

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

DATE: **August 21, 2008**

TIME: **7:00 PM**

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY September 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 3795 Utah Street (Utah and North Park Way)**

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 (September 10, 2008)

The first part of this meeting was a 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:

Stephen Hon
Katherine Hon
Vince Rivera
Elizabeth Studebaker
Paul Wade
Michael Thornhill
Sharon Turner
Bill Vivian

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

George Franck
Ed Orozco
Jody Surowiec
Hilda Yoder

We also welcomed visitors Wendy, Travis, Louise, and Randy. Many thanks to Gonzalo Ruiz of the Masonic Lodge for being our gracious host! It is a privilege to be able to meet in this beautiful historic building!

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 July 22, 2008 NPHS meeting were approved. 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. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon summarized the profit & loss statement and balance sheet from the NPHA Quickbooks account records. The bank balance is \$5,052.09. We have received a total of \$340 in contributions, \$140 in membership dues, \$700 in Sunbelt book sales, \$204 in North Park book sales, and \$5 in walking tour guidebook sales. We have spent \$65.67 for bank checks, and \$320 in fees (\$300 to IRS for the 501c3 application and \$20 to the State). Our liability is \$15.84 for sales tax on the history book sales.

Bank account update: The check to the US Treasury for the 501c3 application and the check to the State have cleared. On September 6, 2008, the officers met at Union Bank and the bank account was changed from an account for an unincorporated association to an account for a corporation. All of the account balance was moved to the new account. We have received new checks with the new account number. The bank shredded the old checks. New signatories on the account are Steve (President), George (Vice-President), and Sharon (Treasurer).

5. IRS 501C3 APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

The 501c3 application and explanatory attachment text was stamped received by the IRS on August 6, 2008. *Update: We have received an acknowledgement notice from the IRS that the application and payment has been received and is undergoing initial review. The notice says we can expect to be contacted within approximately 60 days. We may be notified that our application 1) can be processed immediately, 2) needs minor additional information, or 3) will require additional development. Keep your fingers crossed for answer number 1!*

6. STATEMENT OF INFORMATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The Statement of Information required for domestic nonprofit corporations has been filed with the State of California Secretary of State and has been stamped endorsed July 14, 2008.

7. REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Katherine provided information on the request from Steve Hon for reimbursement of \$319.90 for Xeroxing charges for the 100 residential walking tour guidebooks, walking tour flyers, and walking tour waiver forms. Sharon moved and Michael seconded this reimbursement request be approved. The motion passed unanimously, with Steve and Katherine Hon abstaining from the vote. Sharon moved and Bill seconded that the Board policy for having two signatures on each check be waived for this reimbursement check because Katherine is the secondary signer. The motion passed unanimously, with Steve and Katherine Hon abstaining from the vote. George will sign this check.

This closes the business portion of the meeting.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

8. BOOK UPDATE

As of September 10, we have sold 5 books through Main Street, and 2 books at the August 23 residential walking tour. Also, Steve bought two copies to give to Olympic Café and to Urban Solace for display.

Michael wants to see the 1996 and 1997 calendars that the History Committee did with University Heights Historical Society. *Katherine will bring the copies she has to the next meeting.*

9. WALKING TOURS

The residential walking tour of the Dryden District will be August 23, at 9:00 am. The price is \$10 per person, which includes a copy of the guidebook. Jack said we can set up in his driveway. We are planning on having two groups. *Update: We had an excellent Inaugural residential walking tour! We had 27 paid participants, and we sold 2 additional copies of the tour guidebook plus 2 copies of the history book. Michael led one group, and George and Bill led the other. Louise prepared an evaluation form, and we got a good response. We also learned some valuable lessons about how to be better organized in onsite registration. Steve, Sharon and Katherine weeded the Portal the weekend before, so it looked great on tour day.*

The commercial tour date has changed to September 27 at 8:30 am. Michael, George, and Patrick Edwards are the guides for this tour. The commercial tour will start in the lobby of the North Park Theatre. We will have permission to go to the top of the parking garage at the end of the tour. *Update: A flyer/registration form has been developed and is in circulation. We are encouraging all Board members to attend as helpers.*

