

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 2008 MEETING NOTES***

DATE: **April 29, 2008**

TIME: **6:30 PM**

The next meeting will be on **TUESDAY May 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm, at Vintage Religion**, 3821 32nd Street, between North Park Way and University Avenue, across from the CVS parking lot. Come early and browse in this fun and eclectic store!

NOTE: To help members remember their commitments; action items are noted in ***bold italics*** in these meeting notes. *Contains updated information as of date of preparation (May 11, 2008)

The first part of this meeting was the Initial Business Meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) Board of Directors, and the second part was the activities discussion for the organization.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The following members of the NPHS Board of Directors were present:

George Franck
Stephen Hon
Katherine Hon
Ed Orozco
Jody Surowiec
Michael Thornhill
Sharon Turner
Bill Vivian
Hilda Yoder

The following members of the NPHS Board of Directors were absent:

Vincent Rivera
Elizabeth Studebaker
Paul Wade

We also welcomed Bertha Klann, original member of the North Park Community Association (NPCA) when it formed in 1984, and original member of the History Committee when it formed in 1988.

In accordance with the protocol for an Initial Board Meeting, George moved, Michael seconded, and it was unanimously approved that Steve Hon would serve as temporary chair of the meeting, and Katherine Hon would serve as temporary secretary.

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 and the March 25, 2008 History Committee meetings were approved and have been posted on our website www.northparkhistory.org. Draft minutes of our meetings will continue to be sent to the NPCA webmaster for posting on the NPCA website as soon as they are prepared. The minutes will be posted on the NPHS website after they are approved at the subsequent NPHS meeting.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO HOLDING OF FIRST MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All Board members present signed the Waiver of Notice and Consent to Holding of First Meeting of Board of Directors. The Board members who were absent have also signed the Waiver of Notice.

It was unanimously agreed that the NPHS shall be a 501C3 non-profit corporation for the public benefit purpose of education. We all understand the limitations regarding no political campaigning as an organization, and our focus on educational activities. The Articles of Incorporation were signed by all Board members present. The Board members who were absent have also signed the Articles of Incorporation.

As original Incorporator, Steve will send the Articles of Incorporation to the State. Update: the Articles of Incorporation were sent to the State on May 5, 2008.

5. DISCUSSION OF BY-LAWS ISSUES, INCLUDING TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Steve noted that the name North Park Historical Society has been reserved with the Secretary of State (Reservation #R0997531), and we have until June 5, 2008 to file the Articles of Incorporation with the State to officially establish the organization.

We addressed specific clauses and choices in the draft Bylaws. First we discussed the type of membership to have. Membership could be voting, like the NPCA, which is a 501C4 civic league type of organization, or membership could be with supporting “associates” who would not have voting rights. Steve noted many 501C3s are non-voting membership organizations where the Board of Directors hold the voting rights. After discussion, we agreed to have non-voting “associates” for membership. We will discuss dues and how to have our associates be active in the organization at the next meeting.

We agreed on the range of directors to be 5 to 15. We agreed no one would receive compensation for serving on the Board. We agreed on an annual official Board meeting, to be in May of each year. We agreed to continue to have monthly activities meetings, to be generally the fourth Tuesday of each month. We may also discuss business at these meetings. We agreed a quorum would be a minimum of three directors, which is the required 1/5 of the maximum number of directors (15). We agreed on Robert’s Rules of

Order for our governing rules. We agreed on having four officer positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

We discussed the detailed purposes of the corporation to be stated in the bylaws. Below are the agreed-upon purposes for the bylaws:

The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

1. To conduct objective research and outreach, for purposes including to provide the factual basis for designation of historical districts and/or structures, and to serve as a technical resource, in order to facilitate preservation of North Park's cultural and architectural history.
2. To research and write objective articles about the history of North Park's people, landmarks, architecture, homes, commercial buildings, and tracts for publications including the North Park Community Association newsletter, Save Our Heritage Organisation Publication, the Journal of the San Diego Historical Society, and other magazines and publications.
3. To organize, convert to digital format (when possible), and utilize for research purposes documents, slides, data, notes, photos, and various ephemera and records related to history donated to the North Park Historical Society, and to establish a North Park collection for eventual donation to the San Diego Historical Society for preservation.
4. To develop and conduct walking tours relating factual educational information about the history of various areas in North Park, including the commercial core, residential districts, and recreational facilities.
5. To sponsor special events such as lectures, workshops, etc., involving presentation of factual information useful to helping the public understand the origin and significance of historical resources in the community, including buildings, landmarks, and other structures.
6. To market and distribute the book on the history of North Park's first 50 years, entitled "North Park: A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946."
7. To develop and publish other books on North Park history, including a continuation of the community's history from 1940s to current times, based on materials such as personal recollections, factual source material and photographs.
8. To conduct outreach to schools regarding neighborhood history.
9. To coordinate with other organizations on public historical education and preservation efforts.

