

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

**DATE:** February 16, 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.*

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the January 2006 meeting were accepted with one change. We should change the heading of item 8 in the meeting notes to "Potential Commercial Historical District." *Katherine will send the revised January 2006 minutes to Beth to post them on the web site instead of the previous version. 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 had a meeting with Daniel Marks to review George's input on the house descriptions on the DPR forms. George finished his descriptions and he will take the set that John Stewart McGaughy was going to do. George will also help Katherine get started on her set. He produced a document with definitions of house terms. Also George has been working with Diane Kane, and she has told him that the City does not have staff to review the submittals that they have in hand now. Noah, the helpful intern, got another job and has left the City. Diane should be more available to review submittals by July. George is also working on the significance statement for the DPRs. Diane will probably make changes to this part.

George has revised the petition to be a set of single pages with one house on each page, which we will get signatures on. Diane Kane has reviewed his draft and has suggested a few changes, but likes the idea of a single sheet for each house and signature. We need to verify owner's names before getting signatures. We will want to come to the April First Friday on Pershing Avenue.

**5. ONCE UPON A TIME**

Katherine's next article is about fun North Park facts in question-and-answer form based on Evelyn Kooperman's book, San Diego Trivia. For the March/April newsletter,

Katherine will do an article about another North Park policeman, who helped clean up the Gaslamp area when it was the Stingaree. He was shot in the line of duty and legend had it that he died, but she did more research on him and it turned out he survived. Steve has an idea about an article on the Frisbee Golf Course in Morley Field. Recently there was a newspaper article about the Frisbee Golf Course, and the famous “shoe tree” on the course where people have been throwing their shoes. Michael and George verified this is true.

Jeanne Tidy with Main Street asked for Once Upon a Time articles about buildings along University Avenue, and Steve sent her the I.O.O.F. building article, which she liked and will put in their newsletter. Steve and Katherine will be re-typing old OUAT articles for the website and Jeanne may be interested in these too. We should do the Lynhurst Building next, because this is one of the buildings that Main Street is interested in for the business improvement district.

## **6. BOOK PROJECT**

Karon is still moving in. She is setting materials aside for Katherine. Karon also mentioned she found a film reel that is wider than the one she found previously, and may be an original 35mm film of the building of the North Park Theatre. Katherine will meet with Karon in the next couple weeks. Michael has the name of a business in Kearny Mesa that converts old film to DVD. Steve thought maybe the Museum of Photographic Arts may have a projector for the larger reel. We will investigate if Karon gives us the reel.

## **7. ORAL HISTORIES**

Steve shared a news article about the National Oral History Project. The mobile recording studio for pairs of people to talk about their stories is now at SDSU, and will be there until February 23. The trailer will then be at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park from February 23 to March 5.

Beth has a lead on a 90-year-old woman who could be a good candidate for Corlee to interview, and Beth will get her number.

## **8. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE**

There are a lot of things in the one place of Archives of Past Articles. This needs to be separated. George will look at the list and think about how to split it up. *George will think about different headings for these.*

There was an article about the Georgia Street Bridge in the paper recently.

The group liked the font type that Paul suggested for the website. George moved that we purchase the Arts and Crafts font Paul suggested. Corlee seconded. The group approved. *Steve will take the decision to the Board so the cost of purchasing the font (\$25) can be approved and Paul can be reimbursed.*

What is the host for the NPCA website? Is it on a commercial site? Maybe we can use the same host when our site is developed. *Steve will ask Beth who hosts the NPCA website.*

Michael likes the idea of a simplified architectural element, like the porch trellis in the photo of the house on the Dryden notebook, as a logo. Michael has the poster from the Centennial. We could get some ideas from it.

Regarding the potential for becoming a 501C(3) so donations to our group would be tax deductible, the group supported it. We are an educational entity under the NPCA. We would have to provide annual documentation, like financial reports. What are the restrictions if we would be a 501C3 organization? It can take a long time to process. It ultimately has to be approved by the feds, and there is a delay in review. But down the line we may want the flexibility to do other things so we should pursue this. *Steve and Katherine will ask their attorney about the process and the requirements.*

#### **9. FOLLOW UP OF POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL HISTORICAL DISTRICT**

George will help Jeannie Tidy at Main Street with an application for state and federal funding for forming the historical district along University Avenue. Main Street will try to get a grant to have a consultant with experience write a mission statement. Beth also met with Jeannie. The deadline is in May. Main Street is working with the City on this project, and Jeannie has met with Diane Kane.

#### **10. MEETING LOCATION**

Call 619-574-6463 for the location of our next meeting.

#### **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Katherine shared a Notice of Public Hearing from the Historic Site Board of the County of San Diego, which will be February 27, 2006 at the County Dept. of Planning and Land Use Hearing Room, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B. The items are the Cushman house in Rancho Santa Fe, and the Camp Lockett Historic District. As Secretary of the NPCA History Committee, Katherine is on the mailing list to receive announcements from the County Historic Site Board, and she will share these announcements at our meetings for general information.