

in. Erni Bonn wants to put an advertisement for it in the University Heights newsletter. George will ask Jay about getting an article in the North Park News. George will mention the book.

For the Spring Festival NPCA booth, the volunteers will be Ruth (first shift), Katherine (around 11:00), and Joan. For the alley clean-up, dumpsters will be in the Morley Field parking lot. Would the committee want to be involved in review of some projects? We will discuss this under item 8.

4. DRYDEN/CRAFTSMAN HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Dryden District Working Group met on March 11 to discuss how to complete the remainder of the DPR forms. Daniel did about 20. He will send files to each of the Working Group members, and we will each do about 25. Getting City review once the District package is complete may be a problem, due to City staffing and budget issues. Rob and George noted that at a Council session, it was discussed that there are two unfilled planning positions at the City. But we will proceed with completing the forms anyway. Don had edited some of the statement of significance with information about other builders and architects in the district, which George will remind Karon that we would like to have electronically. It will probably take us several months to complete the forms. Daniel owns a printing company and printed out the flyer last time. Maybe we will need some money from the History Committee budget for printing later.

5. ONCE UPON A TIME UPDATE

Katherine reported on her investigations of policemen in North Park. She pursued a “legend” that a policeman who helped clean up the Gaslamp area around 1915-1916 had died soon after being shot in 1916. After exploring the historical Record of Arrests, City directories, old newspapers and federal census, Katherine found that the officer, Walter Weymouth, lived on Utah Street in North Park, was shot in March of 1916 and expected to die, but survived and moved to Pasadena, where he was for the 1930 Census. Since Walter lived in North Park, he is a valid OUAT topic. Steve has an idea about St. Augustine’s or San Diego High School’s football teams. Karon noted that Bob Klicka was on one of the teams that won a State Championship.

6. BOOK PROJECT

Karon reported that the book will not be ready as soon as April, but the contract has this deadline. The Board is waiting for comments from Karon. Karon has difficulties with certain parts of the contract. She will try to pull her comments together. Karon isn’t sure she likes the red under the pictures. Carol agrees there is too much red. The red squares are good. The titles are good, but red doesn’t work well with small type.

7. ORAL HISTORIES

No report this month.

8. INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Steve passed out a list of buildings that Scott Shepard with North Park Main Street put together. This list would help us focus on certain buildings that would be important for us. Maybe the committee would want to develop a list of buildings we care about, as guidance for the planning committee. George noted about 2 years ago there was a walk on El Cajon Blvd. He has a list. Steve asked the group if we want to work on compiling a good list of buildings in North Park, using these lists as a base. George is enthusiastic about this possibility.

9. NEW ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIZING

What do we want to get out of our meetings? Do we want to share more information about what we are interested in? What do we want to do next? What would interest other people in joining the committee? Ruth recalled that it was fun to share information they learned in the oral histories. Bertha noted that George Kaler would be a good candidate. Karon suggested what happened in North Park in WWII would be interesting, when the army and navy took over Balboa Park. George mentioned when North Park was a commercial heart before the malls would also be interesting. Bertha will look into Navy Hospital in WWII. Karon recalled the button gardens ladies made in her house with succulents in jar lids and gave to military people who were injured. She noted investigating the newspapers during the war would be interesting. Ruth noted continuing to educate people about our unique neighborhood is important.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None was raised.