

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

DATE: **October 19, 2006**

TIME: **6:30 PM**

NOTE: To help members remember their commitments; action items are noted in ***bold italics*** in these meeting notes.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve welcomed the attendees: George, Jack, and our host, Michael. Thanks to Janie for the goodies! The Secretary craves her deviled egg recipe.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve reviewed the agenda; there were no changes suggested. ***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 September 2006 meeting were accepted. George noted they were particularly well written, and the Secretary agreed, as George prepared them in her absence at the last meeting. Thank you, George!

4. DRYDEN DISTRICT

Diane reviewed an outline of the Dryden District application that the subcommittee developed. This outline is based on the most recent District application – the initial Mission Hills district. George made edits to the outline. Diane is lukewarm to the idea of having individual sheets for house owner signatures. Maybe we can do block-by-block petition pages. We will need to re-check ownership at the assessor's office for the new petition.

As a happy surprise, Katherine gave George the completed site forms with his descriptions input to the formatted pages that Daniel Marks produced. The files, one for each of the approximately 130 homes in the proposed district, are on a CD. Katherine also gave George back the four notebooks with the draft DPR forms Daniel had put together.

Jack will review the draft Design Guidelines and provide comments. There needs to be flexibility in the guidelines to gain community acceptance. Jack also volunteered to host a community outreach event at his house when we are ready, probably soon after the New Year.

When the guidelines are revised, we could post them on the website with a way for people to send us comments. We need to reconvene the Working Committee and bring in neighborhood envoys to help get people to the event and to sign the petition.

5. ONCE UPON A TIME

Steve wrote the article for the September/October Community Association newsletter. The article is about tennis at Morley Field, featuring three notable individuals who trained there: Maureen Connolly, Wilbur Folsom and Fred Kinne. The Tennis Club asked for a copy to put in their newsletter. *Steve will give the article to Paul for posting on the www.northparkhistory.org website.*

6. BOOK PROJECT

Joan completed her review of the draft manuscript. Thank you, Joan! Katherine delivered copies of the manuscript to Toni Atkins and Christine Kehoe, who will collaborate on the Foreword. George gave his copy of the manuscript to Jack, who will read it. Tom Shess also has a copy to read and review. *Katherine is currently compiling an Index. Michael and Karon will review the manuscript. Jack will investigate possible publishers.*

Katherine has compiled the previous paperwork with the San Diego Historical Society (SDHS) regarding their photos that were purchased by NPCA for use in the book. Four orders have been found at SDHS, and the records of the checks written by NPCA have also been found. Katherine is continuing to work with SDHS staff.

Jack had the idea of researching possible historians for J.C. Penney stores, who may be able to verify that the North Park store was one of only two opened in the WWII period.

7. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

Paul is developing icons based on photos of key signs and buildings. Paul recently added 7 more "Once Upon a Time" articles to the site, from the articles in the newsletters that Bertha lent us. Steve scanned and re-typed these articles. Paul researched how to get data on hits to the website and sent this info to Steve.

The status of the Reader article on North Park is not known. Rosa, the author, spoke with George and Beth as well as Katherine.

Evelyn Kooperman, who wrote the book on trivia questions that was the subject of a Once Upon a Time article, phoned Katherine after finding herself on our website (the Once Upon a Time article is on the website and Evelyn "Googled" herself). She and Katherine have exchanged information. Evelyn did an article about shopping in North Park in its heyday, and sent a copy of the article to Katherine.

The Lyric Opera transferred the North Park Theater construction film to DVD format directly from the film that the History Committee provided to them. The film experts think that the reel was produced in the 1960s from the original film, which probably does not exist anymore. The Hons have the DVD. It is fun to watch for the panoramic shots of the area around the theatre as well as for the construction of the theatre itself.

Steve gave George the text that Ernie Bonn wrote for the North Park tour in 1989, which Karon gave to Steve. This may be good material for the web also.

**8. NORTH PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT/NORTH PARK MAIN STREET
DESIGN COMMITTEE**

This is an ongoing project. Main Street is in flux right now, so coordination is a challenge. We should all continue to do our research on the buildings we adopted and get that information to George.

9. NEW BUSINESS

We had no new business.

10. MEETING LOCATION

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

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 6:30 pm.