

**NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HISTORY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST MEETING NOTES**

**DATE:** August 18, 2005                      **TIME:** 6 PM

**GENERAL REMARKS**

Thank you to Jay Turner for attending our walking tour and adding his fascinating commentary. Jay's house was a highlight of the tour! Also many thanks to George Franck for leading our tour and providing the map and other information. Welcome to our visitors, Marcella and Ginger! We hope to see you at our future meetings.

Remember that action items are noted in the text of these meeting notes in bold italics to help us remember our commitments.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve welcomed the attendees. We are especially happy to see two new attendees, Marcella and Ginger, who we hope will become active members.

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve reviewed the agenda. *Steve will develop the next agenda and e-mail it to Beth for posting on the Website. Katherine will distribute it to the committee.*

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the July 2005 meeting were accepted with no comments. *Steve will review the draft minutes from this meeting and e-mail them to Beth when approved. Katherine will distribute the minutes to the committee when they are approved.*

**4. NPCA BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

Steve will forward the June and July Board Meeting Minutes to Committee members, so we do not take up meeting time with this discussion unless there is a critical issue.

**5. INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WALKING TOUR**

George provided the buildings of historical and architectural interest along University Avenue and the issues to consider listed on page 4 of these notes. He also drew the map on page 5 of these notes.

Possible projects for the History Committee include researching each building and posting the information in some format on the NPCA website; reactivating the informational plaque program initiated by Main Street; and updating the brochure developed by Main Street. The idea is to be proactive, and develop information in advance of formal historical designation. Main Street is focused on identifying business buildings. We could help with research and documentation of these and other buildings. For example, the residential buildings along University Avenue are not on the Main Street list.

We enjoyed our walking tour. George noted that the L-shaped Motor Mart at Arizona and University may not appear impressive, but it represents the first L-shaped shopping center, and marks the transition from trolley-line suburb commercial to auto-oriented commercial. The Carter Store, which is in sad disrepair, is Jay's favorite building for its eclectic Spanish Revival style. In the storage area in back we saw a disintegrating wooden carriage perfect for Jack's carriage house. Karon pointed out that Tia Titos Restaurant (formerly Cotia Taco) was the original Steven's-Hartley real estate building, and then was moved to become the miniature golf course shop building along University Avenue. The columns at the building corners represented golf bags, and there were golf balls on the top. Sol's Auto Supplies near University and Utah was a furniture store, and part of the signage remains (in case you were wondering what "FURN" meant). Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects was the reaction we got from customers of Tobacco Rhoda's bar. They were very curious why a group of people would be walking along University Avenue.

After our walk, we reconvened at Joan's house to enjoy snacks and wine, and socialize. At this point, the Secretary stopped taking notes!

University Avenue Corridor – Texas Street to Utah Street  
**NOTABLE BUILDINGS:**  
**Buildings of Historical & Architectural Interest**  
 Summer 2005

