NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HISTORY COMMITTEE APRIL MEETING NOTES

DATE: April 21, 2005 TIME: 7 PM

GENERAL REMARKS

Welcome Corlee, our new History Committee member! Corlee has been active on the NPCA Board for several years, particularly on the Concert Committee, and is interested in preservation.

Remember that action items are noted in the text of these meeting notes in bold italics to help us remember our commitments.

1. AGENDA REVIEW

Steve reviewed the agenda. Steve will develop the next agenda and e-mail it to Beth for posting on the Website. Katherine will distribute it to the committee.

2. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the March 2005 meeting were accepted. Steve will review the draft minutes from this meeting and e-mail them to Beth when approved. Katherine will distribute the minutes to the committee when they are approved.

3. NPCA BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Items from the last Board meeting are summarized on the agenda and listed below.

- a) April 27, 2005 General Membership meeting starts at 6:00 and the History Committee presentation is scheduled for 6:30 pm. The Board Election is also at April 27 meeting.
- b) Treasure's report. \$641 in History Committee account
- c) Alley Clean-up April 30, 2005
- d) Spring Festival May 15, 2005
- e) Summer Concerts Bands selected are listed on the website
- f) NCPA review of select building projects
- g) Board voted to buy updated version of Adobe Acrobat

For the Spring Festival NPCA booth, the volunteers will be Ruth (first shift), and Katherine (around 11:00). Ruth will bring brochures. Corlee noted we will have a corner booth.

For the General Membership meeting, the program about the Dryden District is finalized. George will describe benefits of a historical district, the initial development of the district, architectural styles and Dryden homes, and other historical districts. Rob will discuss Bryans homes, and contributing and non-contributing. Karon will discuss Emil Klicka. Katherine will talk about memories from Nikki Nicholas, who has lived in her house on Pershing near Upas for 65 years, and some other families in the neighborhood

in the 20's. Katherine and George took slides. Katherine prepared a "doorstep" flyer about the meeting and distributed it in the District. Hon Consulting, Inc. contributed the printing.

5. ONCE UPON A TIME UPDATE

Katherine's Part 1 article about Harry Kelly appeared in the newsletter. Part 2 will be in the next issue. Katherine noted that Harry Kelly's grand-niece is the wife of the Frisbee Golf Course operator, and the history of this unique part of Morley Field may also be a good OUAT topic. Steve has an idea about St. Augustine's or San Diego High School's football teams, and has an Evening Tribune brochure that is historical in its own right about high school football teams from 1895 to 1965. Karon noted that Bob Klicka was on one of the teams that won a Championship.

6. BOOK PROJECT

Karon reported that the book is proceeding. She plans to meet next week with Carol (publisher). Karon has decided to pay the rest of the costs for publishing 500 copies herself, and will give the copies to NPCA to market and sell. She does not plan to pursue the contract. Tourist offices and the Historical Society are two venues that would be interested in the book.

7. ORAL HISTORIES

No report this month.

8. INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

We have draft lists of historical commercial buildings on University and El Cajon Blvd. Possible projects include researching each building and posting the information in some format on the NPCA website; reactivating the informational plaque program initiated by Main Street; and updating the brochure developed by Main Street. George will develop a draft work program for the committee to consider at the next meeting. He also will bring the current brochure and design of the plaques.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None was raised. But a rollicking discussion of North Park memories and general history ensued.