



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

July Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Kelly Kasper

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES: APPROVED

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Thru July 17, 2024	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
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 Betty Lang Internships Oral Histories City/Community Event Photography	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
TOTAL:	\$ 23,850.00	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ 21,450.00
Equitable Projects Villa Barr Book Sales YTD Wreaths Across Novi Project	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue Rec'd</u>	

Treasurer’s Report: APPROVED – The Historical Commission was within budget for the fiscal year. The Historical Commission received its annual expense for its storage locker for \$2400.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

History Room Office Hours:

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

Donations: Rae Manela received several donations from a Novi resident that included Novi High School class photos, Wildcat Roar newspapers, football coupon book and more. Kathy Crawford also made a photo donation of city events including the 50s Fest and the Motorsports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

Human Library: The Novi Public Library will be hosting a Human Library. Started in Denmark where people could “check” people out to learn more about a person’s past. Some may have been a farmer, soldier, survivor of a disaster, etc. Once “checked out,” the subject will engage in a conversation for 30 minutes with the person who signed up to hear their story. The Human Library will take place on Nov. 9. People interested in being a human library “book” can register from July 26 – Sept. 30.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Local History Room Hours: The Historical Commission voted to change the Local History Room office hours. Starting in 2025, the Local History Room will be open 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month and 6 – 8 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

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

Fox Run History Club Speaking Event: Kathy Crawford and Kim Nice will participate in a presentation on the history of Novi and Walled Lake Amusement Park to the Fox Run History Club on Tuesday, August 20 at 1 p.m.

Northville Genealogy Society Seminar: The Northville Genealogical Society is asking to revise the dates they use the Local History Room to the last Monday of each month.

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.

Villa Barr Book Sales: Rae Manela is looking into whether the Commission can have Villa Barr books for sale at the library's front desk.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Tombstone Images: Kim continues to work on 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.

Wreaths Across Novi: The Novi Historical Commission is looking at hosting the 6th annual Wreaths Across Novi ceremony on Nov. 16.

Display Case Update: The display is now showcasing the truth of Novi's name along with historical facts about the city.

Miniature Project Update: Randy Van Wagnen said he would have the 3-D printed project done for next month's (August) meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 21 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:29 p.m.