

**NPCA HISTORY COMMITTEE/  
NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MARCH 2008 MEETING NOTES\***

**DATE:**       **March 25, 2008**

**TIME:**       **6:30 PM**

**NOTE:** To help members remember their commitments; action items are noted in ***bold italics*** in these meeting notes. **CONTACT KATHERINE FOR OUR NEXT MEETING LOCATION.**

\*Contains updated information as of date of preparation (April 12, 2008)

**1.       WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve welcomed our continuing members Vince, Michael, and George as they arrived. Many of our members, including the Secretary, attended the North Park Parking Meeting the same evening. However, a lot has happened for the History Committee, and these notes will update you!

**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 NPCA website.*

**3.       MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the February 26, 2008 meeting will be posted on our website [www.northparkhistory.org](http://www.northparkhistory.org).

**4.       NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOGO**

Vince's draft logo, featuring an historic view of the Georgia Street Bridge, has been distributed electronically for comment. We all like the concept and his artist's touch. Vince is working on revisions to enhance the appearance for a logo.

**5.       BOOK UPDATE**

From February 27 to April 12, we sold 17 books (including 13 at the Congress of History conference on March 7&8, and 3 at our "dry run" walking tour on March 29), and Main Street sold 7 books. We received a check from Sunbelt for \$940, which was for sales of 97 books at \$10 each to us, minus \$30 for a quarterly "maintenance fee" of \$10 for the past three quarters.

**6.       WALKING TOURS**

We conducted a very successful dry run of the commercial area walking tour on March 29 starting at 9:00 am. Linda, who is Hilda's next-door-neighbor, gathered a group of about 20 (mostly) teachers. They were pleasant and engaged, asked good questions and gave us some excellent feedback on improvements. Everyone thought the guidebook was great (thank you, Carl, Christian, and George!) Michael led the tour, and did a stellar job speaking over traffic noise. Steve, Ed, Hilda, and Katherine were helpers.

The Secretary wishes to thank Ed and Steve for willingly dressing up along with her. Our aim is to have a few more costumed helpers and span the decades of North Park's early development. As you can see, the late 1890's through 1920's are represented. It would be great to fill in with the 1930's and 1940's-1950's. Let Katherine know if you are interested in helping on our first real tour, likely in May.



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

Vince completed his article about street lights in the commercial district, which appeared in the newsletter. Nice job, Vince!

Bill has written an article about the Richardson house and barn at 3425 31<sup>st</sup> Street for the May NPCA newsletter, which will likely be electronic format. For the July newsletter, Katherine has written an article about how the Piggly Wiggly grocery store got its name. *For September, Bill promised to do an article about John F. Kennedy's campaign parade on The Boulevard. For November, George will write an article about the history of the Toyland Parade.*

#### **8. NORTH PARK DRYDEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT/GRAND JURY REPORT ON MILLS ACT**

The potential restrictions by the City of San Diego on applications for Mills Act are getting a lot of attention. Limiting the ability of owners of historical houses to apply for the Mills Act contract and receive the property tax reductions that are part of the arrangement could dampen the enthusiasm for designation of historical districts. **There will be a Special HRB Workshop on the Mills Act Program on Friday, April 18 at 2:00 pm in the City Council Committee Hearing Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Administration Building, 202 C Street. Attend if you can!**

#### **9. NPCA BOARD PRESENTATION ON THE NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

At the February 26 meeting, following a thorough discussion, we unanimously voted to establish the North Park Historical Society (NPHS). In the intervening weeks, we developed a draft agreement with NPCA, outlining our vision of how we separate, what projects we would continue to manage (e.g., the book, the Dryden District, and the walking tours), and how we continue to work together (including providing "Once Upon a Time in North Park" articles and participating in the Renaissance awards judging). We met again on March 11 and finalized the *"Agreement between NPCA and the Newly Founded North Park Historical Society."* Our ten active core members signed an authorization for Steve Hon to serve as interim President of the NPHS and represent the new organization in the Agreement. Thank you, Paul, Vince, Michael, Bill, Liz, Hilda, George, and Ed, who joined Steve and Katherine in developing this Agreement. Ed,

George, Bill, Michael, and Katherine attended the March 26 NPCA Board meeting, where NPCA unanimously approved the Agreement. We appreciate NPCA's support!

#### **10. NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

The North Park Historical Society has been registered as a simple fictitious business name while we prepare the paperwork to establish a 501(C)(3) nonprofit entity. We have received the official confirmation from the State that the name has been reserved for 60 days. We need to cite this paperwork when we file the Articles of Incorporation, and then re-file the name as a 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation.

A request for volunteers for Board members was circulated to our active core and interested parties. Thank you to Paul, Ed, Liz, Bill, George, Michael, Vince, Hilda, Jody, and Sharon, who are joining Steve and Katherine on the inaugural Board for the NPHS. Everyone agreed that Steve, George, and Katherine could serve as interim officers for the purpose of establishing a bank account for the NPHS at the North Park branch of Union Bank. The account was established on April 4, 2008. We now will be able to deposit a check from NPCA that is for the money in the NPCA account designated for the History Committee, per the Agreement. We will also be able to deposit future checks from Sunbelt, and other revenue from book sales. We will determine our officers at our initial Board meeting.

Additional tasks we need to accomplish to establish our corporation include:

- File Articles of Incorporation with State
- Determine operational structure
- Write corporate bylaws
- Hold an initial meeting of the Board of Directors
- Apply for state and federal income tax exemptions

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

Katherine nominated the history book for a City of San Diego Historical Resources Board Excellence in Historic Preservation (Community History) Award. The HRB Policy Subcommittee will consider nominations and determine recipients at their meeting on Monday April 14.

#### **12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the Initial Meeting of the North Park Historical Society Board of Directors on **TUESDAY** April 29, 2008 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. This meeting will focus on our organizational tasks. We anticipate future monthly meetings will involve discussions of projects and free-ranging chats about North Park's history.