10. ONCE UPON A TIME ARTICLE

Bill has written an article about John F. Kennedy's visit to North Park in 1963. Randy showed his newspaper article he kept from this event, which happened when Randy was in high school, and he got a pass to attend the parade along El Cajon Boulevard. Vince said he could scan the articles so we could include them with the article. Paul said he could place the scans as "thumbnails" that people could click on to get a bigger view when we post the article on the www.northparkhistory.org website. When we post, we can ask Beth to include the notice in her e-mail update, and provide a link to our site. *Update: Bill added a comment from Randy to the article, Vince did the scans and we are almost ready to post.*

11. HISTORIC DISTRICTS DISCUSSION - MILLS ACT

Regarding the Dryden District application, the City HRB staff have conducted a preliminary review and sent Steve a letter of comment. We need to plan how to communicate City staff comments to the property owners in the proposed District, and coordinate with City staff to get them the information they need so the district application

can proceed. *Update: We are in communication with the City staff and have a tentative meeting date of September 30 at 2:00.*

12. CALENDAR PROJECT

Paul presented his concept for a “just-in-time” printed calendar that would be created electronically through the CafePress website. The advantage of this type of process is that there are no set-up fees or storage requirements. CafePress has a minimum set price of \$15 for a calendar, and the preparer sets the retail price to make a profit above that amount. Vince, Louise, and Michael are interested in taking photos and working with Paul on this project. Paul moved and Michael seconded that we pursue this project. The motion passed unanimously. Pictures could be details of the hardware, porches, windows, and doors as well as the buildings or other interesting scenes of North Park. Paul suggested early morning or evening pictures for good lighting. Copyright for the photos would belong to NPHS. ***Paul will organize a meeting for people to share and judge their photos.*** *Update: The meeting is set for September 15 at Paul Wade’s house.*

13. NPHS T SHIRTS

Bill brought the example shirts that he had produced at ROK Enterprises on University Avenue, in the heart of North Park with our logo in white on the back. We want to do an order and Katherine has received several responses to request for sizes. Bill wants to review the color chart at the next meeting, as the colors for women’s style is different. And although we voted on maroon as our signature color, many folks also wanted different colors. So we will try to sort it all out at the next meeting.

14. NORTH PARK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AWARD CONCEPT

NPCA has decided not to pursue their “Renaissance Awards” any longer. One of the Renaissance Awards was for historical restoration. Are we interested in developing a concept for a focused award on historical restoration? We decided we are generally interested and will continue to discuss this concept.

15. KLIICKA SCHOLARSHIPS

NPCA has decided not to continue organizing the awarding of the Klicka Scholarship from the Klicka Foundation, which donates \$1,000 each year to a North Park student (high school senior going to college). The Klicka family is one of the founding families in North Park. Emil Klicka was responsible for building the North Park Theatre in 1929, and his brother George was President of the Klicka Lumber Company and developer of the Klicka Studio Bungalow, the North Park Kit House of the 1930’s. Louise is interested in coordinating this scholarship. Sharon moved and Bill seconded that the North Park Historical Society pursue coordination of the Klicka Scholarship award. ***Steve will e-mail Jana on the NPCA board to get contact information.***

16. OUR LADY OF PEACE PRESENTATION

Based on e-mail communication in advance of the meeting, the NPHS Board decided they did not want to devote time to a presentation about this controversial development project, which is technically in the “jurisdiction” of the University Heights Historical

Society. Steve sent an e-mail to the person who had asked if they could give us a presentation.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Nearly all Board members have used the membership form, and joined NPHS. ***Katherine will bring forms to the next meeting, and will send a pdf to Beth for posting an announcement on the NPCA website.***

18. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** September 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 2nd floor conference room, 3795 Utah Street (corner of Utah and North Park Way). Note our new date of third Thursdays, and later time to accommodate the Masonic Lodge manager.