

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

**DATE: October 21, 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. These notes include updates as of November 12.

**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  
Louise Russell  
Randy Sappenfield  
Jody Surowiec

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

Patrick Edwards  
Liz Studebaker  
Michael Thornhill  
Sharon Turner  
Bill Vivian  
Paul Wade  
Hilda Yoder

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The October Agenda was accepted as proposed. We all expressed our dismay at the news that a beautiful Craftsman home built in 1917 by Edward F. Bryans on Pershing Avenue within the proposed Dryden Historical District was severely damaged by fire. We hope the owners can rebuild and restore it.

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The draft minutes from the September 16, 2010 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. Revenue includes memberships and book sales. We want to welcome Garrett & Lauren and Sharon, our new members who learned about NPHS by coming to the car show. The Grove continues to sell the North Park history book and the Burlingame book. Expenses were for postage and the calendar proofs.

## **ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

### **5. BOOK PROJECTS**

**New Book, 1946-Present:** The group will skip a meeting in October. *Update: Vernetta with the Lions Club told Katherine that she found a number of scrapbooks from the 1960s with news articles and photos about Lions Club activities. We can coordinate a date and time to look at these.*

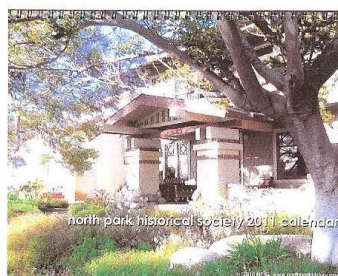
### **6. CALENDAR PROJECT**

The calendars are ready to be ordered. After discussion, George moved and Ed seconded to order 150 for sale plus the number that Board members order. The motion was approved unanimously. Louise moved and Vince seconded that we arrange for an ad in the North Park News for the largest size we can have up to \$200. The motion was approved unanimously. *Update: The final order was for 190. The calendars have been received, and Vintage Religion has them for sale. Cards are ready to be distributed.*

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### **7. SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS**

George investigated the applications to see if it would be appropriate for NPHS to support any or all of the projects. There were four: Cafe Calabria, Art Produce, Queen Bee, and Media Arts. The projects were for actions like tenant improvements, heating system enhancements, sprinklers and other refurbishing to save energy. It didn't appear that facades would be affected, and the Board did not take any action.

### **8. PLANNING ISSUES UPDATE**

Regarding the Dryden District, the historical resources consultant hired by the City reported at the Community Plan Update workshop on October 16 that they did not feel there was "visual integrity" for the homes north of Landis and recommended to the City that the district boundaries be changed to eliminate those 14 homes. At the workshop, Katherine pointed out that the homes that would be eliminated include 4 built by David Dryden. During the mapping exercise, all of the groups at the workshop supported including the 14 homes north of Landis and keeping the district boundaries as shown in the application submitted by NPHS. *Update: NPHS received an e-mail from City staff on November 9 noting that they will begin processing the Dryden District nomination in January 2011, with the goal to have the district designated by June 2011. This is very good news, but we will have to see where the City decides to set the boundaries based on their own field work.*

Regarding nominations of master builders, the City Historical Resources Board is considering developing a policy that would enable nominations to come to the HRB independently instead of only as part of a district application or a historical home designation application. We are interested in this possibility because we have nominated Edward F. Bryans to be a Master

Builder in the application for the Dryden District, and have not been sure when the district application would be processed. We are hopeful that one way or another, Edward F. Bryans will join the list of Master Builders in 2011.

#### **9. TOYLAND PARADE PLANNING**

The parade will be December 4 (the first Saturday in December) at 11:00 am. The Board approved sending in the entry fee of \$10. This year, we have a banner to string across some kind of pole and carry. Bill has volunteered his fine Mercedes convertible for up to three riders. Others can walk along. Louise, Ed, Steve, Katherine, and Randy are in. We hope Patrick the Hippie will shower us with peace and love again. Ed promised to find someone to be the Water Tower. We encourage all of our members and friends to dress in their favorite decade and join us. We will line up on Utah Street south of University Avenue this year. Start practicing that beauty queen wave!

#### **10. NORTH PARK WATER TOWER DESIGNATION PROJECT**

The City's historical resources consultant identified the water tower as a significant historical landmark that should be designated. City staff said they would favorably consider an application prepared by NPHS in coordination with the University Heights Historical Society. City staff does not have the time to prepare the application themselves, so the work by volunteers would be appreciated. George and Vince will work on the application, and George will coordinate with the University Heights Historical Society.

#### **11. BURLINGAME TOUR WITH BOOK**

George would support doing a tour of the Burlingame neighborhood using the reprint of Don Covington's book that NPHS produced this year. In a later conversation, Michael also supported this idea for our next walking tour.

#### **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Jody noted that there will be lots of fun activities at the Toyland Parade in addition to the parade itself, including a carnival and toy drive. Contact North Park Main Street (619-294-2501) for more information.

#### **13. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** November 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge.