

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

DATE: May 21, 2009

TIME: 6:00 PM

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY June 18, 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 are changing our typical meeting time to start at 6:30 pm, per Jody's suggestion and upon approval of the Board and the Masonic Lodge manager.**

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 (June 9, 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. This was our special annual meeting.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

George Franck
Steve Hon
Katherine Hon
Ed Orozco
Vince Rivera
Elizabeth Studebaker
Jody Surowiec
Michael Thornhill
Bill Vivian
Paul Wade
Hilda Yoder

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

Sharon Turner

NPHS members Louise Russell, Randy Sappenfield, Janie Wardlow and Larry Hall also participated in the meeting. Amy Colony, the new Assistant Director of North Park Main Street joined us, and we were honored to have Ed's special guest Francis, granddaughter of the first owners of his house, with us for Ed's presentation.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May 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.***

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

No changes to the draft minutes from the April 16, 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. BALLOT FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In accordance with the NPHS bylaws, the Report of the Nominating Committee was previously sent to the current 12 members of the Board on April 28, 2009. Our current directors are now entering the second year of their 2-year terms. A maximum of 15 Directors is allowed by the bylaws, and nominations for three vacancies were received. The three nominees are Patrick Edwards, Louise Russell, and Randy Sappenfield. Patrick has been a tour guide on our commercial historical walking tours. Louise developed our tour evaluation forms and did an excellent job coordinating the Klicka Scholarship in our first year of responsibility for this task. Randy has helped develop and conduct our walking tours, and has been particularly generous in bringing his beautiful cars to grab people's attention. All but one Board member filled out their ballot at the meeting; the absent Board member submitted her ballot to the Secretary via e-mail in advance of the meeting. The three nominees were elected unanimously to fill the three vacant Board positions. Welcome Patrick, Louise and Randy to the NPHS Board of Directors!

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. SHARING SESSION

In the sharing session, personal projects and organization projects were presented. Highlights are:

- Liz discussed coordinating with the Ocean Beach Historical Society.
- Michael talked about his house on Texas Street, and showed the P.M. Dairy Company milk bottle he found under his house, as well as a Campbell's Creamery bottle.
- Randy showed us some of the items he has obtained from the 1935-1936 California Exposition, accompanied by music of the times. Items included a thermos, flannel pennant, spoon, coasters, and a day pass.
- Ed presented a PowerPoint on his cottage, which is turning 100 years old. He showed us a first edition of the book written by the house first owner, signed by the author.
- Steve showed photos and outlined his concept for a historical walking tour of the Morley Field recreational area of Balboa Park. Suggestions for features to mention included the bocce ball courts, hiking trails, and fly casting pond (where the volley ball sand court is now). Liz mentioned that the announcer for the Velodrome is the owner of the Oriental Gallery in North Park.
- Hilda presented a PowerPoint on her daughter's house in South Park. Her excellent presentation had scandal and intrigue.
- Katherine showed PowerPoint slides from the North Park Now and Then presentation she gave to the YMCA after-school program in March.

- George showed photos and discussed his concept for a historical walking tour of the Hamilton Street/Villa Terrace area.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** June 18, 2009 at 6:30 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 2nd floor conference room, 3795 Utah Street.