



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June Minutes
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Kelly Kasper, Kathy Crawford and Dan Pierce,

ABSENT: Sharon Larson, Debbie Wrobel and Randy Van Wagnen

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rae Manela (Library Liaison) and Sue Grifor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES: APPROVED

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 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Thru June 26, 2024	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 500.00	\$ (46.67)	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 900.00	\$ (666.00)	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (509.10)	
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (853.93)	
Storage Unit	\$ 2,900.00	\$ (2,652.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,550.00)	
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (716.12)	
Legal Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Special Projects Examples: Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, MotorCities Markers, Omeka Intern, Betty Lang Plaque	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (15,681.85)	
TOTAL:	\$ 21,700.00	\$ (22,875.67)	\$ (1,175.67)
Equitable Projects	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue Rec'd</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD	\$ 2,281.10	\$ 100.00	\$ 818.90
Wreaths Across Novi Project-2023		\$ 3,100.00	

Treasurer's Report: APPROVED – Thank you to all the Commissioners for submitting expenses which included stickers and other expenditures for the Superhero Showcase. Three Villa Barr books were sold for \$60 that will be added to the budget.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

History Room Office Hours:

**There are no history rooms hours for July and August.*

Library Senior Citizens Day: The Novi Library will be hosting Senior Citizens Day on Monday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. With the history room scheduled to be open from Noon – 2 p.m. that day for normal office hours, the Commission agreed to keep the room open throughout the entire Senior Citizens Day event.

Northville Genealogy Society Seminar: The Northville Genealogical Society is hosting a seminar on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending, they can register for the event through the library web site. The event will be in the Board Room.

Document Donation Day: The Commission will host another Document Donation Day on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 1 – 3 p.m. Rae is asking for support from Commissioners to help staff the event. The last Document Donation Day did garner a donation.

Novi Historical Commission 2025 Meeting Dates: Meetings will remain the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Dates will be January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

2025 Office Hours – Rae asked if the Commission would decide on Local History Room Hours for 2025 by August at the latest. Kim Nice said the Commission would vote at the July meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Fox Run History Club Speaking Event: Kathy Crawford and Kim Nice will participate in a Novi history presentation to the Fox Run History Club on Tuesday, August 20 at 1 p.m. Kathy and Kim will bring Villa Barr books with them for sale.

June Speakers Event: There were around 70 people who attended the June speaker event on the History of the Detroit Coney. Attendees were very happy to have actual coney to eat as part of the presentation.

City Superhero Showcase: The event was well attended. The kids participating learned about five different historical landmarks in Novi. Candy bars, taffy and coloring pages were provided to kids as gifts for doing their questionnaire.

Fall Programming: There are three Novi Historical Commission speaker events in the Fall:

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

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Storage Unit Team Visit: The Commission will be visiting the storage unit on Wednesday, August 14 at 1 p.m.

Tombstone Images: Kim has worked out a path forward for covering the expenses of the Novi Photography Club members interested in helping take images of the Novi Road cemetery tombstones. Kim will schedule a follow up meeting in September to finalize everything.

Summer Display Case: The Commission is preparing to have a display on how Novi got its name. Kim and Sue are working on ideas and collecting items.

Internship Applications: Rae said there have been applicants for the Historical Commission internship for the Fall. She plans on doing interviews with candidates in July.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:29 p.m.