

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

DATE: November 18, 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 December 22.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Patrick Edwards
George Franck
Katherine Hon
Steve Hon
Louise Russell
Jody Surowiec
Michael Thornhill
Sharon Turner

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

Ed Orozco
Vince Rivera
Randy Sappenfield
Liz Studebaker
Bill Vivian
Paul Wade
Hilda Yoder

Our special guest Margaret joined us. She is the owner of the beautiful Craftsman home built in 1917 by Edward F. Bryans on Pershing Avenue that was severely damaged by fire. She is working to rebuild and restore it to as close to original as possible. Welcome! We are so pleased she has joined NPHS. *Update: Katherine brought her a copy of the Bryans nomination submittal and a photo we had taken of her house in 2009.*

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The November Agenda was accepted as proposed.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the October 21, 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, book sales, and calendar reimbursements.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

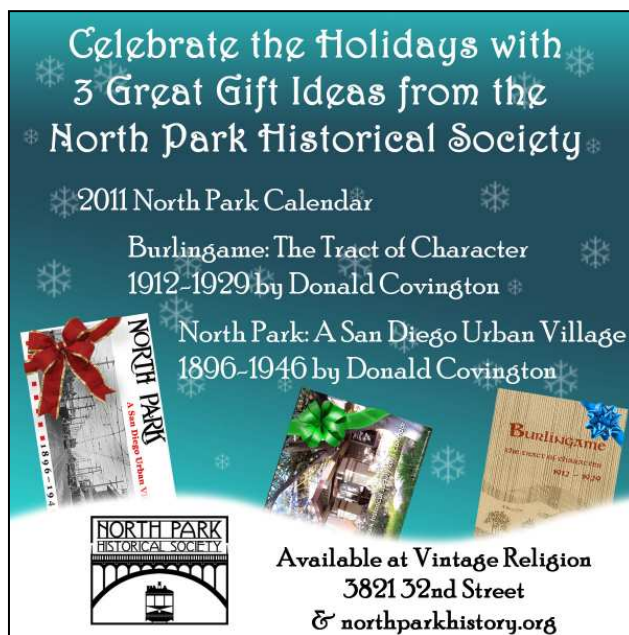
5. CALENDAR PROJECT

The calendar cards have been distributed at the apartments and taken to Olympic Cafe and Clarie de Lune. Vince did a great ad for the *North Park News* that showed the Burlingame book, North Park history book, and calendar. The calendar was an item in the North Park Main Street email blast. Tell your friends to go to Vintage Religion and buy it!

6. DRYDEN DISTRICT

We look forward to the City staff beginning processing the Dryden District nomination in January 2011, with the goal to have the district designated by June 2011. The schedule that the City proposes is as follows:

- January 4 – 6: Field work by staff.
- January 14: Distribution of notice for property owner workshop.
- January 21: Post the draft document on the City's website for public review.
- February 5: Property owner workshop to introduce district nomination and the responsibilities and benefits of district designation.
- February 11: Distribution of notice for second property owner workshop, as needed.
- February 14: Review by the Policy Subcommittee, as required by District Policy.
- March 5: Second property owner workshop to address remaining questions, as needed.
- March 14: Return to Policy for additional review, as needed based on comments received at the first Subcommittee meeting.
- April 29: First hearing by the HRB to review adequacy of the nomination, as required by District Policy.
- May 26: Second hearing by the HRB to designate the district.



7. TOYLAND PARADE PLANNING

We are in Division 3, and will line up south of University Avenue on Utah.

Update: The parade was December 4 (the first Saturday in December) at 11:00 am. It was glorious! Steve set up the banner on a pole and Sharon and Victor carried it. Bill drove his fine Mercedes convertible, with Louise and Ed doing great waves to the crowd. Patrick the Hippie showered us with peace and love again. Everyone especially liked his big peace flag, which had the additional advantage of letting us know where he was. Ed's nephew George was a great Water Tower; we heard many people comment afterwards that the tower was their favorite entry. We had every decade from the 1920s through 1960s represented,



with Michael the trolley motorman, Steve the shopkeeper in boater hat, Ed an early North Park real estate entrepreneur, Louise in 1940s mink glamour, Katherine in 1950s circle skirt and tennies, and Patrick in the real deal 1960s patched leather jacket and tie dye tee. We are also happy that Bob Bauer drove his MG Roadster. Right behind us was "Ruby" the 1954 Chevy from the car show (thanks for coming, Gary!) and ten fantastic low riders from West Coast Auto, who had three entries in the car show last September (thanks, Mike!) We encourage all our members and friends to join us next year. Anyone up for being a 1970s disco king? An elegant figure from 1910? Thanks, Paul, for these excellent photos!



8. NORTH PARK WATER TOWER DESIGNATION PROJECT

George and Vince are working on the application, and George is coordinating with the University Heights Historical Society. City staff informed Katherine that there is a fee to submit a nomination for a single structure (there is no fee for districts, so we hadn't thought about that). The fee at this time is \$1,185. We may not need to pay the fee until the application actually starts to be processed. Right now there is a two-year waiting time, as there are a lot of applications already lined up to be processed. Patrick noted that the PAC may consider designating funds for a plaque at the Water Tower.

9. BOOK PROJECTS

New Book, 1946-Present: The group is very interested in looking at the scrapbooks from the Lions Club that *Vernetta* found. A Wednesday in January would work for Vernetta to let us see them. Katherine will coordinate a date and time to look at these. Louise, George, Ed, Jody and Steve are interested.

Randy gave us a CD with photos of the Toyland Parade from the 1950s. This is when accordions were all the rage! Patrick would like to get a copy of the CD.



10. CONSERVATION AREAS

In the current historic surveys being produced, conservation areas are being discussed. There is enthusiasm for them as a means to protect neighborhood character, but no one knows exactly what they would be or how they would be mapped and implemented. George is working on this issue, focusing on El Cajon Boulevard.

11. BURLINGAME WALKING TOUR WITH BOOK

George, Michael and Randy are working on the route for a tour of the Burlingame neighborhood using Don Covington's book that we had reprinted as the guidebook. The Grove is interested in helping us promote the tour.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** January 20, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge. We will not have a meeting in December. Happy Holidays, everyone!