

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JULY 2009 MEETING NOTES***

DATE: July 16, 2009

TIME: 6:30 PM

We will not have a formal meeting in August. The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY September 17, 2009 at 6:30 pm**, at the second floor conference room of the Masonic Lodge, 3795 Utah Street (Utah and North Park Way). **Note we have changed our typical meeting time to start at 6:30 pm.**

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 (August 6, 2009)

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:

Patrick Edwards
George Franck
Steve Hon
Katherine Hon
Ed Orozco
Vince Rivera
Louise Russell
Randy Sappenfield
Elizabeth Studebaker
Jody Surowiec
Bill Vivian
Hilda Yoder

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

Michael Thornhill
Sharon Turner
Paul Wade

New NPHS members David Cohen of Hawthorns, and Robert Bauer joined us. Bob docents at historical home tours.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The July Agenda was accepted as proposed. ***Steve will develop the next agenda. Katherine will distribute it to her history group and to NPCA for posting on their web site.***

The Ted Williams special was on HBO. North Park News had an article about the Dryden District, and an inaugural letter to the editor from Katherine. Louise noted that the Klicka

Scholarship will be in the counselors' book of available scholarships next year, which should increase applications.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

No changes to the draft minutes from the June 18, 2009 NPHS Meeting were suggested. Draft minutes of our meetings will continue to be sent to the NPCA webmaster for posting on the NPCA web site, and also posted on the NPHS web site as soon as they are prepared.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Our new income since the last report includes 2 new memberships, sales of 17 books and sales of 2 guidebooks. We created specially bound versions of the North Park history book with laminated covers and a sturdy "velo binding," which should withstand the heavy use at our local restaurants. The lamination and binding cost \$7 per book times 5 books (\$35). Hawthorns, Olympic Café, and Urban Solace are three restaurants we gave the specially bound book to. Splash and Heaven Sent are two other businesses who might be interested. Apertiva may also be interested.

5. BUDGET STATUS

The Board reviewed the budget status. We are in line with projected revenue and expenditures. We agreed to review every 6 months.

6. TEE SHIRTS

Bill moved and Jody seconded to have the royal blue tee shirts be made available to members only. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

7. NORTH PARK THEATRE SIGN SUPPORT

David Cohen informed the group that the PAC approved restoring the vertical part of the marquee sign at the North Park Theatre at their meeting on July 14. Our letter to the City supporting restoration of the sign with lettering as in the original sign on the theatre, specifically keeping the text "West Coast" at the top and not adding any other text, was appreciated.

8. WALKING TOURS

We set the dates for our next residential and commercial walking tours in the fall. They will be:

- October 3, 2009 (Saturday): Residential Dryden Tour, 9:00 am; Michael, Bill and George tour guides.
- October 18, 2009 (Sunday): Commercial Tour, 8:30 am; Michael, Patrick, and George tour guides.

Mark your calendars because we will need helpers!

Steve found megaphones available on a cheerleading website. Patrick moved and Ed seconded to buy three megaphones. They will be the smallest ones (13 inches long). Steve will order.
Update: We chose a maroon color, and the three megaphones have arrived.

Liz is reviewing the text for the Hamilton/Villa Terrace Neighborhood tour. Christian Michaels has finished taking photos for the guidebook, and Carl will set up the guidebook, and give us the template for future tour guidebooks. Jody did research information about the trolley stop at University Avenue and Hamilton.

George is starting research for a tour around 30th and Upas, including the Lynhurst Building. Hilda has helped him with the research and George asked if others were interested. Vince has done some research on homes along 28th Street and Redwood Street.

Steve e-mailed the Balboa Park ranger for the Morley Field tour, but hasn't received a reply yet.

9. 2010 CALENDAR

Paul and the calendar group will meet in early August to consider photos.

10. VIRTUAL LIBRARY

We are making good progress on the project of developing an original building permit database linked to an aerial/parcel boundary base website. KTU+A, a local planning and landscape architecture firm is generously donating staff resources to help make this happen. They developed the data entry form in the Access database software. Katherine finished scanning the handwritten tablets with Don Covington's notations from old Daily Transcript newspapers of building permits. The group is strategizing on protocols for entering data. We are also organizing the lists.

11. MEMBER BBQ, AUGUST 20, 6:30 PM AT 3536 HERMAN AVENUE

In August, instead of a meeting we will hold a North Park Historical Society Members BBQ at Bill Vivian's house. The party will be a potluck. Please coordinate with Bill on what you will bring (broker.bill@hotmail.com 619-840-0662).

12. COORDINATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Patrick previously brought up the concept of coordinating with Pasadena as a "sister community." *Patrick will draft a letter from North Park Main Street that we could co-sign or use.* Liz has some contacts.

Liz still intends to explore coordinating with Ocean Beach Historical Society on a joint planning meeting. Their regular meetings are the third Thursday also.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Patrick floated the idea of mapping the sidewalk stamps (builder and date of sidewalks stamped in the concrete). Maybe we could see if the North Park News would do an announcement of a competition for who can find the oldest stamp. George will contact the Gensler company to see if the sidewalk stamp data they collected would be available.

14. NEXT MEETING

NO MEETING IN AUGUST. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO A BBQ AT BILL VIVIAN'S HOUSE, 3536 HERMAN AVENUE, on AUGUST 20 AT 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** September 17, 2009 at 6:30 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 2nd floor conference room, 3795 Utah Street.