

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MAY 2010 MEETING NOTES**

**DATE: May 20, 2010**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

The first part of this meeting was a Business Meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) Board of Directors, and the second part was the activities discussion for the organization. The third part was a very enjoyable social event. Thank you, Ed for hosting!

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The following members of the NPHS Board of Directors were present:

George Franck  
Katherine Hon  
Steve Hon  
Ed Orozco  
Vince Rivera  
Randy Sappenfield  
Liz Studebaker  
Michael Thornhill  
Sharon Turner  
Bill Vivian  
Louise Russell

The following members of the NPHS Board of Directors were absent:

Patrick Edwards  
Jody Surowiec  
Paul Wade  
Hilda Yoder

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The May Agenda was accepted as proposed.

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The draft minutes from the April 15, 2010 NPHS meeting were accepted.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sharon sent the financials to the Board in advance of the meeting.

**County Grant under Community Enhancement Program:** Steve completed the application. The County reduced the grant program by half but did not eliminate it entirely, so we still have a chance. Steve will join the throngs pitching their applications in 2-minute presentations to the Board of Supervisors on June 14.

**ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

**5. WALKING TOURS**

The "twilight tour" of the commercial area is scheduled for **June 22 (a Tuesday) at 6:30 pm**. This date is ok with the North Park Theatre. Update: We have 2 sign-ups. We handed out lots of flyers at the North Park Festival. Bill and Jody handed out flyers at the Bird Park concert June 12. Tell your friends!

## **6. AUTO SHOW**

The Auto Show will be at the parking lot behind the North Park Theatre. The event is scheduled for **September 11 (a Saturday) from about 10 am to 2 pm**. This date is ok with the North Park Theatre. We may hold a morning commercial walking tour also. Awards will be done by ROK. There is room for about 65 cars. We will have our booth with our materials for sale. The group is coordinating with West Coast Tavern for a possible discount that day for attendees of the car show. The tentative budget was approved.

## **7. KLIKA SCHOLARSHIP**

Great Job Louise, Jody and Hilda! Our student recipient, Taylor Bazley, was very well spoken at the scholarship presentation by San Diego Councilmember Todd Gloria at the Festival of Arts. Congratulations to Taylor! The Klicka family also attended and came to our booth afterwards.

## **8. BOOK PROJECTS**

**New Book, 1946-Present:** The Book Group is invited to a planning meeting at the Hon's house on May 27.

**Reprinting the History Book, 1896-1946:** We have sold all but 7 perfect bound and all but 4 coil bound of the original 1700 copies printed. We have 200 more of the coil bound that were printed in January. We have placed the order for 250 more of the perfect bound ("coffee table") version.

**Burlingame, A Tract of Character, by Don Covington:** We have sold 35 of the 207 printed. SOHO took 12 and the San Diego History Center took 6.

## **9. NORTH PARK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Katherine reported the following sales at the North Park Arts Festival: 5 commercial tour guidebooks, 5 residential walking tour guidebooks, 9 perfect bound North Park history books, 3 coil bound North Park history books, 2 Burlingame books, 2 sets of notecards, and 1 membership. We handed out all of our flyers and book announcement cards. The posters got a lot of people to stop. The photo of the Palisade Gardens Skating Rink generated many comments about fond memories of roller skating.

Regarding the note cards, a woman who bought a set went through all of the cards to select the ones with photos of houses that represented six different architectural styles. It created a very nice collection and is an idea to consider for boxing up the sets. The cards are excellent quality.

## **10. NORTH PARK CHARACTER**

Katherine repeated her PowerPoint presentation on North Park character that she gave at the Community Plan Update "Open Mic" night on April 26.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Old House Fair will be June 19 (a Saturday). We will need lots of help at our booth for this lively event. Ed and Jody have volunteered to help. Steve and Katherine also will be there all day. Be ready to state your commitment at the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.

We want to continue to brainstorm about arranging an invited speaker event like the Ocean Beach Historical Society and University Heights Historical Society have. Michael saw a presentation by Jim Bregante about growing up in Little Italy and shared a flyer about it. Michael

asked if we might be interested in having this presentation. *Update: Bill, Vince, Louise, Jody, and Sharon all responded positively to the question in the follow-up e-mail regarding interest in scheduling this presentation.*

Update on software: Steve persevered in our quest to get the Adobe graphics-design software at a discounted price for non-profit organizations. He obtained the software through TechSoup for \$136. We had approved a budget of up to \$300 for this. The design software retails for \$1,300 to \$1,700. Vince will download the software and can then update the walking tour guidebooks and use the templates for our new tours.

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** June 17, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge.