

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
JANUARY 2017 MEETING NOTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 19, 2017**

**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 February 14, 2017.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** February 16, 2017 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
Paul Spears	Bob Bauer
Jody Surowiec	Claudia Watts
Randy Sappenfield	Judy Ciampoli
George Franck	Hilda Yoder

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

Michael Thornhill	Sharon Turner
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Welcome!

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The latest issues of the Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter were circulated for viewing. Katherine announced that 150 people "like" the North Park Historical Society Facebook page.

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the November 17, 2016 NPHS meeting have been posted on the website. We did not have a meeting in December so there are no notes to post. But we hope everyone had great holidays!

**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The annual report including year-end financials was prepared and sent to Board Members in advance of the meeting. An illustrated summary of accomplishments highlighting our activities in 2016 organized by the seven objectives in our Bylaws was sent to the entire NPHS distribution list.

**5. BUDGET AND COUNTY GRANT FOR 2017**

Steve discussed the draft budget for 2017 that had been sent in advance for the Board to review by email. George moved and Randy seconded that the budget and the County grant application for 2017-2018 that was incorporated into the budget be approved as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

**6. WATER TOWER PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATE**

We are still waiting for Christine Jones with the City Commission for Arts and Culture to arrange a meeting with City engineering staff for us. **Update:** On February 13, 2017, Christine Jones emailed, "Thank you for your patience. We've conducted additional research on site eligibility of the fences at the North Park Water Tower. As I previously mentioned some of the main fences

at the site are within a tenant's leasehold while others are under control of Public Utilities. I've also walked the site and can brief you on what I've learned. Please let me know if you would be interested in meeting onsite." We are now coordinating with Christine Jones and Gail Goldman, our consultant, for a meeting date and time.

Steve noted that Chris Ward, our new Councilmember for District 3, has all new staff, and Chris has encouraged us to set up a meeting with his representative for North Park to educate her about what we do and what is important to NPHS.

## **7. TEE SHIRTS**

The T-shirts ordered by individuals have all been distributed and paid for. The group agreed to also purchase 2 medium, 4 large, and 4 extra-large in the royal blue crew neck Beefy Tee style for extras. Most of these are still available for purchase.

## **8. SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON MAY 18, 2017**

Steve announced that Elsa Sevilla, who presents " San Diego's Historic Places" on KPBS, has agreed to present a lecture at our special history presentation evening on May 18, 2017. We will want to spread the word about this event through email announcements distributed by NPHS, North Park Main Street, the North Park Planning Committee, University Heights Historical Society, and perhaps other groups. We will develop a flyer in March.

## **9. OSHER LIFELING LEARNING INSTITUTE AT UCSD**

Katherine and George are presenting a PowerPoint lecture about North Park's history and architecture for this adult education group on March 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm. NPHS will conduct a tour of the Dryden District for the class on the following Saturday, March 11, starting at 10:00 am. There may be 25 people so we want George and Michael to guide, with several helpers for each. Claudia, Jody and Randy can help. Steve and Katherine will also be there. If you want to help, the Dryden tour is a great one to learn about North Park. Contact Katherine at [info@northparkhistory.org](mailto:info@northparkhistory.org) if you are interested.

## **10. ANNUAL EVENTS**

The annual events NPHS is participating in or organizing include the following:

- North Park Festival of the Arts: May 20, 2017. We are getting our booth fee waived in exchange for George conducting a commercial walking tour for North Park business owners and staff on a day and time to be arranged by Angie at North Park Main Street.
- North Park Car Show: September 9, 2017. The Balboa Tennis Club has agreed to host us for our 8th Annual Car Show, and Steve has already obtained the permit from the City to use the parking lot.
- Old House Fair - although Maureen is not organizing this event, as she is retiring from her store in South Park, we believe this event will go on in June. More later.
- Toyland Parade: December 2, 2017. We expect the parade to be held the first Saturday in December like last year. This year, Steve and Katherine will not be in town on parade day, so we will be looking for other volunteer(s) to coordinate participants and delivery of the water tower to the parade site if Victor is inspired to dance again as the most popular entry in the parade.

## **11. HISTORY ORGANIZATION FORUM FOLLOW-UP**

NPHS helped with a first-time forum hosted by the San Diego History Center that focused on audience engagement and fundraising for organizations like ours. The results of this successful event were summarized in the November 17, 2016 meeting notes.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION**

The Swedenborgian Church behind the education center along Normal Street/Washington Avenue is for sale. It is a Lewis Gill building and quite lovely.

Paul noted there are a lot of residential buildings being demolished for apartments and condos as North Park continues to be a hot market, which is not good news for North Park's authentic historic character.

### **NEXT MEETING**

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