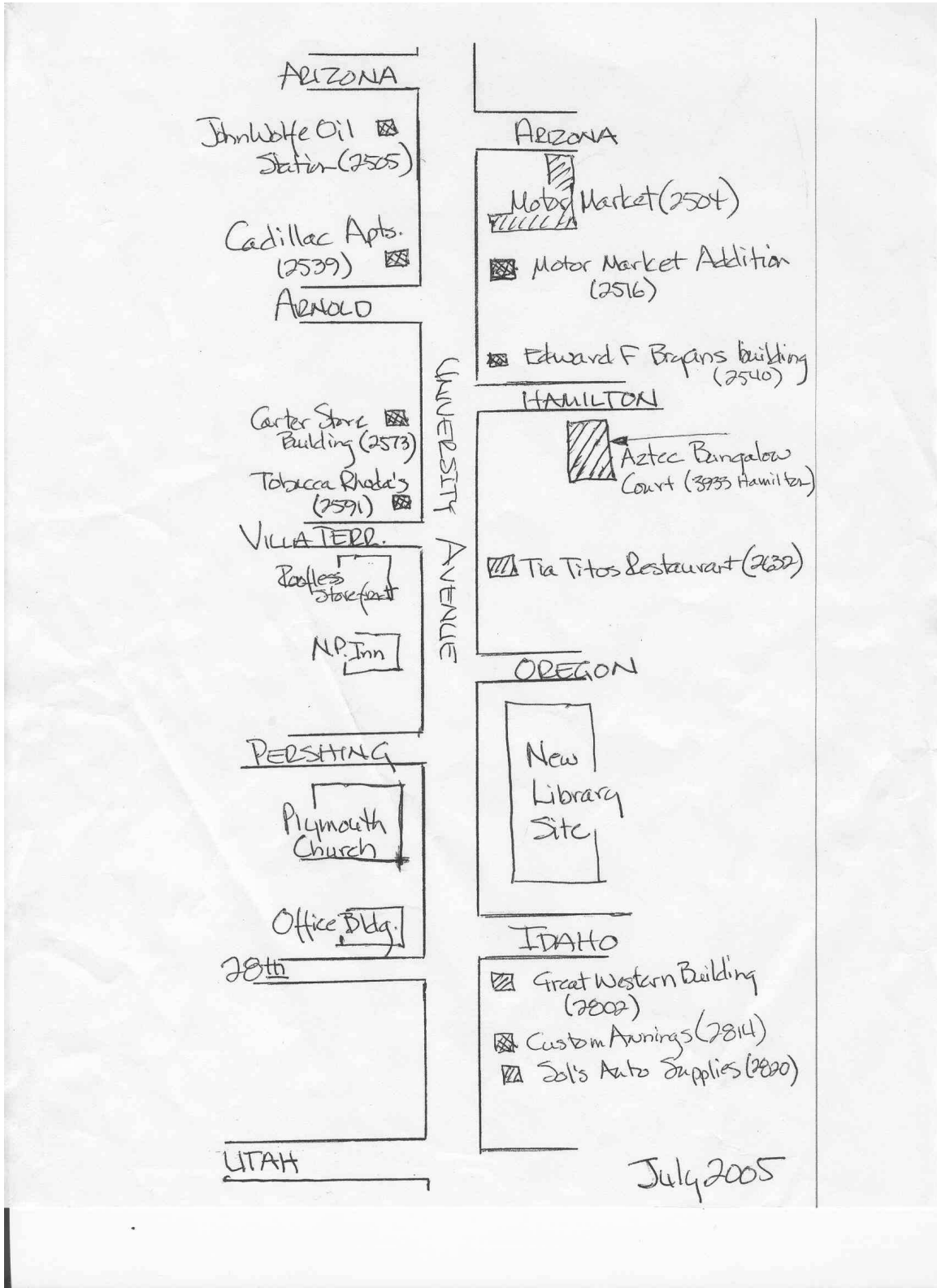
APN	Address	Description
445-701-13	2502 University	Arizona Motor Market*
445-701-14	2516 University	Motor Market Addition
445-701-17	2540 University	Bryans' Mixed-use Craftsman
445-702-10	3933-45.5 Hamilton	Aztec Bungalow Court
445-702-11	3914 Hamilton	Spanish Revival Bungalows
445-702-14	2632 University	Tio Tito's/Real Estate tract office*
445-712-10	2800 University	Craftsman/Mixed-use
445-712-11	2814 University	Moderne Retail/Awnings
445-712-12	2820 University	Retail/Sol's Auto/Furniture*
453-071-01	2505 University	John Wolfe Oil Station
453-071-10	2525-43 University	Cadillac Apartments/Mixed-use
453-072-09	2573-79 University	Carter Building/Mixed-use
453-072-10	2581-85 University	Western false front/Mixed-use*
453-072-08	2587-91 University	Tobacco Rhoda's/Mixed-use

\* Not included on the list of buildings adopted by North Park Main Street

**MAJOR ISSUES RELATED TO THIS SEGMENT**

1. Are buildings of historical & architectural interest correctly identified?
2. The designated Library site is on the north side of University between Oregon & Idaho Sts. This designation may be reconsidered.
3. A better pedestrian connection to Utah Street on the south side of University is needed.
4. Potential high-density redevelopment zones on University should be physically separated from lower residential densities on Wightman Street
5. Alley access should be provided to retail uses facing University. (With the proposed redesign of the street, there will be no loading zones on University.)

WEST END



EAST END