

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

DATE: September 14, 2005

TIME: 7 PM

GENERAL REMARKS

We enjoyed seeing Ruth's beautiful deck and backyard, and especially enjoyed all the goodies she provided!

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

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve welcomed the attendees. We are happy to see Paul and Kristine, and Michael again.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the July 2005 meeting were accepted with no comments. *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.*

4. NPCA BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF

Steve passed around the July Board Meeting Minutes. He noted the emphasis of the last Board meeting was on the mission of NPCA.

5. DRYDEN DISTRICT

The City is not processing historical district applications they have in hand, due to staff limitations. The City has no real staff to review applications, and there is a hiring freeze now. The City may come up with a fee schedule that is related to savings in property taxes. Mission Hills collected money from the residents, but they have not disclosed how much to George. George needs to re-connect with Daniel for the petition and the DPR forms. The petition may be with Tom Shess. *George will ask Tom.* We need to look at the Assessor Records for the individual houses and need to have permission to do so.

6. ONCE UPON A TIME

Steve said he prepared the last article, which was a re-issuing of Lorraine Halac's past article on the North Park Theater. Note that the refurbished theater is being dedicated on September 30. Steve is still planning on doing an article on high school football.

7. BOOK PROJECT

No report. Karon has been busy with her house going up for sale. She was not at the meeting.

8. ORAL HISTORIES

Rob was not at the meeting. Ruth and Katherine plan to interview Dale Pyle, who is 95 years old and has lived on 28th Street since the 1960's, with Michael coordinating the meeting. This is set for Sept. 28 around 4:30. Michael also knows another person, Don Madison, who may be a good candidate.

9. FOLLOW UP OF INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WALKING TOUR

George summarized our walk along University Avenue to look at the buildings of historical and architectural interest (see meeting notes from last month). George noted that the L-shaped Motor Mart at Arizona and University represents the first L-shaped shopping center, and marks the transition from trolley-line suburb commercial to auto-oriented commercial. The bungalows along the street may even be worth moving if they would be at risk due to redevelopment.

For the 25 buildings, we need to research owners, occupants, construction date. This is a good immediate project for us. Paul mentioned some ways to organize and present data about the bungalows, like creating a clickable map to link to "northparkbungalows.com" an available domain name. Then we could create our own information and put up in a format that would not be limited by the format of NPCA website. The site could have Ruth's brochure information, and Once Upon a Time articles in pdf. Paul would be willing to take photos of the homes on 28th and Pershing streets, and organize the information on a website. Paul could help us develop a map that would be clickable for University Avenue. A good website could draw people to the area. There is technology that can develop a 360 degree view to go on the website.

We moved to have Paul reserve northparkbungalows.com and northparkbungalows.org (one would forward to the other). We will also brainstorm a more committee-like name, like northparkhistory.com. *Paul will reserve the domain names.*

George noted Scott was developing a web site. The Main Street site may have some information.

At our next meeting, George will bring the DPR forms and we will make assignments to get some research work done.

10. MEETING LOCATION

Masonic Temple? Patrick S building in Morley Field? *Paul will inquire about the Masonic Temple.* With Rob at Main Street, it may be worthwhile to pursue meeting there again.

11. NEW BUSINESS

At the next meeting we will talk about moving the meeting time to 6 pm on a regular basis, and perhaps moving to Wednesdays instead of Thursdays.