



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Kathy Crawford, Sharon Larson, Debbie Wrobel, Kelly Kasper, Dan Pierce and Randy Van Wagnen

ABSENT: None

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rae Manela (Library Liaison)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES: APPROVED

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2024/2025 Fiscal Year			
	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Thru September 18, 2024	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 500.00	\$ (101.74)	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 900.00	\$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	
Storage Unit	\$ 2,750.00	\$ (2,400.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Special Project Items	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
Betty Lang Internships			
Oral Histories			
City/Community Event			
Photography			
TOTAL:	\$ 23,850.00	\$ (2,501.74)	\$ 21,348.26
Equitable Projects			
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD	Expenditures	Revenue Rec'd	
Wreaths Across Novi Project			

Treasurer's Report: APPROVED – There was one expense for the display case this past month. No other expenses.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

History Room Office Hours:

Mon., Oct. 7 (12 – 2p.m.): Kim Nice and Debbie Wrobel

Mon., Oct. 21(6 – 8p.m.): Randy Van Wagnen and Kim Nice

Monday, Nov. 4 (12 – 2 p.m.): Kathy Crawford and Debbie Wrobel

Monday, Nov. 18 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kelly Kasper and Daniel Pierce

Document Donation Day: The Commission will host another Document Donation Day on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 1-3 p.m. Sharon Larson, Debbie Wrobel and Kim Nice will support the event from the Commission.

Villa Barr Books: The Novi Public Library has Villa Barr books for sale and will put a flyer for the books in one of the main floor kiosks.

2024-2025 Speaker Series: The upcoming 2024-2025 speakers series presentations are:

- September 26 – Guardians of Michigan
- October 22 – Michigan Haunts
- November 21 – Great Lakes Storms of the Century

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Northville Genealogy Society: The Northville Genealogical Society is moving their “office hours” in the Local History Room to the last Monday of each month.

Richmond Simmons Home: The Commission has been asked to work with the city on possibly purchasing the house. The Commission is interested in potentially asking the city for a historical marker. The Commission is waiting for a response from the city.

Pumpkin Fest at Tollgate: The Novi Historical Commission is participating in Tollgate Farms Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel and Randy Van Waggen will staff the Historical Commission table/display.

Library Open House: The Novi Public Library will have an open house on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 2-4 p.m. Kim Nice and Kelly Kasper will staff from the Commission.

Senior Day at the Library: The Novi Public Library is hosting Senior Day at the library on Monday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Commission will open the Local History Room. Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel and Sharon Larson volunteered to staff the room.

Did You Know Project: Sharon Larson and Dan Pierce will work on a content calendar for posting Novi Historical dates on the Commission’s Facebook page throughout 2024.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Wreaths Across Novi: The Novi Historical Commission will host the 6th annual Wreaths Across Novi ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 16. Kelly shared possible options for sublimation magnets to give as a thank you for sponsors.

Display Case: Kim Nice and Sue Grifor are working on a Michigan Haunts speaker display.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:28 p.m.