

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

**DATE:**       **March 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. Welcome to George, Karon, Jack, Michael, Marcella, Bertha.

**2.       AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve reviewed the agenda. Katherine passed around an article about Ginger, who was In Style. *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 February 2006 meeting were accepted.

**4.       DRYDEN DISTRICT**

George has finished about ½ of the DPRs. George has asked him to return the notebook with his set. Diane is on extended Administrative leave until June. *Katherine will contact Cathy Winterrowd and ask how best to proceed. George will write the significance about the district from material Don had prepared.* Marcella saw an article about historical districts in the Wall Street Journal that she will try to find for George.

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 a First Friday on Pershing Avenue in the summer.

**5.       ONCE UPON A TIME**

Katherine's article is about fun North Park facts in question-and-answer form based on Evelyn Kooperman's book, San Diego Trivia appeared in the January/February 2006 newsletter. Bertha would like a copy of the last newsletter because hers got destroyed in the mail. Steve said Jeanne Tidy with Main Street has posted three of the OUAT articles on their newsletter website.

Steve and Katherine are re-typing past OUAT articles for the website. Bertha had an idea for an article: What was on the Rite Aid building site over time? Marcella had an idea about the special fireplaces and the tiles. She has some books on the tiles. Michael has a book about the Batchelder tiles. Karon has this book too.

History and photos would be an interesting article. Marcella, Jack, and Michael have interesting fireplaces. Could go to the store with fireplaces.

## **6. BOOK PROJECT**

Karon and Katherine have a plan.

## **7. ORAL HISTORIES**

No report.

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

Paul got the Craftsman font. He designed a different logo that incorporates some icons. But we don't have a real layout. He has been working with the design with the sidebar and navigation bar. There is no design for the text. We still need a lot of content. The OCR software is now working. The text documents that have some photos will be able to load faster. When the site is more developed, we will want to pay something like \$5.00 a month to be on a yahoo geocities server site. The HML files would be available for editing to people authorized for this. They keep statistics that would show hits to different pages and articles. George moved to have this done. Kristine seconded. Paul would like to move it as soon as possible. We voted to have Steve taking this idea to the Board for approval.

*Katherine will get the pdf writer software Paul has.*

There are a lot of things in the one place of Archives of Past Articles. This needs to be separated. George looked at the list and gave an idea to Paul for how to split it up. He will look again and revise the organization.

Can we post photos from the Historical Society on the website?

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. *Katherine asked their attorney and got a recommendation for a corporate attorney who may know about the process and the requirements.*

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

George started working on an application, but with Diane Kane on leave, he's not sure where we will go with that.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

We talked about the San Diego Historical Society's plan for a permanent exhibition that presents information and artifacts about North Park's history. Karon mentioned that

Gregory Peck was born in North Park and he went to San Diego High School and his father was a pharmacist. Florence Chambers, who swam the English Channel was taught by a swimming teacher in North Park, and she practiced at the pool at the Lafayette Hotel. North Park was the first suburb, so is an important part of San Diego history. Jack knows the person developing the exhibition. Mark Hanna had a candy factory.

Katherine will forward the e-mail from the USD student to Paul. Tell her to go to the San Diego Historical Society website, which has Richard Pourade's books, and these are searchable by keyword.

Katherine shared the flyer from the City Planning Department about walkability in North Park. The field meeting will be April 1. They want input on what makes North Park walkable.