

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 2012 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: MAY 17, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM

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. These notes include updates as of May 26, 2012.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** June 21, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Balboa Tennis Club clubhouse at Morley Field, 2221 Morley Field Drive. ***Please note the change of meeting place, discussed below.***

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer
Steve Hon
Katherine Hon
Ed Orozco
Louise Russell
Randy Sappenfield
Sharon Turner
Bill Vivian

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

Patrick Edwards
George Franck
Vince Rivera
Jody Surowiec
Michael Thornhill
Hilda Yoder

Members Paul, Ginni, Rhea and Valerie attended. Thanks also to Eva and Wendy for coming.

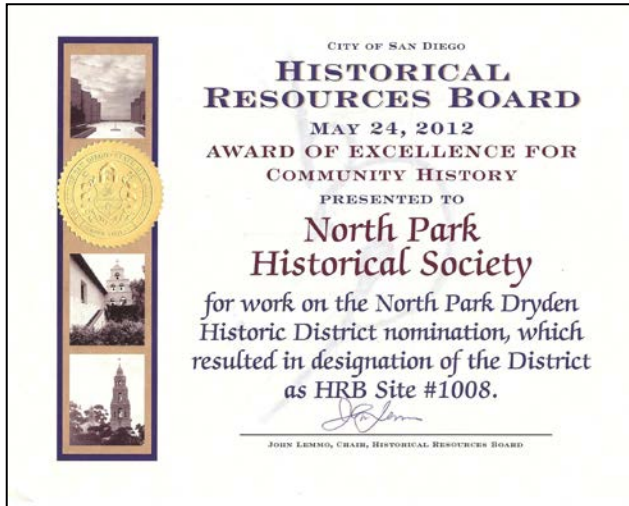
2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Space. We did not have a meeting in April due to the Masonic Lodge suddenly not being available. In early May we learned we would not be able to meet there in the future due to the General Manager's schedule. It was a great privilege to meet for several years in one of North Park's most iconic historic buildings. We appreciate the Lodge's willingness to let us use the space each month.

But we have good news! Starting in June we will have our monthly meetings in the clubhouse at the **Balboa Tennis Club in Morley Field**, west of the pool (at the end of Texas Street) and adjacent to the parking lot where we will have our car show in September. We are very grateful to the Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors for unanimously approving allowing us to meet there. Peter Conneely, who has been our contact for coordinating the car show, asked the Tennis Club Board to consider making the clubhouse available when he learned we had lost access to the Masonic Lodge. Thank you, Peter!

Awards. We are receiving two awards this year for achieving designation of the North Park Dryden Historic District!

On May 24, the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board gave us an Award of Excellence for Community History. Councilmember Todd Gloria also gave us a Special Commendation. We appreciate Gabriela Marks creating a wonderful poster, which got prominent placement in the City Executive Complex lobby underneath their main poster at the front of the exhibit.



City staff Kelley gives certificates to Steve, Katherine, Gabriela and George at the HRB awards presentation on May 24, 2012.

On May 31, we will receive a People in Preservation Award from the Save Our Heritage Organisation. We appreciate the recognition and are very pleased to have completed this legacy project begun by our predecessors in North Park history, including Don Covington, and reinitiated in 2004 by George Franck, Katherine Hon and Daniel Marks.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the March 15, 2012 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website. There are no minutes for April 2012.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. Sharon reported that we had a total income of approximately \$220 from 12 Dryden walking tour sign-ups, 4 Burlingame walking tour sign-ups, sale of 4 Burlingame books, and sale of 2 North Park history books. Expenses were mostly related to the car show, for the City permit and joining the Car Club Council so we can distribute our flyers and registration forms at their monthly meetings.

