

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

DATE: November 16, 2006

TIME: 6:30 PM

NOTE: To help members remember their commitments; action items are noted in *bold italics* in these meeting notes. **IMPORTANT NOTE: WE ARE SKIPPING THE DECEMBER MEETING. SEE YOU IN JANUARY 2007.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve welcomed the attendees: George, Jack, Michael, Paul, and Patty.

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 October 2006 meeting were accepted.

4. SPECIAL TREAT: 1928 MOVIE OF NORTH PARK THEATRE CONSTRUCTION

We adjourned to the Hon's den to watch the silent movie showing the original construction of the North Park Theatre. The DVD was made from film courtesy of the Lyric Opera. Steve later made a copy of the DVD for Paul to experiment getting still shots from, and a copy for Beth to show at an appropriate NPCA venue. The movie is about 15 minutes long. Especially fun are the panorama shots of North Park from the top of the building. Speaking of Lyric Opera and movies, note that some of the best movies of the fifties are being shown at the North Park Theatre in December and January, including Giant (the best of all, according to Jack), Some Like It Hot (featuring the Hotel Del Coronado), and White Christmas (Katherine's favorite). Go to www.lyricoperasandiego.com for information.

Also courtesy of the Lyric Opera, Katherine has 4 Discount Passes to the Lyric Opera, good for \$3.00 off each ticket, good for the 06-07 season (Puccini's La Rondine in February, and Fiddler on the Roof in March). Call Katherine at 574-6463, or e-mail at khon@honconsultinginc.com if you are interested.

5. DRYDEN DISTRICT

The City Historical Resources Board is changing aspects of their policy and guidelines to make designation of districts easier. They have promised to consider the Mission Hills application in the upcoming calendar year. Katherine and George have attended the HRB committee and Board meetings. The Board will vote on the revised policies in January.

George is writing the Statement of Significance. Daniel will print the DPRs. We will do a flyer and have an open house in February. We do not have to get a certain percentage of signatures of support, but want to gather as many as possible to demonstrate to the HRB that the district is viewed favorably by the neighborhood. We plan to make individual signature sheets using the photo of the houses on the DPR forms and some key information (year built, first owner, etc.). The City will accept individual signature sheets if we also do a summary table of who signed.

Jack noted we need to be concise in capturing what will get people excited about the benefits of a district. The newest owners would benefit the most from the tax breaks of the Mills Act. Long-time owners who fall under Prop 13 may not perceive the district as benefiting them as much.

6. 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 Balboa Tennis Club reprinted a copy in their newsletter. NPCA is skipping a November/December newsletter to save money for the Holiday Party.

7. BOOK PROJECT

Steve, Katherine, and Karon searched Karon's North Park storage unit and found the black & white photos purchased from the Historical Society. With that, we have found all the documentation we needed for the pictures in the book. **NewsFlash!!** On December 6, Katherine attended an open house at Sunbelt Publications in El Cajon, a local publisher who specializes in California natural resources and cultural history books. Look at their website at www.sunbeltbooks.com. After flipping through our xeroxed manuscript, the Editor said she would consider a book proposal. On December 8, Katherine delivered a package with the table of contents and a chapter for their consideration. Stay tuned - we may have exciting news in early 2007!

8. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

Paul added photos to the sidebar, and added more Once Upon a Time articles. If you haven't looked at www.northparkhistory.org in a while, log on – it just keeps getting better and better. Thanks, Paul!

9. NORTH PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT/NORTH PARK MAIN STREET DESIGN COMMITTEE

This is an ongoing project. Steve and Jack both get stars for doing their research on the buildings they adopted and getting that information to George.

10. NPCA HOLIDAY PARTY

As you are reading these notes, this party is history, because it occurred on December 8, but it was very fun and festive. NPCA and Main Street joined forces to have a congenial gathering with excellent food and wine from local North Park eateries. The Lion's Club

hosted and the room was beautifully decorated. We agreed this should be the first of an annual event.

11. FUTURE HISTORY PROJECTS

Jack brought up the idea of a cool North Park map designed to be useful in the book, on the website, and on posters or other materials. Paul noted Google Earth has a check box for historical maps. Other project ideas are:

- Walking tour
- Plaque to recognize John G. Morley, city Park Superintendent from 1911 to 1938, at Morley Field
- Compendium of information about past owners in North Park houses to put on the website.
- Join the movement of former neighbors of Don and Karon Covington to give the end of 28th Street the honorary name of Covington Place.

12. NEW BUSINESS

We had no new business.

13. MEETING LOCATION

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

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 6:30 pm.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**