

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING NOTES\***

**DATE:**        **September 17, 2009**

**TIME:**        **6:30 PM**

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY October 15, 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 (October 2, 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  
Steve Hon  
Katherine Hon  
Ed Orozco  
Vince Rivera  
Louise Russell  
Randy Sappenfield  
Elizabeth Studebaker  
Michael Thornhill  
Sharon Turner  
Bill Vivian  
Paul Wade  
Hilda Yoder

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

George Franck  
Jody Surowiec

NPHS members Amy Colony and Robert Bauer also joined us.

**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.***

Many thanks to Broker Bill Vivian of the NPHS Board of Directors for hosting a fun pot luck in lieu of our August meeting!

### **3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

No changes to the draft minutes from the July 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. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our new income since the last report includes 5 membership renewals, sales of 2 books (one via Amazon.com) and donations of \$190 from renewing members. We reimbursed Paul for the calendar proof. SOHO took 12 books to sell in their museum stores. We have fewer than 100 perfect bound books left, and fewer than 30 coil bound books left. A committee consisting of Patrick, George, Ed, Vince, Steve and Katherine will consider how many of which type of binding to reprint, and when. The committee will meet in November and report to the Board.

### **ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

#### **5. WALKING TOURS**

The next residential and commercial walking tours 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.

Helpers for October 3 are Hilda, Ed, Louise (she will bring evaluation forms), Sharon and Jody, in addition to Steve and Katherine. Randy will bring whichever of his beautiful historical cars that starts in the morning.

Helpers so far for October 18 are Liz, Amy, Hilda, Sharon and Ed, in addition to Steve and Katherine.

The Hamilton/Villa Terrace Neighborhood tour may be the next one ready. The tour south of Upas may be called the "Pershing Heights" tour, although that is not the historical name of any of the subdivisions in that area. Steve is still attempting to contact the Balboa Park ranger for the Morley Field tour. The guidebook for that tour may be a trifold on a single sheet, for a bit more informal look

#### **6. 2010 CALENDAR**

Paul and the calendar group selected photos. Paul had a proof to show the group. It is beautiful! The quality of the paper is excellent and the photos are great. Christian Michaels took two photos, one of which is the cover, and we will give him two calendars for donating his professional work. There is an area on the back of the calendar where businesses could put a sticker "Courtesy of" their business, if they wanted to buy several to give to clients. Most of the meeting attendees took advantage of the opportunity to order calendars for gifts. We had a total of 53 calendars ordered by the group. *Ed will explore the possibility of placing calendars with Philip at Vintage Religion, and ask Philip about an appropriate retail price.*

Group members who ordered calendars, please be ready to reimburse NPHS at the meeting for the wholesale price (\$11 each). Here are the orders as recorded at the meeting:

Louise – 4  
Bill – 10  
Ed – 5  
Sharon – 4  
Randy – 5  
Vince – 1  
Michael – 3  
Hilda – 5  
Steve & Katherine – 3  
Liz – 5  
Bob – 4  
Paul – 3  
George – 1

*Update: An order for a total of 143 calendars (90 for sale and 53 for the group) was placed with CafePress September 29. **The calendars will be delivered to Paul, who will bring them to the next meeting. George will take the calendars** so we have some at the October 18 walking tour and for local distribution.*

## **7. 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 with the pro bono help of KTU+A, a local planning and landscape architecture firm. Sharon, Jody, Hilda, and Katherine are entering data into the Access database every Monday evening. We will have our set of 200 entries by the end of October for KTU+A to run a test.

## **8. COORDINATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**

Patrick previously brought up the concept of coordinating with Pasadena as a “sister community.” Liz made contact with someone with Pasadena who said they could help identify a neighborhood in their city similar to North Park, and Patrick was eager to meet with him.

## **9. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

All of our members who needed to renew have done so as of October 2. Thank you!

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Sidewalk Stamps: Patrick floated the idea of mapping the sidewalk stamps (builder and date of sidewalks stamped in the concrete). Patrick wonders if there is a 1909 stamp. Maybe we could make it a contest, and people could take photos of their neighborhood stamps plus a picture of where it is (e.g., nearest intersection). This could eventually become part of the virtual library database.

Taste of University Heights: Steve and Katherine will staff a table at the Taste of University Heights, as Ernie Bonn said we could have a space for free. *Update: We were in a very pleasant*

*spot under the trees at Trolley Barn Park, and got some interest. We sold 3 books and gave out flyers for the walking tours.*

Don Covington's Burlingame Book: There is some interest from Burlingame for a re-issuing of Don Covington's little book on Burlingame. The book is completely out of print. Karon Covington had told us last year she was ok with it being reprinted, but she could not help with such a project. We don't have electronic files of the book, so we would have to scan an existing book and see how the quality would be. Katherine has an original cover with crop marks that could be scanned also. Vince said his company could contribute the scanning effort. This would be a worthwhile project, but before starting we need to find out who in Burlingame would coordinate fund raising to pay for printing, and who will take the books for distribution.

Dryden District Update at the September 23 City Council Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting: "History Day" is the focus of the next meeting of the San Diego City Council Land Use and Housing Committee, on September 23 starting at 2:00. District 3 Councilmember Todd Gloria is Chair of this Council Committee, and he wanted to combine a lot of neighborhood historical issues being heard by the committee, including an update on the status of the Dryden District (which is being delayed again). Come if you can and wear your NPHS tee shirt! *Update: Katherine spoke at the meeting of our frustration with the delays in our Supplemental Application being considered. Thank you to Hilda, Michael, George, Steve, and Bob, who also came to the meeting. Thanks also to Janet O'Dea, who spoke in our support. City HRB staff feel that the new North Park historical survey must be conducted before they will be comfortable with the proposed boundaries of the Dryden District (28<sup>th</sup> Street and Pershing Avenue from Upas to Landis). For them, the problem is that this area doesn't neatly coincide with a historical subdivision. We say our boundary justification is the fact that 28<sup>th</sup> Street in this neighborhood is the meeting line of two different subdivisions (Park Villas and West End), each with a different street pattern. The dog legs and "dead ends" that resulted attracted David Dryden to the neighborhood, and he is the one who built many of the two-story homes, setting a high level of architectural style and quality that makes the area special. Todd Gloria said he will facilitate a meeting with HRB staff and NPHS to discuss the issue further. The meeting will be in October.*

## **11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** October 15, 2009 at 6:30 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, 3795 Utah Street. George will chair the meeting and Jody will take notes due to the potential absence of Steve and Katherine Hon.