

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

DATE: **January 19, 2006**

TIME: **6 PM**

GENERAL REMARKS

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

Steve welcomed the attendees.

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.*

Steve had a handout on the revitalization of North Park, which was passed around. Also he handed out an Auto Club article about North Park. George helped out providing information for this article. Ruth got a Christmas card from Jay Coles. He has a new e-mail address. He is now a Commander and is in England.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the November 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. DRYDEN DISTRICT

George has been filling out the DPR forms and he has finished his forms. George talked to Diane Kane, and she has been gone for many weeks. He asked her to review the new petition that will have one page for each house, so there is only one signature per page. She thought that was a good idea. We cannot find the old petition. We would be ready to do First Friday on Pershing in March. George is going to do the next group of 30 DPRs. Katherine met with Cathy Winterrowd, who just joined the Planning Department and will be the liaison to the Historic Resources Board. Cathy said that Diane will be freer to address District applications by July.

5. ONCE UPON A TIME

Katherine's article based on Ruth's interview of Dale Pyle, Michael's 95-year old friend who lives on 28th Street, appeared in the November/December 2005 NPCA Newsletter. Katherine's next article is about fun North Park facts in question-and-answer form based on Evelyn Kooperman's book, San Diego Trivia. Katherine and Jack talked about their

participation in the effort to preserve the Old Police Headquarters on Market Street and get a Police Museum at the location.

Repeat from last meeting: Steve mentioned the idea from Katie Hoderith about “History Detectives” for questions and for answers. Ruth had an alternate idea. See New Business.

6. BOOK PROJECT

At the last meeting, Karon gave the committee a movie reel, which we think is the North Park Theatre being built, and Michael noted to preserve it, the film should be saved on DVD. Katherine recently met Theresa Clark, who works on education issues with the Lyric Opera, and Theresa consulted with Jack Montgomery, who said they would be willing to make two DVDs of the film – one for them and one for us. We should get several copies. *Corlee will ask if the Historical Society would like a DVD also.*

7. ORAL HISTORIES

Corlee said there is still room in the oral history workshop that will be presented at the San Diego Historical Society on January 21 from 9:30 to 3:00. Corlee is now trained, is a certified member, and has her first assignment for an interview. Peggy Berlin is her first interviewee. Her family had a chocolate store downtown. Corlee will also transcribe the interview. Corlee said the Historical Society is willing to have her interview anyone the History Committee deems appropriate. Bertha suggested George Kaler. He is in his 80's. Bertha will give Corlee his phone number. The woman Lorraine is taking care of has been interviewed.

Bertha will think about people and she will make a list to share at the next meeting.

Corlee is working on the history of her block in the 30's from the Census. Her block is Hamilton two blocks north of Lincoln.

8. POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Main Street is still reorganizing. Jeannie is still planning on doing some grant applications. There is a new person now at Main Street. George got DPR forms from the Gensler Survey and he has copies of the forms for the buildings identified as important by Main Street. Ruth and Katherine did some research of addresses along University and when George reviews it, he may need more information. Ruth gave George a hard copy of the research she did.

9. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

The web site is up and some content is there. The map for the El Cajon Boulevard walk is up there, also the Centennial brochure. Steve and Katherine will type up some of the old Once Upon a Time articles so Paul has them in Word. Ruth gave Steve the CD with the pdf files of the landmarks and trifold brochures. The photos for the calendar were from the Historical Society and probably were for just one use. We may not be able to put those on the web site.

Jack suggested realtors may want to support the web site for having tasteful ads or links to a realtor as a sponsor of the web site. This may be a way for us to raise money for the committee. The Lyric Opera is a potential sponsor.

Other links are important.

The Hillcrest web site has a very nice layout. It is simple and attractive. Corlee agrees there are ways to raise money by making advertising available on the web site.

The City produced the red brochure. We could probably put this up on the web site without any copyright issue.

We talked about a logo. The shape of the North Park sign was mentioned. Vintage graphic for the developments? The Georgia Street bridge? The water tower? When was the North Park sign originally installed? ***Let's all think about this and come back with ideas at our next meeting.*** How about using Craftsman color palette? Ruth noted that historical preservation is "green" that is, it is environmentally beneficial. Also green is a classic Craftsman color, and the base color of the new North Park street signs.

10. MEETING LOCATION

What about the North Park Rec Center? Jack said we could meet at his house. Joan and Ruth also volunteered for a future meeting. Until we find a good location, we will continue to rotate among member houses.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ruth suggested how about a photo quiz article – like a City Photo Quiz in Santa Monica's newsletter. We could call it North Park Photo Quiz. Ruth would be willing to do one if Bob (newsletter editor) would like it. We could do it for the March/April issue.

George said the NPCA is sponsoring Rebuilding. They are looking for a house. The house has to be owner occupied, and there is an income limit.