

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUST 2013 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2013

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 14, 2013.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** September 19, 2013 at 6:30 pm and will be at the home of Board Member Bob Bauer to celebrate another successful car show. Contact the Secretary at 619-294-8990 or info@northparkhistory.org for location specifics and directions. We will be back at our regular location in October.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer	Jody Surowiec
Steve Hon	Sharon Turner
Katherine Hon	Randy Sappenfield
Hilda Yoder	George Franck

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

Michael Thornhill	Louise Russell
Patrick Edwards	Bill Vivian
Vince Rivera	Ed Orozco

Member Paul also joined us. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katherine announced that the Toyland Parade will be Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 11 am. It will be the 50th anniversary of the parade! The group agreed we should be in it. We have marched in the parade as the North Park Historical Society since 2008, when Vince starred as the first Water Tower, his fabulous creation (see photo at right). Katherine will send in the entry form. The fee is \$25, and the route will be the same as last year.



3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the July 18, 2013 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. Between mid-July and mid-August 2013 we recorded income of approximately \$340 from sales of 3 North Park history books, 2 car show sponsors, 6 car show registrations, and 2 memberships. Expenses in this time period included \$816 for the car show portapotties (a deal at \$316) and the one-time special scholarship awards of \$250 each to this year's two runner-up Klicka Scholarship applicants.

Update: Regarding our request for a new County Grant to help fund the car show and our Arcadia book preparation, Steve is happy to report we received a grant of \$1,500 and this money is in the bank. We sincerely appreciate the County's support of our activities.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. ARCADIA BOOK PROJECT

Update: The Arcadia Book Working Group held its 8th working meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month, August 22, 2013. Melanie reported on her research of the mysterious "Washeteria" photo, which we now know is the groundbreaking for the Beth Jacob synagogue on 30th Street which is now an Armenian church.

We also reviewed some interesting photos of the Toyland Parade from the 1940s that Chris Wray obtained, and some pictures Steve and Katherine have borrowed from the North Park contingent at Grossmont Gardens in La Mesa.

We are considering this photo of the North Park Theatre as a cover candidate. If you want to help with research, writing, outreach, review, or in other ways on this project, please contact Katherine at 619-294-8990 or email her at info@northparkhistory.org.

6. WALKING TOURS

Steve conducted a Saturday morning walking tour of Morley Field on August 17 at 9 am. Attendance quadrupled from the tour the previous week! Steve had new information about the architect of the Bud Kearns Swimming Pool registration building, who was a Swiss immigrant named Louis Bodmer. Mr. Bodmer worked under Richard Requa and also designed Spanish Village in central Balboa Park. He lived at 4001 Illinois Street near Lincoln Avenue for 50 years, so was a long-time North Park resident. George and Valerie continue to work on the booklet for the "Streetcar Suburb" tour of the Hamilton-Villa Terrace area.

7. PLANNING BOUNDARIES

George reported on the issue of the University Heights Community Association's request to move the northwest corner of the North Park Community Planning Area (generally the chunk north of Lincoln Avenue and west of Texas Street) into the Uptown Planning Area. He said that City staff explained at a meeting that this issue would be part of the Community Plan update process. Especially considering the mayor's recent resignation, it is not likely this will simply happen without some analysis of potential effects. George will be on the Historic Element committee for the North Park Community Plan update process. Thank you, George!



8. CAR SHOW REPORT

Our biggest event of the year is our 4th Annual North Park Car Show, which was held on September 7 (the first Saturday after Labor Day) from 10 am to 2 pm in the parking lot in front of the tennis courts at Morley Field. We appreciate Balboa Tennis Club hosting us once again.

We want to recognize one more time our \$100 donating sponsors: Babycakes, True North Tavern, Realtor Ron Oster with Ascent Real Estate, Realtor Brian Lacklen with Ascent Real Estate, County of San Diego, Broker Bill Vivian, Randy Sappenfield, and Steve Hon. We also want to recognize our in-kind sponsors. North Park Trophy donated the beautiful trophies. A7D printed the poster designed by Vince. Uptown News published the poster and an excellent front page article. Jim Brady with Brady Architectural Photography took pictures of the cars.

A total of 57 cars were on display, plus a 1954 "canned ham" trailer and a 1948 Cushman scooter. There were at least 325 attendees. The 3rd Place and Grand Trophy People's Choice Car winners were female owners who are at the beginning of their car exhibiting careers, which was very exciting. Congratulations to Brook and Audrey! The 2nd Place Trophy People's Choice winner was showing a car previously owned by a North Park Car Show exhibitor who passed away recently. Congratulations to new owners Mike and Steve, and to prior owner Roger, who we hope was watching from on high. Thank you, Lauren Prescott of County Ron Roberts' office, for announcing the awards.



3rd Place People's Choice: 1959 Nash Metropolitan 2nd Place People's Choice: 1958 Pontiac Bonneville



Grand Trophy Winner: 1968 VW Campmobile, which was a total surprise to the owner, but not to those who know how much North Parkers love camping vehicles. Last year's winner also was a VW camper.

Several North Park businesses picked their favorites and donated prizes to those car owners.

- The Girl Can't Help It! boutique on Grim Avenue picked a 1955 Ford Thunderbird.
- Oh My Dog! Photography on Ray Street picked a 1964 Plymouth Valiant.
- Ms. Vintage on University Avenue picked a 1970 Plymouth Cuda.
- A & B Sporting Goods on University Avenue picked a 1959 Nash Metropolitan.
- Promos ROK at promosROK.com picked a 1932 Chrysler Eight.
- A special prize of Green Truck wine was awarded by the NPHS Secretary to Dennis Ferguson and his 1946 Dodge truck for being the first to register for the show.
- Vintage Religion on 32nd Street picked a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air towing a 1954 Elwyn Canned Ham Trailer.
- West Coast Tavern on University Avenue picked a 1960 Corvette Convertible.
- The Lab Salon on University Avenue picked a 1966 Corvette Sting Ray.



Thanks to our members who helped organize and conduct the show, especially Bob, Randy, Michael, Sharon, Paul, Jody, Ed, Hilda, Vince, Steve, and Katherine. What a great team!

NEXT MEETING

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