

**NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
HISTORY COMMITTEE
MAY MEETING NOTES**

DATE: **May 20, 2004**

TIME: **7 PM**

GENERAL REMARKS

Highlights of this month's meeting included awarding George with a nice bottle of wine (Dancing Bull, not Two-Buck-Chuck) for organizing such a great History agenda Board meeting.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Ruth reviewed the agenda. ***Ruth and Joan will develop the next agenda and e-mail it to Beth for posting on the Website, and to Katherine for distribution to the committee.***

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the April 2004 meeting were approved. ***Ruth and Joan will review the draft May 2004 minutes and e-mail them to Beth when approved. Katherine will distribute the minutes to the committee when they are approved.***

NPCA BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 26 at the North Park Recreation Center. There was no meeting in April. Bertha noted she wanted to appear before the Board because she has money left over from the Graffiti Response work that was given by the NPCA Board from several years ago. Would we want to ask for this money to be given to the History Committee? Steve will ask the Board this question. There is about \$100 left over.

Ruth asked Steve to be sure to get an update of our current bank account.

HISTORY COMMITTEE PROGRAM FOR NPCA APRIL/MAY BOARD MEETING

Diane Kane did a great job. It was agreed that this was an excellent presentation. The display boards that were at the meeting looked great. The video on construction of the North Park Theatre was interesting. It was too bad attendance wasn't large.

BOOK PROJECT

Karon went to her time share in Coronado to work on the book. She is working out the issues with the book.

Karon has bound Volume II that has an index to the OUAT newsletter articles, and the articles. She gave it to George to bring to the Historical Society. Dennis Sharp is the

person to contact. Karon has a Volume II that is messed up with pagination somehow. Karon has the originals. Karon gave the out-of-order book to Steve.

Karon asked for a volunteer to mark the subdivisions on the maps. The Gensler report has the subdivisions mapped. Karon wants them colored in a consistent red. ***Ruth will do this.*** Karon asked for the coloring to be done in ink.

Regarding builders, Don wrote a little about each one, plus there is lots more information. Some are matched to subdivisions. Karon is thinking about having the builder detailed information in an Appendix.

Karon has a bound document about her house to tell the story. She gave it to Rob.

Kudos to Karon!

We want to brainstorm on fund raising.

Ideas:

- Preselling the books
- Grants (Rob)
- Pancake Breakfast (Ruth)
- Calendar
- Photos
- Advertise
- Donations (C3 – George)
- Home tours
- Walking tours
- Fancy tea (Bertha)
- Costume ball
- Auction (Karon will ask Dan Driscoll)
- Businesses/sponsors/ads
- Taste of North Park (Bertha)
- Spaghetti dinner (Ruth)
- Newspaper
- Raffle with prizes from businesses
- Dinner with 12 strangers
- Fundraiser event/dance
- Loans from members (George)
- License plate frames

George discussed how the committee could not take tax-deductible donations. Main Street is not a 501 C3 organization, but they have access to a C3 status through the Business Improvement District Council, where they have an ability to create an account for North Park projects. George asked Jay from Main Street. Jay seemed to feel this would be acceptable. ***George will follow up with Main Street.*** George contacted an attorney who may give George some names of who might do some work pro bono. ***George will follow up.***

Karon noted a person from the San Diego Foundation was at the Marston House carriage house conversion who noted there is a room at the San Diego Foundation devoted to materials for getting grants. ***Rob will investigate.***

Steve noted the prices would vary and the total would range from \$5,600 to \$12,000, depending on number of copies and paperback versus hardcover. We can talk about this next month. Should we have a questionnaire at the concerts? Find out what people might be willing to pay, if it would make a difference if it were hard back or paper, and if they would be willing to prebuy. ***Ruth and Bertha will work on a questionnaire.***

DRYDEN/CRAFTSMAN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Rob reported that we have 43 signatures now. George, Rob and Joan went to First Friday, after our last meeting. Several people, Donna Posin and Andrew Oldham, who were at the Open House were at the First Friday and are very enthusiastic. Both volunteered to help get signatures. Ron Oster sent a note to Karon to say he had signed the petition of interest at First Friday. There was a person from Capps who has been restoring his house, who was ambivalent.

Kevin Knipe wants to restore his house, and didn't sign because he's afraid he wouldn't be able to do what he wants.

George delivered copies of the Shirley Ann Place Design Guidelines to Daniel Marks.

George got copies of the San Jose guidelines. Diane Kane told George these are the gold standard of guidelines.

Karon gave George and Rob the proposal document for Burlingame that went to the Historic Resources Board. This is the sort of document that Diane will want from us, or will prepare.

The group noted that the petition indicating interest will have to be revised at some point to be the real sign-up to the district. Diane told us at the meeting that letters won't be the sign up, it will be the petition.

Katherine will talk to Esperanza Carty at some point. She has about 6 or 8 properties in the potential district.

George suggested type in red the signature in the electronic file, so we know who signed. ***Katherine will update the file when George and Rob are done with the petition.***

George will try to go out with Carolyn next week. Karon said Carolyn Ingham's phone number is 255-1776. George took the petition from Rob.

ONCE UPON A TIME UPDATE

Steve enthusiastically noted he finished his article on contra dancing in North Park. Katherine is planning an article on the Ku Klux Klan in North Park. Steve is planning an article on cross country. Katherine met Ed Lavall, police liaison, who may be able to help her research Harry Kelly, who was a police officer in the 30's and the first owner of Steve and Katherine's house. Karon noted that at Morley Field there were Olympic trials for bicyclists. May also want to mention Little Mo and Ted Williams. Also the velodrome is another topic.

ORAL HISTORIES

Rob had circulated the release form. Ruth looked at it. George said it is ok. We discussed how to get someone who is dead to sign the new release form. Ruth noted since they are dead, they already released it all. Ruth showed Rob information and signing materials she used when she did oral histories. Historical Society has indicated they would do transcribing. Ruth gave out a list of the oral histories they did. Historical Society is doing videoing now. Rob would give the Klicka interview tape to the Historical Society to transcribe. ***Ruth suggested Rob take the list of oral histories to Dennis Sharp at the Historical Society and ask if they would transcribe any of them and make copies of the tapes.*** Bertha suggested George Kaler as a subject.

NPCA MEETING AND SPRING FESTIVAL REVIEW

May 16 was the event. We were close to the band stage, and it was loud. Volunteers were: Steve, Katherine, Karon, and Joan. Felena coordinated and did a great job. Bill Orvis and Shirley were there. Ruth got the license plate frames to Steve and Katherine. We have \$80 from the selling of license plate frames. But Joan sold one more. We sold 17! We pushed the concert and the Theater Plaza workshop flyers. There were a lot of new residents who were very interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Ruth got an e-mail from Jay. He enjoys our minutes. He is thrilled with our progress. He loves school. Lynn is working on a newsletter. Yay, Jay!

The woman who asked about the fire house was pleased to get the information, and will share if she finds out anything.

Regarding license plate frames, the committee originally ordered 250, for a total cost of \$500, and we have about 28 left. If sell all, we will make at least \$750. Think about ordering some more.

Katherine noted the Theater Plaza Workshop will be June 5.

Ruth noted we have met every month since we re-instigated in February 2003. Do we want to take a hiatus? We can think about it and discuss it at our next meeting.