



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7 PM

Local History Room, Novi Library

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm

Chairperson: Kim Nice

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Sharon Larson, Randy Van Wagnen

ABSENT: Debbie Wrobel, Kathy Crawford

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Jeffrey LaFramboise, Rachel Manela (Library Liason)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved

TREASURERS REPORT: Sharon Larson

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT: Rachel Manela

High interest in upcoming library events

Sundays are on at this point (Digging Up History)

Lead on some interesting local historical photos, being pursued

Sept 17 -- Constitution Day

Request was made by Trileaf about a pole installation at 24101 Novi Rd attempting to discern whether this site "is contained in, or within the viewshed of a building, site, district, structure or object, significant in American History architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture, that is listed, or eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places or located in or on an Indian Religious Site." No comment was offered.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, May 18th	6-8 pm	Kim/Randy
Monday, June 1st	10:30-12:30	Kim/Randy
Monday, June 15th	6-8 pm	Debbie/Sue

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- City Budget Review Update
 - ☐ New end of year process.
 - ☐ 2026-2027 budget fully approved by City.
- Storage Unit Contract for new FY
- Novi's Community Impact Day-5-13-26 (Info Meeting Feb 12th, Kim to Review Project)
 - ☐ Did not participate
- Novi Note Request for Photos – See articles
- Summer 2026 Pgm. – "Dig Up History" (Rae, Kim, Randy) Sunday, July 12th
 - ☐ More meetings planned
- Fall 2026 Program Meeting-Updates
 - ☐ All approved
 - ☐ Working around the front door rebuild for September events

- ☐ October – Secrets of Michigan
 - ☐ November – Fairlane presentation
- “Did you Know” Project – Sharon & Daniel to resume.
- Miniature Project, Part II – Kathy/Randy & Team (Schedule E/O Friday 1-4)
 - ☐ To resume in August
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - City of Novi - CommunityFest, Thursday, June 4th 4-8pm – Kim, Sue, Debbie, Sharon
 - Wednesday, June 24th – When Mark Twain Came to Michigan at 7pm

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Omeka
 - ☐ Exploring new options.
- Display Case – Sue/Kim
- By-Law Review – Ongoing process (will review again in June 2026)
- Villa Barr Book Sales New Sales and Front Desk
- Gravestone Photos – Kim & Rae
- Cemetery Sign Update for Knapp Sign – Kim & Kathy

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7pm

ADJOURN: 8:06 p.m.