

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

DATE: August 19, 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.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Patrick Edwards
George Franck
Katherine Hon
Steve Hon
Vince Rivera
Louise Russell
Randy Sappenfield
Jody Surowiec
Sharon Turner
Bill Vivian
Michael Thornhill
Paul Wade

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

Ed Orozco
Liz Studebaker
Hilda Yoder

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The August Agenda was accepted as proposed. Michael distributed a flyer about bringing back vintage trolleys. He also reported that the Little Italy fundraiser "When in Rome" was a great event.

We want to thank the *North Park News* for printing two "Once Upon a Time in North Park" stories in two recent issues: the article by Chuck La Bella and his daughter Sofia about their home on 28th Street, and the article by Ed Orozco and Jeff Vigneau about their home, The Cottage, on Utah Street. Look for more articles by NPHS members in the future, including an article by our newest member, Robert Hoy, which is now posted on the website. Check it out and see if you agree that the pony picture is adorable.

Katherine passed around a beautiful thank you note from Sharon Lamm, whose family lived in a home on 28th Street in the (we hope one day) Dryden historical district. George, Steve and Katherine arranged a special walking tour for Sharon and her family members. Sharon wrote, "The whole day was way over and above our greatest imagination. It brought back many memories. It is very special seeing an area that is as old as North Park being taken care of with love."

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the July 15, 2010 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website with one correction: PAC stands for "Project Area Committee."

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon sent the financials to the Board in advance of the meeting. She is tracking our inventory of books and note cards in QuickBooks. We have obtained revenue from contributions, memberships, and car show entries and sponsorships. We want to thank our Car Show Sponsors: Thomasville Contract, True North Tavern, Classic Machine, Hon Con Publishing, Friends of North Park Historical Society, A7D Graphic Design, and North Park Main Street for their support in funds and services.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

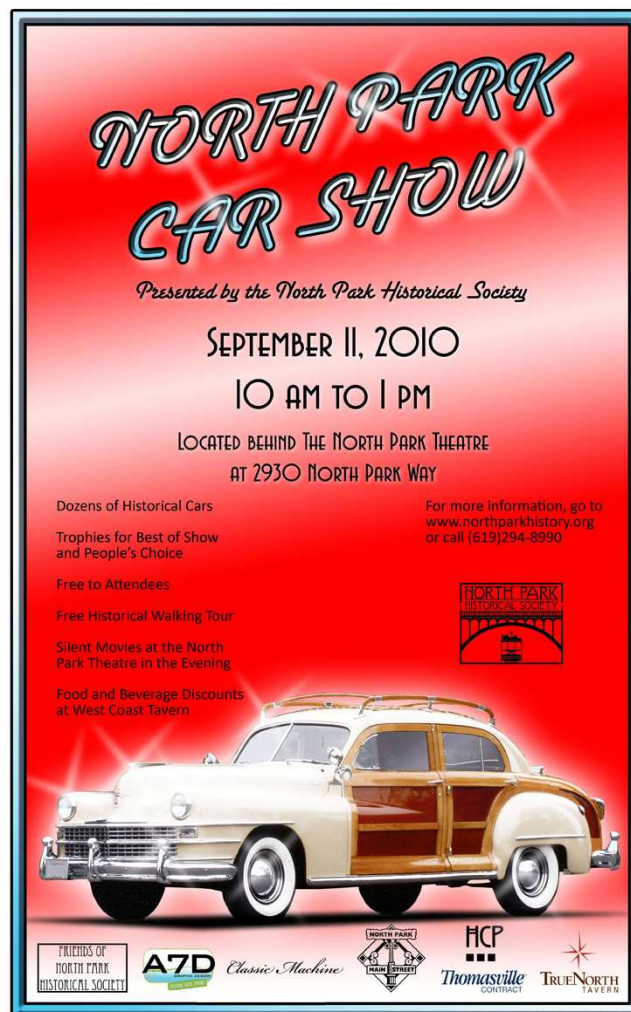
5. CAR SHOW

The Car Show will be in the parking lot behind the North Park Theatre. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 11 from 10 am to 1 pm**. We have 39 entries (and counting). West Coast Tavern will offer discounts, so be sure to go there for lunch after the show. Louise moved and George seconded to have a banner made at A7D, for cost of up to \$100. The motion carried unanimously.

Vince did a fabulous job on the poster! It is up around town thanks to Bill, Randy, Patrick, Paul, Sharon, Liz, Steve, Louise, and Jody (apologies if I forgot anyone). Special thanks to Paul for posting on Facebook and the website, and to Bill and Jody who handed out flyers at the NPCA concerts.

Helpers, please come to the parking lot at 8:00 am on Saturday. We need to set up the booth and signage, check in cars, direct drivers to their spaces, give them their display placards, and answer questions. When the show starts, we will gather groups of 10 or so who want to take a commercial walking tour at the booth and send them off with George, Patrick, or Michael, plus some helpers in each group. Guides, don't forget your megaphones! We have a two-sided handout with a list of the 32 buildings and a map on the back for the free tours. Attendees can purchase the full guidebook for \$5 at the booth. Dress in your favorite decade or wear your NPHS tee (remember your name tag). Michael will bring a 2010 NPHS calendar to have at the booth as an example. Patrick and Michael will bring traffic cones. Vince is preparing a placard template and Katherine will finish and print.

Our District 3 Councilmember Todd Gloria is set to come at 12:15 to announce the winners of Best of Show and People's Choice and hand out trophies. Louise will take photos. Parking is abundant in the parking garage for only \$5 for the whole day.



6. BOOK PROJECTS

New Book, 1946-Present: The Book Group enjoyed the tour of St. Augustine on July 29. Thanks, Louise, for recording the event and taking great photos! The group will not meet in August so we can focus on the car show. Louise is set to meet with Jay Turner to learn more about how getting North Park recognized as an arts district was a big part of the renaissance.

7. CALENDAR

We reviewed the fact that those taking photographs do not need releases or permission from home owners as long as the pictures of buildings are taken from the public right of way. Once the calendar is finished and available, we plan to drop off a thank you/congratulations card at the selected houses to note that the building is featured and where the calendar can be purchased. The group will review photos and start compiling the calendar, with the goal to be ready to order in early October.

8. SHIRLEY ANN PLACE

At the July meeting, Jerry Kwasek presented information about the Shirley Ann Place Historical District. The North Park Project Area Committee (PAC) had recommended that Shirley Ann Place ask NPHS for direction and support regarding a district marker. We obtained additional information subsequent to the meeting, including that other historical districts are marked by signs, not structures. Also it is important to keep in mind that Shirley Ann Place is actually in the University Heights Historical Society "jurisdiction," so we should defer to their recommendations and position. Consistency among districts was considered to be important, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion by Patrick seconded by George to support a sign similar to those for the other designated districts. *Update: A letter for the PAC was prepared and distributed by email on August 24, 2010.*

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Steve and Katherine will staff a table for NPHS at the Burlingame Block Party on Sept. 11 starting at 4 pm. It's going to be a busy day!

The Taste of University Heights and University Heights Arts Open will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 from noon to 5 pm at the Teachers Building Annex, 4100 Normal Street. NPHS will have a booth with other exhibitors on the lawn in front of this historic building. Ed, Jody and Sharon have volunteered to staff the booth that afternoon. Steve and Katherine will bring materials and help set up and take down. Parking is available in the lot behind the building off of Campus Avenue at Tyler Avenue.

On September 25 at 9:00 am, George and Patrick will lead a commercial walking tour for the Burlingame Club, subject to confirmation from the Club.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** September 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge.