

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

**DATE: AUGUST 16, 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 September 16, 2012.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** September 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Balboa Tennis Club clubhouse at Morley Field, 2221 Morley Field Drive. ***Please note our new meeting place.***

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

George Franck  
Steve Hon  
Katherine Hon  
Vince Rivera  
Randy Sappenfield  
Michael Thornhill  
Sharon Turner  
Hilda Yoder

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

Robert Bauer  
Patrick Edwards  
Ed Orozco  
Louise Russell  
Jody Surowiec  
Bill Vivian

Members Paul, Ginni, and Peter joined us, as did Kevin, who is the new Assistant Director at North Park Main Street. Welcome!

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The draft minutes from the July 19, 2012 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. We had a total income of approximately \$400 from 2 car show sign-ups, 3 car show sponsors (at \$100 each), and sale of 6 North Park history books. Expenses of approximately \$510 were related to the Toyland Parade entry fee, renewing our website domain names and paying the San Diego History Center for the rights to use 10 photos in the banner on our new website. The money for the photo rights came from the previous County grant.

## **ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

### **5. CAR SHOW**

Update: Thanks to everyone who helped make our Third Annual Car Show a great success! We had nearly 60 cars on display, and hundreds of attendees. We made a profit, and made connections with many wonderful people who are engaged in North Park and its history. Everyone raved about the new location in front of the tennis courts at Morley Field, and we are pleased to report that we have been invited back next year.

Our oldest car was a 1914 Ford Model T, and the newest was a 2008 Porsche Cayman S.

The trophy winners were a 1954 Studebaker Commander Regal Starlight Coupe (2nd Runner Up), 1949 Dodge Power Wagon (1st Runner Up), and 1965 VW Bus Westfalia Camper (Grand Trophy People's Choice winner).

We especially want to thank:

- Balboa Tennis Club for being our gracious hosts, in particular, Colleen, who made it possible and Peter, who extended the original invitation to develop an event with them.
- Babycakes at Balboa Park, for being a monetary sponsor and providing excellent food onsite.
- The County of San Diego for grant funds that paid for the port-a-potties.
- Our monetary sponsors - Ascent Real Estate, True North Tavern, Ron Oster at Ascent Real Estate, Caddi57, Broker Bill, and Friends of North Park Historical Society Randy and Steve.
- Our in-kind sponsors - North Park News, A7D, Mike Ward Photography, and North Park Trophy & Award.
- Our Favorite Car business sponsors who provided prizes to the cars of their choice - West Coast Tavern, The Girl Can't Help It, Vintage Religion, Hunt & Gather, West Coast Auto Body & Paint, Ms. Vintage, and A&B Sporting Goods.
- The BID Council, for providing the A-frame no parking signs free of charge.
- Steve Whitburn, for being a stellar announcer.
- Vince, who designed the poster, certificates, and placards (and brought motorcycle friends).
- Members of the NPHS Car Group, who organized the event, encouraged their car friends to come, and ran the show - Bob, Michael, Randy, Bill, Steve, George, Paul, Sharon and Katherine.
- Other NPHS friends and members who staffed the booth, escorted cars to their spaces, and helped on the day of the event - Jody, Kevin, Ed, and Hilda.
- Special thanks to Bob, Sherry, and Sharon, who stayed afterwards to clean up, including washing off the chalk marks from the parking lot and curbs, in accordance with our City permit. That's dedication!



## **6. WEBSITE UPDATE**

Steve demonstrated the website, and noted we still need a "contact us" button that will direct emails to Katherine's email as with the current website. George suggested the calendar needs more events or maybe a different format. We should re-name "virtual library" to something like "historical building permit information" because that is what is presented. We need to ask our web consultant if addresses can be added to the building permit database. We will be ready to launch the site very soon.

Update: We are launched! Many thanks to Jim Tinsky, our web consultant, for all of his hard work to make this new site happen. Check it out at the same web address as before, [www.NorthParkHistory.org](http://www.NorthParkHistory.org) Let us know what you think. You can email Katherine at [info@northparkhistory.org](mailto:info@northparkhistory.org).

## **7. PAVERS AT BALBOA TENNIS CLUB**

Peter showed us the brick pavers that will replace the badly cracked concrete at the entry to the Balboa Tennis Club. They are asking their members and friends to purchase bricks under their "Paving the Future" program. The brick pavers, which come in three sizes, will be engraved with the names/messages of purchasers' choice. The goal is to raise \$40,000 to repair paving around the club, add ornamental iron fencing to secure the area, add a flagpole, and finish landscaping projects.

Update: In appreciation for the Balboa Tennis Club making the clubhouse available for our monthly meetings and their hospitality to us in hosting the car show, the NPHS Board held an email vote on September 13, 2012 and approved purchasing a 5" x 8" brick for \$100 that will say "North Park Historical Society."

## **8. MORLEY FIELD WALKING TOUR**

The one-page (front and back) handout for the historical walking tour of the Morley Field area is almost complete. We agreed on a date of Saturday, October 20 at 9:30 am for an experimental tour with people willing to be guinea pigs.

## **9. GEORGIA STREET BRIDGE UPDATE**

As reported last meeting, the City of San Diego and their consultant team headed by Simon Wong Engineering have made presentations to multiple groups with their recommended alternative for achieving a seismically adequate bridge and walls. Much of the bridge will have to be rebuilt but the main arches that span the street will remain original. The reconstruction of the bridge will bring it back to be closer to its original appearance in many ways, including the street lights. The bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places, and federal funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans are being used for the seismic retrofit. The University Avenue Mobility Plan is a separate project. George agreed to draft a letter stating NPHS support for the Georgia Street Bridge project.

## **10. WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Historian Alex Bevil has submitted the application for the Water Tower and accompanying water system structures (some of which no longer exist) to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the "University Heights Water Storage and Pumping Station Historic District." Alex prepared the extremely detailed application as a contribution to the community. He may do a presentation next year in conjunction with the University Heights Historical Society, which will be very interesting. Thank you, Alex!

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