



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order 7:05pm

Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Dhara Sanghavi, John MacInnis, Tom Alexandris, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Kim Nice, Betty Lang, Sue Grifor,

Approval of Agenda ALL APPROVED

Approval of Minutes-July 2017 ALL APPROVED

Communications Request from Parkview Elementary to come talk to 2nd Grade students

Nametags and shirts requested for new members

New member list handed out

Tammy-Lee and John's positions on the commission end January 2018.

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs

Sept. 13th Kaleidoscope Series 1st event from Friends of the Library

Sept. 16th Saturday Road trip to Grand Rapids

Sept. 21st Evening Arts with Jazz, Cider, and Doughnuts

Sept. 27th Craft-tastic Wednesday: 3D Jewelry

OUR EVENT: Sept. 28th Discovering Michigan County by County

Local History Room Tour

Dhara, Tom and John need to schedule a tour with Betty

Dhara and Tom agreed to come Sept. 14th at 6:30pm

History Room Office Hours

Monday, Sept 18th 6-8pm: Dhara Sanghavi and Kim Nice

Monday, Oct. 2nd 12-2pm: Rachel Manela and Tom Alexandris

Monday, Oct. 16th 6-8pm: Kim Nice

Pavilion Shores pictures are up...was posted on Parks and Rec website

The pictures up at the Pavilion Shore Park

Sue Grifor: Went to see it and the pictures on display are fine, but none of the photos are of the Bath house. Additionally, the narrative talks about the casino but *not* the Bathhouse

Additionally, none of the Motor City markers has a photo of the bathhouse.

Kathy said she would talk to Jeff Muck about this concern



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Cemetery Walk-a-Bout Saturday, September 9 10am

Invitations went out

Cost of Printed invitations: \$22 and \$30 for postage

Online Invitations \$18

Total: \$70

Parks and Rec providing:

6 flags

8ft table

Small Igloo with Water and Drinking cups

10-15 chairs

10x10 Canopy Tent

Trash Can

Commission Members Arrive at latest by 9am

Research

Kathy will speak about general Cemetery information

1. American Revolution War: Veteran: Hooper Bishop

Researcher: Tom Alexandris

Presenter: Kathy Crawford

2. War of 1812 Veteran: Caleb Carr

Researcher: Sue Grifor

3. Civil War Veteran: Curtis Z. Pratt

Researcher: Dhara Sanghavi

4. WWI Veteran: Scott Dunham

Researcher: John MacInnis

5. WWII Veteran(s) Otto Regentik

Researcher: Rachel Manela

6. Vietnam Veteran: Vladimir Regentik

Researcher: Kim Nice

Stuffing meeting to make folders to provide information to visitors

What we want out of this event

Stopping the erosion

New Signs

Park Benches

Paving the U-shaped Road

Parking



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Second Grade at Parkview Community Project Thursday, Sept. 28 9-11am

About our role in the Community
toys/games, pictures, Wooden Nickels
School work from Fuerst Sisters
Felt Family Tree
Dhara Sanghavi and Rachel Manela

Council Request

War Memorial

Still need to find out what exactly they want

What qualifies as a Novi resident?

How do we get information?

Do we include POW/MIA soldiers?

Which wars do we include?

Etc...

What criteria have other communities used? Plymouth or Northville

Tom Alexandris has agreed to talk to the city in Plymouth to see how they made their monument, how they researched the names

Samuel White Burial Ground-Taft Rd./Nine Mile

Historic Home and there was a burial ground there

But the graves have been moved

HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR FALL:

Please put these on your calendar

Flyers are now available that cover all 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 and Dances of the Voyageur Genot Picor

Thursday Nov. 9 7:30pm

VILLA BARR

Working on developing a presentation related to his book and the property

Parks foundation is going to offer tours of the property and working on getting an artist in residence who will live there

Did the display case about the Villa Barr book generate increased sales?



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GOALS-2017 and beyond

Novi Cemetery Scavenger Hunt and Headstone Research

Historical Calendar for City's 50th (2019)

Novi Fire Dept.

Local business interviews in prep for 50th (2019)

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

September Display: Michigan A-Z

WEBSITE UPDATES Facebook link/Instagram

NEW BUSINESS/Other Business NONE

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, September 27, 7pm**

Adjourn: 8:40pm