Steve announced that our County grant application has been accepted and he will make a presentation on June 11. It is a good sign if you are asked to present.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. PLAZA DE PANAMA LETTER

Our letter to the editor stating our opposition to the Plaza de Panama project was published in the March 30-April 12, 2012 issue of *Uptown News*. Our detailed letter of comment on the Draft EIR is included in the Final EIR for the project with the proponent's responses on pages RTC 59 through 77. They denied that the MOU had any influence on the EIR. They added some text to the EIR recognizing that access to amenities at Morley Field could be temporarily limited during construction, and that there are homes much closer than they said in the Draft EIR. It is hard to say if our letter will make any difference, but we can be proud that our organization took a stand for preservation of the historic resources on the Central Mesa and Morley Field. The Planning Commission meeting is June 7 at 1:00 pm, and the City Council meeting is July 9 at 2:00 pm.

6. CAR SHOW

We continue to plan with the Balboa Tennis Club, who will host the car show in the parking lot along the tennis courts at Morley Field. We got an e-mail letter of support from Todd Gloria's office, and a letter committing to being our hosts from the Balboa Tennis Club. Bob drafted an excellent site plan which was approved by the the Balboa Tennis Club. Steve and Katherine prepared the permit application, took it to City staff, and received the Park Use Permit on May 7. We have to post No Parking signs in the tennis court parking lot 72 hours in advance. Steve will ask North Park Main Street for the name of the company who does this for their events. Bill and Randy are coordinating with the Car Club Council to make sure they have registration forms available at their monthly meetings.

Update: We have 7 cars registered already, including this beautiful Packard that just showed up at our first event. Thanks, Norm, for joining us again! Car exhibition forms are on the website, northparkhistory.org. Paper copies can be obtained from Katherine and Randy. Tell your friends with special cars to register early.



7. KLUICKA SCHOLARSHIP

Louise, Jody and Hilda selected Kelly Boland, a senior at San Diego High School for the scholarship. She is an outstanding student and plans to major in conservation biology to help protect wildlife. Councilmember Todd Gloria agreed to present the scholarship at the North Park Festival of the Arts.

8. WALKING TOUR PLANNING

The Dryden District Walking Tour on April 14 had a total of 14 attendees in spite of marginal weather. Michael and George were the tour guides for two groups that were just the right size.

The Burlingame Walking Tour on May 19 had about a dozen attendees. Our new guide Steve Fobes, an architect who attended last year's walking tour, had a fine debut; George and Michael paired up for the second group. Randy brought his beautiful 1928 Ford Phaeton and gave rides around the block to a few lucky folks. Hilda, Ed, Jody, Sharon, Katherine, and Steve assisted. We may consider doing a poster to publicize next time we do this tour. We think that the excellent poster Vince prepared last year that we put up around North Park and South Park is why we got nearly four times as many attendees for the previous tour. But we did sell one North Park history book and three Burlingame books to attendees of the tour.



Update: On June 2, the Burlingame Club and homeowner's organization are conducting a Home Tour of six homes built in 1912, the first year of the tract. The Burlingame event in June will allow participants inside the featured homes. We will have a table at their event and sell the North Park and Burlingame books. Look for us at 3117 Laurel, and sign up for this unique event, which is a benefit for local charities through the Burlingame Club. The cost is \$25 and more information is at Burlingamesd.com or 619-285-9680.

9. FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

We had a pleasant day greeting the many attendees who stopped to comment on our posters and learn more about North Park's history. We sold four North Park history books and handed out lots of flyers for the Burlingame Home Tour event and car show. Thanks to all the Board members who helped, especially Sharon, Jody, Steve, Ed, Louise, and Katherine.



10. WEBSITE

Jim Tinsky continues to help us build our prototype. We should have a demo ready in July.

11. HISTORY PRESENTATIONS

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to history presentations. Steve showed his PowerPoint about the history of Morley Field, which is shaping up to be an excellent walking tour. Then Paul Spears told the story of his home restoration with pictures projected on the screen. We agreed it was nice to have presentations in addition to business/project discussions and will make a goal to have more presentations at future meetings. Michael and Randy both have projects to share, and many members have not yet seen the North Park Now and Then presentation we gave to the McKinley 5th graders.

NEXT MEETING

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