

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

DATE: September 21, 2006 **TIME:** 6:30 PM

NOTE: To help members remember their commitments; action items are noted in *bold italics* in these meeting notes.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve welcomed the attendees: Michael, Marcella, Joan, Bertha and George. Thank you, Ruth, for hosting!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve reviewed the agenda; there were no changes suggested. *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 August 2006 meeting were accepted.

4. DRYDEN DISTRICT

George met with Diane Kane, staff to the Historic Resources Board (HRB). The HRB is refining the criteria it uses to evaluate potential Historical sites and districts, as well as the procedures for gaining a historic designation. Because the historic district application process is in change, Diane reviewed an outline of the Dryden District application that the subcommittee developed. This outline is based on the most recent District application – the initial Mission Hills district.

Now that the HRB staff has reviewed the outline, *George will draft the Dryden District application report* with the assistance of the Dryden District subcommittee. Most sections of this application report can be drawn from text written by Alex Bevil and edited by Don Covington. The needed new sections are fairly short and do not require additional research. Once the application report is drafted, the subcommittee will approach homeowners again for their written support. *Joan offered to help in this outreach effort.*

5. ONCE UPON A TIME

Steve wrote the article for the September/October Community Association newsletter. The article is about tennis at Morley Field, featuring three notable individuals who trained there: Maureen Connelly, Wilbur Folsom and Fred Kinney. *Steve will post the article on the www.northparkhistory.org website after the newsletter is published.*

6. BOOK PROJECT

With the addition of a chapter on the 1940s, Katherine considers the draft text of the book to be complete. This final chapter covers the development of Palisade Gardens Skating

Rink, the Lafayette Hotel, and the JC Penney store, and was drawn primarily from material collected and written by the History Committee members. ***Katherine is currently compiling an Index. Joan and Michael and Karon will review this draft for consistent content, spelling and grammar.***

In a discussion of a publisher, Committee members concurred that the on-line publishing services would not be effective for this book because of format requirements and limits on the number of illustrations. Steve said that another publishing firm, Arcadia Books, learned about the book from our website. Arcadia Books expressed interest in publishing a book about North Park. Because of their standard format and copyright requirements, Arcadia Books would not meet our publishing needs. On the other hand, another company called Sunbelt Publishing may be able to reproduce the format. Although it requires no up-front fee, the company takes a significant percentage of sale revenues. Ruth noted that Sunbelt Publishing is willing to provide a number of books for sale at local events. Although the History committee sent an initial deposit to Tecolote Press (Carol Bowers) Publishing more than a year ago, this check has not been cashed. Also, Carol has not been responsive in requests for obtaining a printing estimate based on the earlier draft manuscript Katherine provided her. Karon has agreed with Katherine that we should pursue other means of producing the book. ***Katherine will coordinate further contact with Sunbelt Publishing.***

Katherine is compiling the previous paperwork with the San Diego Historical Society (SDHS) regarding their photos that have been purchased for use in the book. So far, records of two orders have been found at SDHS. Katherine is continuing to work with SDHS staff. Documenting the permissions to use the photos is very important.

7. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

Marcella has been helping Paul to refine the design of the website. Steve recently added 10 more "Once Upon a Time..." articles to the site. ***Bertha will look for paper copies of "Once Upon a Time..." articles for the years 2000, 2001 & 2002. Last month, Paul was asked to see how we can determine the number of hits there have been on the website.***

The Community Association has been working with a writer from the Reader on an overview article on North Park. Her initial contact was through the website.

The Lyric Opera will have the North Park Theater construction film transferred to DVD format directly from the original film that the History Committee provided to them.

8. NORTH PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT/NORTH PARK MAIN STREET DESIGN COMMITTEE

George and Steve provided an update on the University Avenue Historic District project to the Main Street Board of Directors last week. Two years ago, the Main Street Board identified over 40 buildings that could have historic or architectural value. Since then, History Committee members have been collecting research on these buildings. George asked Main Street to consider an application for a State grant to fund this project in its upcoming budget process. Currently, Main Street is experiencing a funding shortfall; the

Main Street Executive Director resigned effective September 22, 2006. Bertha apologized for not completing her research.

9. NEW BUSINESS

We had no new business.

10. MEETING LOCATION

Call 619-574-6463 for the location of our next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 6:30 pm.