

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

DATE: June 15, 2006

TIME: 6:30 PM

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 20, at 6:30 pm. Please note the change to the slightly later time, which will be our new standard meeting time.

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, Jack, Ruth, Marcella, Bertha, Karon, and Michael. Thank you to Jack for hosting! Steve encouraged everyone to come and vote for him at the NPCA General Meeting on Monday, June 19 so he continues as the History Committee representative.

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 April 2006 meeting were accepted.

4. DRYDEN DISTRICT

George has finished the DPRs. He is a hero! Diane Kane is back to work at the City starting next week. George told Diane he could help develop the design guidelines for the City. George is scheduling a meeting with the Dryden District working group. We are strategizing on the Statement of Significance. We should follow the format of the Mission Hills report. Katherine is to edit the descriptions and put them into the format that Daniel developed. We should be ready by end of the summer to start outreach again. This time we need to do the individual outreach, door to door, with a neighborhood escort. We could have our flyer at the NPCA meeting on the 19th and the Bird Park concerts.

5. ONCE UPON A TIME

Katherine's article in the May/June newsletter is about Pat Laughlin, who lives in the house that was Rebuilding Together. The house was built by Trepte and Son, and the son part of the company was the first resident. Pat was the first volunteer in policing person who was in the North Park neighborhood police storefront.

Steve will do the next article on the history of the NPCA. He has lots of information from Karon, and Karon has more that she can give us. He is also thinking about doing an

article on the history of the Frisbee golf course and the sneaker tree in the course, where people have thrown their shoes.

Sadly, Fred Dale Pyle, who we interviewed earlier this year, passed away June 1. He was 96 years old. Katherine will bring copies of the article to the memorial that will be this Saturday.

Marcella had an idea about the special fireplaces and the tiles. She brought the books for Katherine to borrow. Katherine took a photo of Jack's fireplace, which has interesting relief decoration. It is signed JW Miller.

6. BOOK PROJECT

The Book is on its way to being a real book. Katherine is meeting with Carol Bowers with Tecolote Press, the publisher, tomorrow. There is a lot of text written and organized and Katherine is helping Karon pull the electronic files together. We have the idea of having Toni Atkins and Christine Kehoe writing a foreword. We want to raise the money for publishing (about \$6,000) by having "Book Sponsors" gift \$500 or more. Karon has contributed \$2,000. The Hons will contribute \$1,000. George said he would contribute \$500. NPCA thought they had contributed \$1,000 from the History Committee account, and Ruth verified that they gave the check to Carol Bowers. However, Beth has found that the check was never cashed. Therefore, this money should be available. So we are close to having what we need. History Committee members will have the first opportunity to be Book Sponsors. We will ask other NPCA members at the General Meeting on June 19th. Then if needed, we will open that opportunity to others.

7. ORAL HISTORIES

No report.

8. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

Roycroft colors may be available online to select from, to get Craftsman color combos for the web site. Paul and Katherine created the account for the site on GoDaddy as the host site. Paul has done a lot of basic structure of the website, and there is a lot of content. The next step is for design. On myfonts.com you can see how different fonts would look like with the font we have.

9. FOLLOW UP OF POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL HISTORICAL DISTRICT

George has been trying to revitalize the commercial buildings historical inventory. The list he passed out has the 40 important buildings to get information on. This can be put on the website, and then as the project is revitalized, the information could be shared. With more information compiled, George will work on a Statement of Significance about this area. Also, the time between WWII and the early 60's is when North Park was prominent commercially. El Cajon Blvd also has some important buildings, like the Lafayette Hotel and the Denny's, which was the first corporate Denny's. We want History Committee members to "adopt" the buildings of their choice to do research on, especially in terms of tracing the owners through time, using the City Directories.

Katherine will adopt Tobacco Rhodas and Pekin Café.

Jack will adopt Stearns Gym, National Dollar Store, 2505 University Avenue (SD Collision), and United Stores.

Michael will adopt Glen's Market and the hair salon on Upas.

Bertha wants to adopt Bluefoot bar (which is not on the list, but that's Bertha!)

Marcella will adopt the First NP Post Office.

Steve will adopt Dixie Lumber Company and Mathew's Cleaners.

Ruth will adopt Piggly Wiggly.

Before we do anything, we will get information from George and Katherine that is already available. Then we will do the timeline of who owned and what businesses were at the address through time, using the reverse City Directory at the Downtown Library California Room or the Historical Society.

10. MEETING LOCATION

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

Bertha said the new Director of Main Street will be Jennifer.

12. NEXT MEETING

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