



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7 PM
Local History Room, Novi Library

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m. **Chairperson:** Kim Nice

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Sharon Larson, Debbie Wrobel,
Randy Van Waggen

ABSENT: Kathy Crawford

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rae Manela (Library Liaison), Sue Grifor,
Hannah Winkles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APPROVED

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sharon Larson

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2025/2026 Fiscal Year				
	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES		
		Thru April 15, 2026		
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 700.00	\$ (94.17)		
Marketing\Brochures\Engage\Name Badges	\$ 900.00	\$ -		
Equipment\Supplies\Office\Upgrades\Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,830.23)		
Program\Speaker Fees	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (937.42)		
Storage Unit	\$ 2,750.00	\$ (2,220.00)		
Acquisition (Books\Materials\Subscriptions)	\$ 2,800.00	\$ (400.00)		
Conference\Continuing Education	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (277.95)		
Legal Fees	\$ 700.00	\$ -		
Special Project Items				
Betty Lang Internships		\$ (3,000.00)		
Oral Histories		\$ -		
City\Community Event		\$ (2,329.39)		
Four Corners Project		\$ (264.87)		
Photography		\$ -		
Special Projects Total	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (5,594.26)		
TOTAL:	\$ 19,350.00	\$ (11,354.03)	\$ 7,995.97	
Equitable Projects	Expenditures	Revenue Rec'd		
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		\$ 40.00		
Presentation for Wixom Historical Society		\$ 200.00		
Wreaths Across Novi Project	\$ 2,270.39	\$ 2,450.00		

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT: Rae Manela

- June: front doors are being worked on, so July program is being sited in West.
- Programming for fall under way, so by May 1 the commission needs its programs proposed.
- Library is down another staff member.
- Exploring more options for Omeka-like software.

History Room Office Hours:

- Monday, April 20th 6-8 pm Kim
- Monday, May 4th 10:30-12:30 Sharon/Debbie
- Monday, May 18th 6-8 pm Kim/Randy
- Monday, June 1st 10:30-12:30 Randy/Kim
- Monday, June 15th 6-8 pm Sue/Debbie

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Intern Project Presentation – Hannah Winkles
 - Hundreds of photos carefully and thoughtfully archived
- City Budget Review Update
 - 2026-2027 budget approved
- Novi's Community Impact Day-5-13-26– Commission not participating this year
- Novi Note Request for Photos
- Summer 2026 Pgm. – “Dig Up History” (Rae, Kim, Randy) Sunday, July 12th
 - Planning meeting – May 5
 - Rae has acquired many of our “artifacts” for the children to interact with.
- Fall 2026 Program Meeting-Kim, Debbie, Sharon, Sue-Review Updates.
- “Did you Know” Project – Sharon & Daniel to resume.
- Miniature Project, Part II – Kathy/Randy & Team (Schedule E/O Friday 1-4).
 - Next meeting
- July 28, August 4, August 18, August 25 /26 proposed as a possible date for a Freer co-event with the library. Follow-up meeting to be held between library and Kim.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, May 13th- Detroit's Voice of Summer at 7 pm
- CommunityFest- Thursday, June 4th 3-8pm Sue and Debbie
- Wednesday, June 24th – When Mark Twain Came to Michigan at 7pm

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Omeka
- 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, May 20, 2026, at 7pm

ADJOURN: 8:50pm