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
Special Guest: Sheryl Walsh; “City 50th Celebration”  
Sheryl Walsh

Laura Casey and Mayor Bob Gatt will be on the Planning committee for the 50th anniversary.
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
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
Rachel Manela
Planning the events for 2018-2019 year

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