

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MARCH 2014 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: MARCH 20, 2014

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 March 28, 2014.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** April 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm in a second floor meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer	Katherine Hon
George Franck	Sharon Turner
Steve Hon	Randy Sappenfield

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

Michael Thornhill	Louise Russell
Hilda Yoder	Jody Surowiec
Ed Orozco	Bill Vivian

Members Paul and Robert also joined us. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katherine announced that the University Heights Library is celebrating its centennial on April 12 with an open house from noon to 3:00 pm at the current library building, 4193 Park Boulevard. The flyer for this event is at the end of these notes.

NPHS will have a booth at the North Park Festival of the Arts, which will be held Saturday, May 17, from 11 am to 6 pm. Our space will be at University Avenue and Grim Avenue, our usual location. We always appreciate help in setting up around 9:30 am, help in the booth during the day, and help at 6 pm to take down. Save the date, and set aside some time to join us!

NPHS will have a booth at the Old House Fair, which will be held Saturday, June 21, from 10 am to 4 pm at 30th and Beech streets. This is a very well attended event where we get lots of questions, so save this date too and spend some time helping at the booth.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the February 20, 2014 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. In the period from February 18 to March 16, 2014, four North Park history books, one Burlingame book, two residential guidebooks, and two commercial guidebooks were sold. We had expenses of \$95, consisting of \$75 for the exhibitor's fee at the Old House Fair, and \$20 filing fee for the Statement of Information to the State of California. The exhibitor's fee at the North Park Festival of the Arts was waived for us by North Park Main Street as we are a community non-profit, and we sincerely appreciate that.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. ARCADIA BOOK PROJECT

The book project has proceeded on an excellent pace, as summarized below.

Cover: Arcadia made six cover mock-ups from the ten photos we submitted. These were distributed for an email vote to the Board and all other participants in the project. The overwhelming first place choice (9 of 15 votes received) was the streetcar at the Georgia Street Bridge. Seven of the first place votes were from Board members, so this cover choice received approval from a majority of the Board even though several Board members did not vote. This cover was favored because it is at a recognizable place in North Park and has great historical significance, since it was the streetcar that brought residents, business owners, and investors in the early 1900s, allowing North Park to grow. Arcadia said it is a great cover choice.

Layout: The detailed layout of the book is complete. The binder with the final mock-up was available at the meeting and received favorable comments from attendees. Book Group members Randy, Jody, Valerie, Steve, Katherine and Ed reviewed it in detail in advance of the Board meeting. Arcadia's form reflecting the final layout has been submitted to our editor at Arcadia.

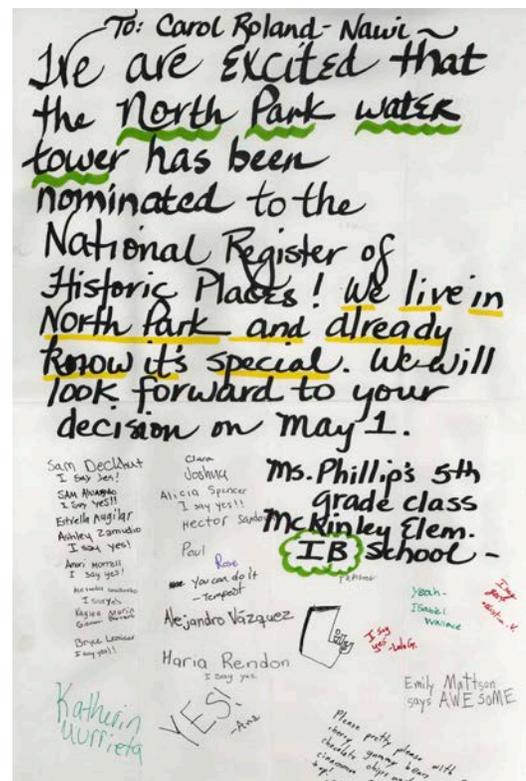
Text: The text of Acknowledgements, General Introduction, chapter introductions and captions is complete and was reviewed by several Book Group members. Thanks, Jody, for finding some pesky typos! Katherine prepared the single Word file with all the text in the book in accordance with Arcadia's instructions. The file has been submitted to Arcadia.

Summary: Arcadia has received the photograph files and all other materials they need to produce the book. They are confident that, because we are six weeks early, they should be able to produce the book well before Christmas. They will produce a draft that we will review and answer any questions they have. Then the final book will be produced.

Katherine reported that based on recent contacts she has made, the book will be well received. The Lafayette Hotel really liked the book mock-up and the photos of the hotel; they intend to buy copies for sale at the hotel. The Programs Director at the San Diego History Center also liked the book mock-up, and said they could host a presentation and book signing when it comes out. Also, Philip at Vintage Religion said he could host a book launch party at his store. These will all be great marketing opportunities.

6. SOHO AWARD NOMINATION FOR WATER TOWER DESIGNATION

Katherine has submitted the nomination for a Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) People in Preservation Award for the water tower and surrounding facilities being added to the National Register of Historic Places. The individuals/organizations nominated are Alex Bevil, Historian, for preparing the detailed application, the North Park Historical Society (applicant), University Heights Historical Society (community support), and McKinley Elementary School (in particular Ms. Phillips's fifth grade students) for their active support, including a wonderful poster that was noted at all levels of approval (see photo at right).



7. SOHO ANNUAL EVENT AND NPHS COLLABORATION

To our surprise and excitement, SOHO has chosen North Park as the focus of their annual Historic Home Tour Weekend, which will be held on June 6, 7 and 8. Details will be out soon. The People in Preservation Awards will be held the evening of Friday, June 6 in a classic North Park venue (we're not telling where yet).

On Saturday, June 7, NPHS will be conducting multiple walking tours in three different locations:

- The Streetcar Suburb at Hamilton Street - A new tour featuring exteriors of bungalow courts, unique historic homes, and commercial buildings near University Avenue and Hamilton Street.
- Dryden District - Our classic residential tour of the six-block area along 28th Street and Pershing Avenue from Upas to Landis Streets, which was designated as a historic district in 2011.
- Morley Field - A fun walk where you will learn little-known facts about the facilities and architecture of North Park's back yard.

On Sunday, June 8, five selected historic homes will be open to ticket-holders, and you will not want to miss the opportunity to see inside these unique houses! All represent some of the finest work by North Park's recognized master builders.

There will be more information coming soon. Please save June 6 through 8 to support historic preservation, SOHO, and NPHS by participating in this great series of events!

8. BURLINGAME WALKING TOURS

Our next walking tour will be of the Burlingame neighborhood. It will be part of the "Rediscover San Diego" Social Studies 503 class in the San Diego Community College Continuing Education Program. Two classes will be held: on April 8 and April 10, each from 9:00 am to noon. George, Michael, Steve Fobes, and Steve Hon will be tour guides. We expect up to 60 people in each class. Paul, Hilda, Jody, and Sharon will be assistants, but we need more helpers to walk with the groups and make sure folks stay on the sidewalks. **Please contact Katherine at 619-294-8990 or info@northparkhistory.org if you can assist on either or both of those days.** We will set up our booth at 3139 Kalmia, and sincerely appreciate Lois making her front yard available.

9. CONGRESS OF HISTORY EVENT SUMMARY

The focus of this year's conference was activities of various history organizations. We learned that some organizations have buildings or other facilities that they maintain and have open to the public for education, which requires ongoing fundraising activities. Other organizations focus on educational presentations throughout the year. Next year's theme is the history of Balboa Park, and Steve plans to present on Morley Field, using his Morley Field tour as a basis.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** April 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard, corner of Park Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue.



SOHO PRESENTS THE ANNUAL
Historic Home Tour Weekend
FEATURING
The Community of North Park
June 6-8, 2014

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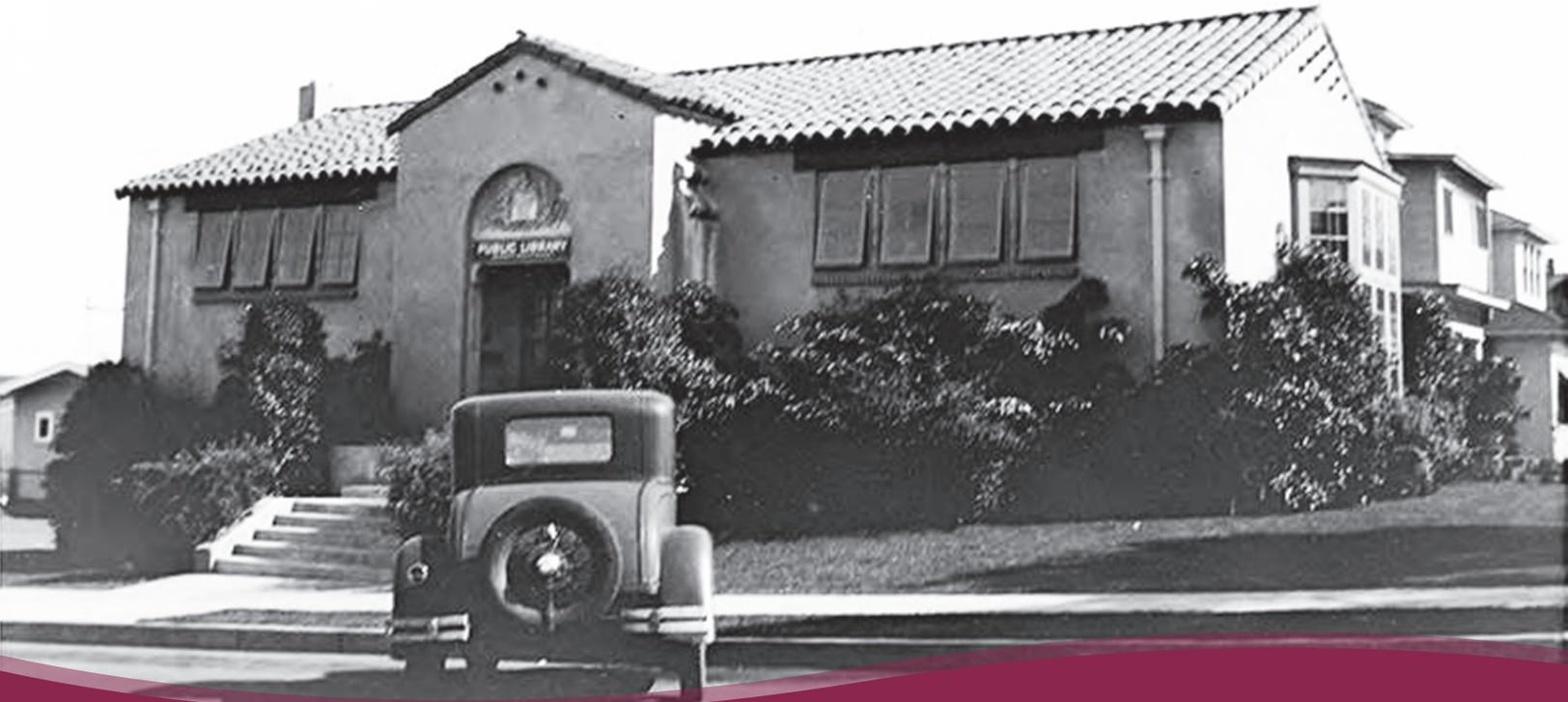
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Open House
Saturday, April 12, 2014
Noon-3:00 p.m.



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