

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

DATE: February 27, 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 MARCH 27.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve welcomed the attendees: George, Ruth, Karon, Bertha, Joan, Michael, Philip, and Paul.

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 January 18 meeting were accepted.

4. ONCE UPON A TIME

NPCA has lost their editor, so Steve and Arthur Schwartz volunteered to produce the next issue, which will come out in a few weeks. 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

Our volunteer readers have given Katherine their comments. Thank you Joan, Michael, and Tom Shess! Katherine has a graphic designer friend, Jerry Wallenborn, who has volunteered to create a color map for the inside of the front cover, which will show the tracts on a street grid. He will also develop a map on an aerial background to show landmarks, like the North Park Theatre, water tower, North Park sign, and Masonic Temple. Philip noted that the area of the park can be used to put a legend for these maps.

We need to design the back cover, which would be a place for information about Don Covington. *Update: Katherine has prepared a back cover, which has been reviewed by several members, including Ruth, Paul, Michael, and George, and by Tom Shess. Thanks to everyone for their excellent comments!*

We discussed dedicating the book to Don, in the same way that the second edition of the Kensington history book was dedicated to the deceased original author. Ruth moved that a dedication (technically a memoriam) to Don Covington be prepared, and George seconded. This motion passed. *George will prepare a draft and e-mail it for review.*

Update: The following will be on a page at the beginning of the book: “In memory of Don Covington – an artist, author, teacher, and historian. Don was the inspirational leader of residents who love bungalows and the early history of our community. We finished his last book, which began as a committee project in 1988, in recognition of his contributions to the North Park community.”

We discussed marketing the book. Paul suggested people sponsor buying books to give to local libraries. He volunteered that he would purchase two books to give to the North Park Library. Way to go, Paul! Joan said she would sponsor two books to give to the Downtown Library, AND two books to give to Jefferson School. Wow, thank you, Joan! Michael volunteered to sponsor two books to give to the University Heights Library. Thank you, Michael!

Now that the book is becoming reality, there are some business items to consider.

Steve said that NPCA does need to have a California Seller’s Permit to sell the book, and we need to send sales tax to the state for the copies we sell retail. We do not charge or pay sales tax for copies that we sell wholesale (for example, to the Historical Society or a book store), because those entities get the book at a discount for their own retail sales, and they are responsible for the sales tax.

Paul noted we should copyright the book to protect the content. We also should register the book with the Library of Congress. ***Katherine and Steve will investigate how to do this.***

Paul also noted that we should get an ISBN number (a special number that identifies every book published) because all stores and websites and lists of books use this number. Having this number is the difference between “publishing and just printing” a book. ***Update: Katherine has obtained an ISBN number through her own company. Hon Consulting, Inc. will be the publisher of the book.***

6. NORTH PARK HISTORY WEBSITE

We had a demo on Steve’s computer of the “flying” photos Paul designed for the main page. Paul has become too busy to be the only webmaster. As no volunteers came forward, Steve will work with Paul to help. Ruth said, and we all agree, that we appreciate the wonderful work Paul has done to set up the web site. Thank you, Paul!

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

This is an ongoing project. Main Street has a new Executive Director who will be an interested partner for this effort. George and Steve met with Elizabeth Studebaker on February 5. She is willing to let us hold committee meetings in the Main Street office on University Avenue.

8. CHANGE IN MEETING DAY

This meeting is our greatest number in attendance for a long time, so it appears the last Tuesday of the month was a good choice.

9. DRYDEN DISTRICT

We mailed out packets for each homeowner that included their DPR form, the FAQs, and a signature sheet with a statement of support or non-support for the district, along with a stamped, pre-addressed return envelope addressed to Katherine. *Update: As of March 23, we have received 28 signed statements of support for forming the district.*

Jack has volunteered to host an open house on April 14. 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 late in April 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. We need to plan this presentation. *If we do a special reception on a different day, Paul suggested timing with Ray at Night to increase attendance.*

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**, March 27, 2007 at 6:00 pm. (We will meet early and briefly, then adjourn to Hawthorn's for the NPCA Member Mixer at 6:30.)