Ghost Towns of Michigan  Alan Naldrett  THURSDAY  Oct. 19 7pm
Stories, Songs:  Genot Picor  THURSDAY  Nov. 9 7:30pm
Dances of the Voyageur

VILLA BARR
Book Sales
Villa Barr presentation

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS  Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER
Next display will be related to our next program:
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WEBSITE UPDATES
Be sure to check out the website and see if anything needs to be updated.

NEXT MEETING:  NOTE: Wednesday, August 23,  7pm
Adjourn: 8:45pm