

**NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HISTORY COMMITTEE  
JULY MEETING NOTES**

**DATE:** July 21, 2005

**TIME:** 7 PM

**GENERAL REMARKS**

Welcome to our visitors, Paul and Kristine Wade, who live on Utah and Dwight! They are very interested in the formation of the Dryden District.

Remember that action items are noted in the text of these meeting notes in bold italics to help us remember our commitments.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve welcomed the attendees, who were so numerous we needed extra chairs! It is exciting to have new members, all with great ideas and interesting perspectives.

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve reviewed the agenda. *Steve will develop the next agenda and e-mail it to Beth for posting on the Website. Katherine will distribute it to the committee.*

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the May 2005 meeting were accepted with no comments. *Steve will review the draft minutes from this meeting and e-mail them to Beth when approved. Katherine will distribute the minutes to the committee when they are approved.*

**4. NPCA BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF**

Steve and Corlee did not attend the last meeting, but Steve has asked Beth for an update.

**5. DRYDEN DISTRICT**

George attended Tom Shess's party on July 4, and talked about the district with several attendees. Tom is willing to help get signatures. The petition to be signed is still with Daniel Marks. We will attend the next First Friday to contact more people on Pershing. We are working on preparing the State summary forms (Department of Park and Recreation, or DPR forms) for each home in the potential District. Daniel's secretary is formatting them. The City's staff is down to one person who is funded by CCDC. George talked with Janet O'Day about the Mission Hills process, which is still awaiting City review of their first submittal on Sunset. The City is thinking about establishing a fee for establishing a historic district in order to hire more staff. So we may have to consider some fund-raising.

Paul and Kristine are interested in the District. Paul noted there are many houses east of the district. