

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 2016 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: MAY 19, 2016

TIME: 6:30 PM

The focus of this meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) was a presentation by author and historian Chris Wray, who took us on a photographic journey along Historic Highway 80. These notes include updates as of May 31, 2016.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** June 16, 2016 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:

Steve Hon	Katherine Hon
Claudia Watts	Paul Spears
Sharon Turner	Randy Sappenfield
Hilda Yoder	Michael Thornhill
George Franck	Bob Bauer

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

Jody Surowiec	Judy Ciampoli
Bill Vivian	

Members Charlie, Juliet, Turner, Tim, Sue (who brought cookies - thank you!), David, and friends and family joined us. We were especially happy see McKinley Gold Star Essay Winner Katie and her family. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no special announcements.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the April 21, 2016 NPHS meeting 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 and were not discussed but are summarized in these notes. In the period from April 5 to May 17, 2016, four NPHS members renewed, two donated an additional \$80 each, and one donated an additional \$20. Two Arcadia books were sold. NPHS also received income from an Arcadia Publishing royalty of \$143.98, one car show entry, and one car show sponsorship. The total income in this time period was approximately \$581. No expenses were recorded in this time period.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ESSAYS

Katherine summarized the 5th grade class essay project at McKinley Elementary School. About 60 students wrote essays about historical preservation and why it mattered to them. Sharon, Sue, Jody and Katherine read the essays and picked three "Gold Star" winners plus seven "Honorable Mention" essays. All ten of the winning essays were displayed at the meeting.

Gold Star Essay Winner Katie, who was at the meeting with her family, was recognized and applauded for her essay, in which she noted, "Landmarks from the past are important. They could be part of other people's religion or culture...By tearing down an old landmark, you are taking away a piece of the history of your city and of other people."



Congratulations to Gold Star winners Katie, Marlo, and Nemesia, and Honorable Mention winners Marley, Miles, Kira, Charlie, Sail, Amandy, and Chris. Their essays will be posted on the NPHS website.

6. NORTH PARK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Update: NPHS had a free booth at the Festival of the Arts on May 21, 2016. Thank you Angie at North Park Main Street for providing a canopy and table and chairs to facilitate another non-profit exhibitor coming after 5:00 pm to take over the space. Thanks also to Sharon, Sue, Claudia, George, and Bob who helped Steve and Katherine in the booth. We sold one coil bound North Park history book and three Arcadia books, and talked to a ton of people of all ages who showed enthusiastic interest in North Park's history.



7. OLD HOUSE FAIR

Update: The Old House Fair in South Park will be Saturday, June 18, 2016, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is another good event for NPHS, and we have signed up to have booth space. We do have to bring our own canopy to this event, so Steve and Katherine will need help to set it up and take it down, and all times in between. If you can help, please email Katherine at info@northparkhistory.org with your preferred time.

8. PRESENTATION ON HISTORIC HIGHWAY 80 BY CHRIS WRAY

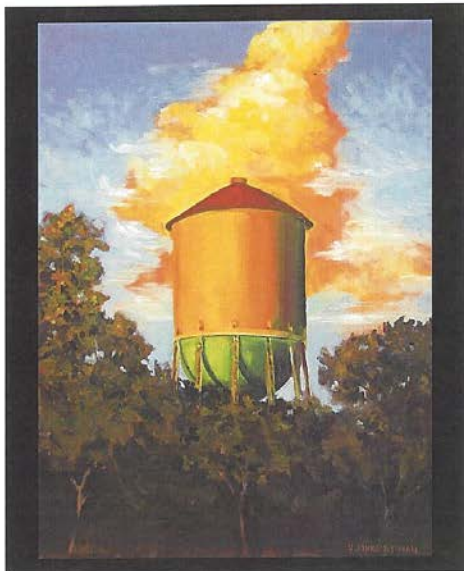
We had good attendance of about 35 people and we appreciate everyone who came. In his presentation, Chris explained that Highway 80 was truly a transcontinental highway, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. San Diego booster Ed Fletcher pushed to have the Pacific termination point be in San Diego. Many of us were surprised to learn that in its early years, the highway included a segment on University Avenue from Euclid to 4th avenues. But in the 1930s the designation of Highway 80 was changed to be El Cajon Boulevard to Park Boulevard to route traffic past the 1935-36 Exposition. So North Park was a key part of Highway 80's history along both of the community's major east-west arterials.

Thank you, Chris, for a fascinating journey!



One of the attendees at the meeting was artist Vicki Jones-Pittman, whose work includes a lovely rendition of the North Park Water Tower. See her flyer below for her work being featured at the North Park Branch Library from June 4 to December 30, with an opening reception on June 4.

NORTH PARK SUNSETS, SUCCULENTS AND SANCTUARIES



20 oil/acrylic paintings celebrating the iconic imagery of North Park by local artist Vicki Jones-Pittman

June 4th - December 30th, 2016
North Park Branch Library
3795 31st St. San Diego 92104

Reception - Saturday, June 4th 1:00 - 3:00 pm



NEXT MEETING

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