

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

DATE: **January 18, 2007**

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 HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING DATE TO THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. SEE YOU FEBRUARY 27.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve welcomed the attendees: George, Jack, and Ruth.

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 November 2006 meeting were accepted.

4. ONCE UPON A TIME

NPCA has lost their editor, and we don't know when the next NPCA Newsletter will be produced. But Steve wrote an article about the history of the corner of University Avenue and Ohio Street, the location of Dixie Lumber and their office building. This article has been posted on the website.

5. BOOK PROJECT

Sunbelt Publications was impressed with the book proposal. However, they have not had enough success with other local histories to take on funding and producing the book as a Sunbelt book project. The editor for Sunbelt said the manuscript was top notch quality for a homegrown product. The editor said they might buy about 50 copies of the book wholesale and distribute it via their website if we print it. Katherine contacted the printer Sunbelt recommended, who gave an estimate of \$7/copy for 250 copies (perfect bound with a color cover). This cost of \$1,750 would be an affordable start for us to "test" the market without having too many books to store. *Now our volunteer readers need to give Katherine their comments so she can finalize the manuscript.* We also want to (somehow) get a good map produced that we will have on the inside of the front cover, and we need to design the back cover, which would be a place for information about Don Covington. The goal is to have printed copies of the book ready for sale by May at a retail cost of \$20 per copy (including tax).

Steve will find out if NPCA needs to have a California Seller's Permit to sell the book, and if we need to send sales tax to the state.

6. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

Katherine passed around print-outs of still photos Paul captured from the DVD of the 1928 North Park Theatre construction. Paul also made an impressive “panorama” of the inside of the theatre under construction by piecing together several still photos from the DVD. These may get on the website. We want to spiff up the first page of the website with historical photos, as this page just has text right now. Update: We need to have someone take over as main Webmaster, as Paul has become too busy to do it all.

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

This is an ongoing project. Main Street has a new Executive Director who we hope will be an interested partner for this effort. *George has arranged a meeting with her on February 5, which he and Steve will attend.* They will also ask about having committee meetings in the Main Street office on University Avenue.

8. CHANGE IN MEETING DAY

We explored different meeting days because SOHO has committee meetings on the third Thursday, and the University Heights historical society has scheduled several interesting presentations on third Thursdays. After discussing several possibilities that would not conflict with other North Park committee meetings (of which there are many), we settled on proposing the fourth Tuesday of each month. *Katherine will send an e-mail to the whole group to see if this will work.* Update: This day appears to be acceptable to those who responded, so we will try it, starting with our next meeting, which will be February 27 at 6:30 pm.

9. DRYDEN DISTRICT

George drafted the Statement of Significance. He also went to the Assessor’s office and updated the ownership for each of the 133+ homes in the district. Katherine wrote Q & A for a set of Frequently Asked Questions. Daniel is printing the forms that George completed for each house. We will put packets together for each homeowner, to include their DPR form, a signature sheet with a statement of support or non-support for the district, and the FAQs. The official name we will propose to the City is the “North Park Dryden Historical District.” Jack has volunteered to host an open house in March. We plan to submit the application package to the City as soon as we get some indication of the level of support in the neighborhood, probably in March if not sooner.

10. NPCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PRESENTATION

The History Committee typically gives a presentation at this annual meeting in May where NPCA tries to get attendance from the general membership and not just Board members. This year we think the topic should be the book, and we plan to have it ready for sale. A possible theme that Katherine thought of later is “Historic North Park: Hiding in Plain Sight” where we could have a power point presentation with photos from the book and recent photos of selected commercial and residential buildings, and tell a few of the stories from the book.

On a different day, with the book as a tool, we could do a tour of major buildings and some homes, ending with a reception on top of the new parking garage where everyone can get an excellent bird's eye view (and we can sell more books!). *Jack volunteered to plan the reception if we decide to do this activity.*

11. NEW BUSINESS

We had no new business.

12. MEETING LOCATION

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

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, February 27, 2007 at 6:30 pm.