

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

DATE: July 20, 2006

TIME: 6:30 PM

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 17, 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, Ruth, Karon, Joan, Michael, and especially to our new member, Patty. She and her husband are high school history teachers and just moved to North Park.

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 June 2006 meeting were accepted.

4. DRYDEN DISTRICT

George reported that he will be writing the application form, based on Alex Bevil's input and Don's edits. George is working with Janet O'Day in Mission Hills. There is new information needed about development of North Park in general, like the trolley and the Expositions to put development in context. Some of this information can come from the book text. Katherine still needs to input the DPRs to the nice format Daniel prepared. The City is working on revising guidelines for designation of a district.

5. ONCE UPON A TIME

Steve wrote the article for the July/August newsletter. It is about the history of the NPCA. Copies were distributed to the group. The History Committee started in 1988, and the first Once Upon a Time article appeared in the July 1988 NPCA Newsletter. NPCA started in 1984, mainly to react to the alarming number of homes being torn down for 8-10 unit apartment buildings, especially the Ray Huffman style.

6. BOOK PROJECT

The Book is on its way to being a real book. Katherine distributed a detailed list of contents to the group. As a special surprise, she showed everyone a draft of the manuscript. It is nearly complete except for the 1940s. There are a few gaps in the text about certain tracts that Don had not written about. Katherine is meeting with Carol

Bowers with Tecolote Press, the publisher, next week to show her the manuscript. We need to get an estimate for printing, and Carol will be able to get a more accurate cost with the draft manuscript in hand. Katherine asked Toni Atkins if she and Christine Kehoe would write a foreword, and Toni said she would be glad to do that. Karon will review and proof the completed manuscript. We need a few other volunteers to proof read once the manuscript is finished. Michael and Joan volunteered.

We want to raise the money for publishing (about \$6,000 to \$8,000 depending on how many copies we print) by having "Book Sponsors" gift \$500 or more. Book Sponsors will be listed in the Acknowledgements part of the book. So far, with contributions from Karon (\$2,000), NPCA (\$1,000), the Hons (\$1,000) and George (\$500), we have \$4,500. We are close but probably need a few more sponsors. Ruth said she will give \$500, which brings us to \$5,000. (Thank you, Ruth!) History Committee members will have the first opportunity to be Book Sponsors. We will ask other NPCA members, and possibly special organizations like the Lyric Opera or Main Street.

Ruth volunteered to go through the Once Upon a Time articles to see what else should be in the book. We should all look at the detailed table of contents and see what we think might be added, especially in the chapter on notable North Parkers.

7. ORAL HISTORIES

No report.

8. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

We agreed through e-mail on the Craftsman blue-green in the sidebar and Roycroft copper red in the Dard Hunter font heading. Paul has implemented this aspect on the site. We are still missing content and need some volunteers to prepare text about our projects. We had a demo of the website on Steve's computer and it is looking good. George will write a paragraph on the commercial district project.

9. FOLLOW UP OF POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL HISTORICAL DISTRICT

George has been trying to revitalize the commercial buildings historical inventory. Last meeting he passed out a list of the 40 important buildings to get information on. This can be put on the website, and then eventually maybe a historical district could be created. But at this point, this is not something Main Street has staff to do. Last meeting, Katherine, Jack, Michael, Bertha, Marcella, Steve, and Ruth adopted buildings.

Steve reported on Dixie Lumber Company and Mathew's Cleaners. The Dixie building was there from at least 1927 to 1957. The building is now Max's Copy place. The building was vacant in 1958. The cleaners building was built in 1957 and has kept its name throughout although it has changed owners many times.

Ruth asked about 3015 Wightman (North Park Way), which was the Piggly Wiggly. Should she get the building materials and builder? Yes. Also in Chapter 14 of the book it is noted that the permit for the building was in the San Diego Daily Transcript, January

18, 1939, Building Permits. Ruth will look. The building material is noted as brick and frame construction in the book. Also, this chapter has information on Glenn's Market, which was a building first owned by Edward Gaul. The building was constructed by Lowerison & Wolstencroft, and completed in October 1937. Gaul sold the business in 1947.

10. MEETING LOCATION

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

We had no new business.

12. NEXT MEETING

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