

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

DATE: JUNE 16, 2016

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 July 16, 2016.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** July 21, 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
Jody Surowiec	Bob Bauer
Judy Ciampoli	

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

George Franck	Bill Vivian
Hilda Yoder	Michael Thornhill

Member Sue joined us. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no special announcements.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the May 19, 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. In the period from May 18 to June 15, 2016, four NPHS members renewed. We received \$16 in donations at the Festival of the Arts. Three Arcadia books and one original North Park history book were sold at the Festival of the Arts; one original North Park History book was sold on Amazon. NPHS also received income from four car show entries, and two car show sponsorships (thank you, Randy and West Coast Tavern!). The total income in this time period was approximately \$429. Expenses recorded in this time period totaled \$1.51 for Square fees on the Arcadia book charged at the Festival of the Arts.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. PRESENTATION ON HISTORIC HIGHWAY 80 BY CHRIS WRAY

We had good attendance of about 35 people and sincerely appreciate Chris sharing his great stories and photos with us.

6. OLD HOUSE FAIR

Update: The Old House Fair in South Park was Saturday, June 18, 2016, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This was another good event for NPHS. Thank you Jody, Sharon, Claudia, Randy, Judy, Sue, and everyone else who stopped by to help Steve and Katherine. As always, we handed out lots of our book cards and car show cards, sold a few books, got a few member renewals, and made good contacts.



7. WATER TOWER PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATE

We had a good discussion about the draft request for artist proposal document. Comments for revisions included:

- Name the possible sites A, B, and C instead of prioritizing them.
- Ask for the installation to be designed as an integrated whole with a first phase that could stand alone and would cost up to \$10,000.
- Provide a smaller honorarium for three potential artists, but ask for a less detailed concept, then select one artist for a more detailed proposal and provide a larger budget for that artist.

Update: Katherine edited the request for proposal in accordance with the guidance from the Board. The revised document was sent to the Board and received general approval. Our art consultant, Gail Goldman has reviewed the document and it has been finalized. We are now waiting to hear if we will get a grant from the County to help fund our continued activities, including working with Gail Goldman to develop a list of possible artists to receive the request for proposal.

8. PLANNING ISSUES - NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE EIR

NPHS is most concerned about the lack of disclosure related to the "Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program" in the North Park Community Plan Update (NPCPU) EIR. This density bonus program is not related to providing higher density along transit corridors. This program targets existing two-story apartment buildings in a broad residential area between Lincoln and Howard avenues from Florida to Boundary streets for demolition and replacement with much higher density development, and potentially affects historic homes and bungalow courts as well. A detailed letter of comment on the EIR is being prepared. Bob moved and Randy seconded that the draft letter can be sent to the Board for email approval in advance of the next NPHS meeting.

Update: Board members who have approved the detailed letter and a 2-page cover letter as of July 16 are Sharon, Paul, Jody, Hilda, Judy, George, Steve and Katherine. Specific concerns with the "Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program" documented in the letter of comment include the following:

- The Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program area is home to vulnerable low-income and minority populations who would be disproportionately impacted by displacement. (Census Tract 13.00 has much higher percentages of minorities and low-income residents than in the County as a whole, and Census Tract 9.00 has a much higher percentage of low-income residents.) At least 1,740 relatively affordable housing units could be lost due to the program, and more than 3,600 people may be displaced who may not be able to afford to move into other housing within the community.
- By specifically targeting relatively affordable housing in an area with high minority and low-income populations, the Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program is in direct conflict with San Diego General Plan direction regarding Environmental Justice and violates federal Executive Order 12898 which sets the U.S. EPA definition of Environmental Justice as fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all peoples, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income.

- The city is not requiring any of the replacement units in the Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program area to be affordable because developers may pay an in-lieu fee if they choose. This will worsen the City's already severe deficit in affordable housing.
- Structures built to the allowable density of 73 du/ac under the Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program in an area of historic-age single family homes and low-rise two-story apartment complexes would result in a substantial change in bulk and scale to North Park's existing authentic historic neighborhood character. This is a significant impact no amount of setbacks or design features can avoid.

9. CAR SHOW

Car Show planning is well underway. Steve reported that we have four \$100 sponsors so far, but most of the past restaurant/bar sponsors are not participating this year. Steve has been coordinating with the San Diego County Credit Union and Smart & Final, who have Public Affairs/Charitable participation departments. These entities may participate next year, but both have a process that takes some time.

Update: North Park Main Street is helping identify possible sponsors and we just got another \$100 sponsor (thank you, DUHS Commercial!). Other cash sponsors are Jaye MacAskill Real Estate, Tera Vessels San Diego Vintage Homes Real Estate, Observatory North Park/West Coast Tavern, and Friends of North Park Historical Society (Randy Sappenfield, and Steve Hon).

NEXT MEETING

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