Katherine will prepare a revised draft of the bylaws and send them to Richard Miller of Lost Your Marbles Too, who is Chair of the Sierra Club's Bylaws Committee, for review. The bylaws will be considered at the next meeting for approval. Update: Richard has received the draft bylaws and will try to review them by May 17.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was nominated by the group:

President: Steve Hon
Vice-President: George Franck
Secretary: Katherine Hon
Treasurer: Sharon Turner

Jody moved and Hilda seconded to approve the slate, and the vote was unanimous for approval.

7. NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOGO

Vince revised the initial logo, featuring an historic view of the Georgia Street Bridge, in accordance with comments received. Thanks especially to Carl, Paul, and Marcella for their input. A copy of the finalized version was distributed to the group. George moved and Michael seconded that the NPHS logo be approved, and the vote was unanimous for approval. Thank you, Vince, for an excellent logo!



8. LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND BANK ACCOUNT

It was unanimously agreed that the principal office location would be Steve and Katherine Hon's house, for purposes of receiving official correspondence for the corporation.

The Board had previously agreed via email to establish the NPHS bank account at Union Bank, North Park Branch. This account has been established for interim (prior to official incorporation) purposes as an account of a non-incorporated association, and the funds resulting from book and license plate frame sales that had been designated for the NPCA History Committee have been deposited in the account. When the incorporation and tax exemption paperwork has been completed, the bank account will be re-established as a corporation account.

The next task for forming the 501C3 corporation is the tax exemption paperwork. *Steve and Katherine will create drafts for state and federal filings*, based on the guidance in the NOLO book, How to Form a Nonprofit Corporation in California by Anthony Mancuso, for discussion by the Board at the next meeting.

This closes the business portion of the meeting.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

9. BOOK UPDATE

From April 13 to May 11, we sold two books to the same person who bought three at the walking tour dry run. We received a check from Sunbelt for \$700 on May 6, which was for sale of 70 books in November 2007.

10. WALKING TOURS

We will coordinate the first official commercial walking tour with Main Street. Liz thinks early June should work. We agreed a Saturday would be best, but we need to start by 9:00 and be cognizant of traffic noise. A group of about 15 is about the maximum for one guide.

We can do a residential tour in the Dryden area whenever. Bill is interested in leading a tour. We can start later in the day on a Saturday, since this is a quieter area. We will plan a residential walking tour in June.

Once we get started, we think four tours each year is a good goal. For each tour, we would like to have two tour guides and three monitors. It is useful to have the monitors in costume so we are easily recognizable.

11. ONCE UPON A TIME ARTICLE

Bill has written an article about the Richardson house and barn at 3425 31st Street for the May NPCA newsletter, which will likely be electronic format. ***Steve forwarded the file to the NPCA Newsletter editor.*** We don't have a date when the next newsletter will come out yet. 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.***

The TV show About San Diego is a good source of topics.

12. MILLS ACT WORKSHOP

Katherine and Bill attended the Special HRB Workshop on the Mills Act Program on April 18. There were so many public comments that the meeting was continued. Everyone who spoke said the program is very important for preservation of our irreplaceable historical resources.

13. OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE PROJECTS

The history book will receive an Excellence in Historic Preservation Award (for History) from the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board. The HRB Policy Subcommittee determined recipients at their meeting on Monday April 14. Katherine attended the meeting. The HRB has requested several photos for a Powerpoint presentation, and a poster that will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall for two weeks before the awards ceremony. The group suggested Katherine send jpegs of the book cover, the logo, the photo of Don and Karon on the book back cover, and the photo of the Stevens & Hartley

building on page 250 of the book. These photos were sent to the HRB staff on May 2. For the poster, Ed volunteered to help Katherine. Carl and Vince also advised. Update: *We had the sign with the book cover image that FastSigns did for the Toyland Parade modified to say North Park Historical Society along the bottom with our website address. FastSigns also mounted the poster. Katherine delivered two mounted posters to HRB staff on May 9. HRB staff thought the poster looked great. We will get one of the mounted posters back after the awards ceremony, which will be on May 22 at 1:00 pm, 202 C Street, Council Committee Room on the 12th floor.*

14. NEXT MEETING

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