

**NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HISTORY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING NOTES\***

**DATE:** September 25, 2007

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**NOTE:** To help members remember their commitments; action items are noted in *bold italics* in these meeting notes. **SEE YOU OCTOBER 23 AT 6:30 PM.**

**\*These notes contain updates as of the date of preparation (October 13, 2007).**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve welcomed our continuing members Bill, Hilda, Michael, Vince, and George. Welcome to Ed, attending for the first time of many, we hope! Thank you, Liz, for hosting us at North Park Main Street.

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve reviewed the agenda; there were no changes suggested. *Steve will develop the next agenda. Katherine will distribute it to the committee and to Beth for posting on the website.*

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the August 28, 2007 meeting were accepted.

**4. MEMBER COMMENTS**

See Walking Tours.

**5. BOOK SALES UPDATE**

**Balance Sheet:** The book sales status and balance sheet chart as of 9/25/07 was passed out to the committee. See the table on the next page.

Although our net income is negative right now, maintaining the book seed money in the NPCA checking account for the History Committee has enabled us to produce copies of the book as the demand occurs. Per the vote at the August 28, 2007 meeting, 500 additional copies were ordered from the printer on September 24, 2007. Of the total, 450 were ordered as perfect bound ("coffee table binding"), and 50 were ordered as coil bound ("researcher's binding"). The books will be ready October 16. For Sunbelt, our wholesale distributor, the peak demand for Christmas sales is actually mid-October to November, because stores want to have stock in place early.

A new flyer for the book was distributed to the committee. George moved and Michael seconded to accept the flyer and use it as needed. The vote was unanimous for approval.

## Book Balance Sheet

As of  
9/25/07

### INCOME

Number Sold*	629
<b>Book sales income</b>	<b>\$12,572.50</b>

### BOOK SEED MONEY

Sponsors (future liability)	\$2,752.00
NPCA Account	\$1,490.00
<b>Total Seed Money</b>	<b>\$4,242.00</b>

### EXPENSE

Printing 400 copies	\$3,708.00
Printing 330 copies	\$2,560.00
Printing 500 copies	\$4,683.00
Printing 500 copies	\$3,915.00
Sales Tax on books sold	\$727.00
<b>Subtotal Book Expense</b>	<b>\$15,593.00</b>
Future Payment of Seed Money Sponsors	\$2,752.00
<b>Total Book Expense</b>	<b>\$18,345.00</b>

### CURRENT INCOME

<b>MINUS EXPENSE</b>	<b>-\$5,772.50</b>
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\*As of 9/25/07, an additional 329 books are on consignment and payment is pending

## 6. WALKING TOURS

At the walking tour meeting, the group decided to have separate guidebooks for the residential (Dryden neighborhood) and commercial area tours because there are so many good photos and a lot of text for each area. Carl is working on the separate guidebooks. George and Liz will update the commercial text since there will be more room. Liz will ask Mr. Paesano for a photo of their original location, which is where the old North Park post office was (now the art school on Ray Street).

Member discussion at the beginning of the meeting focused on the “dry run” residential walking tour held last month. Hilda enjoyed it. Steve and George said it was very helpful for figuring out what the speaker needs to say, and Michael noted that the tour leader needs to know more than is in the guidebook. An hour tour seems about right. Everyone has a different attention span, though, and the tour needs some work to hold people’s interest.

*Do we want to try a dry run of the commercial tour before the next History Committee meeting? We would need to start at 5:30. Another concern is that it is getting dark earlier now.*

Vince is working on a tour at the western end of University Avenue. When he has more material ready, we will talk about it. We can do a simpler handout instead of a guidebook for his tour, and for a Morley Field tour that Steve is developing.

#### **7. ONCE UPON A TIME ARTICLE**

Last meeting we asked who else is interested in writing an article and having their byline in the NPCA Newsletter. Ed has written an article about his “cottage” on Utah Street. He showed us the photos he has of the house in 1910 and 1913, and told us about his research. He met the granddaughter of the house builder, and she told him about the house and the families that owned it. Ed noted that the North Park history book inspired him to continue his research. He would be willing to host a meeting at his house. Thank you, Ed!

#### **8. NORTH PARK DRYDEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT**

The City is working on their HRB processes, and is short-staffed at this time. They expect to start reviewing the Dryden application early next year. The agenda for the September 27 Historical Resources Board meeting at the City shows they are considering individual designation of 3563 28<sup>th</sup> Street, and 3503 Pershing Avenue, which are in the District. They are also considering changing the Burlingame Historic District from a voluntary district to a Geographic/Traditional Historical District.

#### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

At the last meeting, Bill mentioned the wall mural in Fallbrook that was a replica of a historical photograph. Katherine asked Liz if we could start the historical theme with a painting of a historical scene on a utility box. Liz said they are organizing the next round of utility box paintings and she will consider it.

Vince asked about the existence of original plans for the Georgia Street Bridge. Katherine has a 1995 report about the bridge. This report says that the bridge is detailed on a single sheet drawing entitled “Reinforced Concrete Bridge to carry Georgia Street over University Avenue” and is City Engineering Drawing 5220-D. The retaining walls are detailed on a single sheet drawing entitled “concrete Walls & Rails for University Avenue” and are City Engineering Drawing 5220-1-D.

We discussed the origin of the History Committee in 1988 and its re-formation in 2003. A handout was distributed with the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Guiding Principles, and Duties of the Committee Chair, as approved by the committee in March and April 2003.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **TUESDAY** October 23, 2007 at 6:30 pm. Call Katherine at 619-294-8990 or e-mail us at [info@northparkhistory.org](mailto:info@northparkhistory.org) for the meeting location.