



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 7pm
Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Attendance: Rachel Manela, Kathy Crawford, Kim Nice, Tammy-Lee Knopp

Introductions of guests: Betty Lang (Library Liaison), Sue Grifor (Volunteer), Al Bialek

Absent: Tom Alexandris

Excused Absence: Dhara Sanghavi

Approval of Agenda: ALL APPROVED

Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2017: ALL APPROVED

Communications:

Correspondence from Jim Craft regarding future program

NOTE: Dhara will be out of the country until March 6

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

First Historical Marker – Location?

March 23rd and 24th Michigan in Perspective Conference

Members of the commission attending the conference can be reimbursed for their conference fee and their mileage.

Upcoming Library/Friends Program(s) Mark your calendar!

March 21st -The Man Who Made Detroit Beautiful

April 17 –Adventures into Michigan’s Past

History Room Office Hours:

Feb. 5 12-2pm Rachel Manela

Feb. 19 6-8pm Tammy-Lee Knopp

March 5 12-2pm Rachel Manela

March 19 6-8pm Kim Nice

Previous Discussion/Wrap-up

11/10 “Taking Oral Histories One Step Further”

Kathy Crawford Attended this Workshop

Obtained some release forms

Best advice: Just start!

Develop a Preservation Plan

11/21 Senior Executive Lunch at Lakes

Kathy Crawford Presented: The Walled Lake Amusement Park Presentation



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City of Novi 50th Anniversary celebration, Kim Nice
No further meetings yet.

John's Retirement from Commission

Served since 2009

How do we want to honor him?

Plaque from City Council

Need guidelines for who will be honored in the future

Our idea: Serving 2 terms: minimum of 6years

Council Request regarding Veterans

We still need guidelines from Council on what they define as a "Novi Veteran"

Guest – Al Bialek

Veteran's Showcase – Alan Bialek available on YouTube

Wishes to give a presentation about Veterans.

Our calendar is already set, but we may consider him for our presentation schedule in the future.

However, we need more information about what exactly his presentation entails, to see if it fits within our purview as a historical commission meant to put on educational events about history.

There was discussion about how he might be able to give us a sample of his presentation so we might better discuss it, and make a discussion.

City Council Presentation

Kathy Crawford needs to set up a date for to get on the calendar with Council to say what we have done in the past 2 years.

Kathy Crawford would like each commission member to send her bullet points of what we have accomplished in the last few years

Deadline to get your information to Kathy: By January 31st

Budget Prep: Proposed Budget

General Fund 101

Display Cabinet/Exhibit \$800

Marketing/Brochures/Engage \$800

Equipment/Supplies/Office \$500

Programs/Speaker Fees \$1,500

Storage Unit \$2,500

Acquisition: \$400

Conference/Continuing Ed: \$1,500

Special Projects: 6,000

Total: 14,000

We need an update on the Villa Barr Book sales, and a future presentation related to Villa Barr



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Commission Elections

Chair Person: Kathy Crawford
Secretary: Rachel Manela
Treasurer: Kim Nice
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New member

We don't know yet.
No one was appointed to fill John's vacant seat

Discussion- Commission Acquisitions

We need to buy an official Novi Historical Commission Table Skirt, and a lightweight and portable display board we can use to display photos/facts/information. We need these for future events.

Novi Rd. Cemetery-Jonathon Gartha-Novis GIS Technician

Past Discussion items:

Budget Report-financials at ALL mtgs.

Kim Nice is now Treasurer, she will keep track of our financials

Change of meeting day in 2019

CHANGED TO: Wednesday, Third Week of the Month 7pm beginning January 2019

Standard email list and mailing list

Being Developed, we need a list of event attendees from the library.

GOALS for 2018/19

2 Objectives each to focus on accomplishing our goals

HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS FOR FALL: please put on your calendar

Thursday, Feb. 8 7pm "Thank God for Michigan and Its underground Railroad"

Thursday, March 29 7pm "Petticoat Patriots"

Thursday April 26 7pm "Detroit and the War of 1812: Border Crossings"

DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER

WEBSITE UPDATES new Facebook link/Instagram/Twitter

NEXT MEETING: NOTE: WEDNESDAY, February 28, 7pm

Adjourn: 8:52pm