

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 2010 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: April 15, 2010

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.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

George Franck
Katherine Hon
Steve Hon
Ed Orozco
Vince Rivera
Randy Sappenfield
Jody Surowiec
Michael Thornhill
Sharon Turner
Bill Vivian
Louise Russell
Paul Wade

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

Patrick Edwards
Liz Studebaker
Hilda Yoder

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April Agenda was accepted as proposed. In shameless self-promotion, Katherine announced her upcoming author talk/book signing for her novel, sponsored by the University Heights Friends of the Library May 17 at 6:30 at the Swedenborgian Church, 4144 Campus Avenue.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the March 18, 2010 NPHS meeting were accepted.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon announced we have nothing but income from book and calendar sales this month. She is setting up the budget in QuickBooks. All in attendance accepted the report.

We were happy to get the QuickBooks software as a donation through TechSoup. However, we have not been as successful in our quest to get Adobe graphics-design software as a donation or at a discounted price for non-profit organizations. Steve is continuing to pursue this, as we can't make changes to the walking tour brochure electronic files or create new brochures with the existing templates unless we get updated software for Vince to use. We could consider a simpler design for the guidebooks so we can do the new tours in the near future.

County Grant under Community Enhancement Program: Steve completed the application. The County reduced the grant program by half but did not eliminate it entirely, so we still have a chance.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. NOTECARDS AND 2010 CALENDAR

The calendar group will continue to assess printing options, but we may stick with CafePress if we don't see comparable quality from another source.

The note cards photos have been selected, and Paul will place an order for one or two of each as a test. Update: *The "test" order has been received and we will have some cards for the Festival, even if the bigger order is not made by then.*

6. ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF EVENTS

Paul has identified a potential provider that would not be costly like Constant Contact.

7. DRYDEN DISTRICT, HISTORICAL SURVEY UPDATE, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS

Processing of the Dryden District at the City is on hold until a staff person is available. No estimate on when that might happen. George is helping with research for the historical component of the community plan update.

The federal government is proposing to eliminate funding for historical preservation. Update: *George wrote a draft letter to support maintaining the funding. The letter was sent to Susan Davis and California's senators. We could also send it to the local newspapers or make it be a letter to the editor, and post it on our website, which we have not done.*

8. VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The group has made more than 550 entries. Our next data entry meeting is at the end of May.

9. WALKING TOURS

We scheduled the "twilight tour" of the commercial area for **June 22 (a Tuesday) at 6:30 pm**. This date is ok with the North Park Theatre.

10. AUTO SHOW

The Auto Show will be at the parking lot behind the North Park Theatre. This site was selected because we will not have to close any streets and we will have good synergy with restaurants and other businesses in the historical commercial core. The event is scheduled for **September 11 (a Saturday) from about 10 am to 2 pm**. This date is ok with the North Park Theatre. We may hold a morning commercial walking tour also.

11. KLUICKA SCHOLARSHIP

Two excellent applications were received. Update: *Taylor Bazley is the student selected. The scholarship will be presented by San Diego Councilmember Todd Gloria at the Festival of Arts on May 16 at 3:45 pm at the Dance Stage (32nd and University). Congratulations to Taylor!*

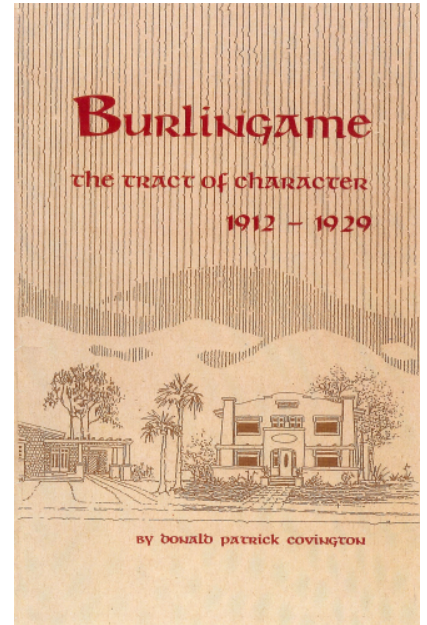
12. BOOK PROJECTS

New Book, 1946-Present: Steve and Katherine met with Father Keller at St. Augustine School. He has promised to prepare text for the book, and the school has excellent photos. Steve and

Katherine also met with Pamela Arnold with the Lyric Opera, who will provide information to bring the story of the North Park Theatre forward.

Reprinting the History Book, 1896-1946: We need to know who can store some boxes of books once we print more of the perfect bound ("coffee table") version. The minimum order is 250 books. The printer (Wholesale Reprographics) will store extra covers (which are offset printed) if we want to run 500 covers while only producing 250 books.

Burlingame, A Tract of Character, by Don Covington: Update: *The book is printed! We have 200 copies and it looks great! Thank you to Vince for scanning, and to Pat Taylor for sacrificing her book. Vintage Religion and The Grove have each taken four copies to sell, and we expect the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park to order some from us soon. The retail price is \$15. Thank you, George, for being the first person to buy a copy!*



13. NORTH PARK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Festival is coming fast. It will be Sunday, May 16. We will need volunteers to staff our booth under the community tent. Steve and Katherine will set up, and Jody, Sharon, Ed and Louise volunteered to help at the Festival. Update: *Bill and George also will help at the Festival.*

14. OTHER BUSINESS

The Old House Fair will be June 19 (a Saturday). We will need lots of help at our booth for this lively event.

The movie about the PSA air crash at Dwight and Nile was interesting, but mostly consisted of interviews and was not especially well edited, according to Michael, Randy and George.

The tract map poster and the poster that Vince put together from the historical calendar photos have been laminated. Update: *The posters and our history book were well received at the McKinley Elementary School Reunion. Steve and Katherine staffed a table for the North Park Historical Society at this event. Thank you, Pat Taylor, for coordinating our attendance there. We sold three books, gained a new member, and had many wonderful conversations about North Park history with the alumni. Their Principal is interested in developing an article about the school, providing information for the new book, and coordinating on student outreach/community history (which is one part of our mission we have not yet accomplished).*

We want to continue to brainstorm about arranging an invited speaker event like the Ocean Beach Historical Society and University Heights Historical Society have.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** May 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Ed volunteered to host a more casual and social gathering for this meeting at The Cottage, 3775 Utah Street. Thank you, Ed!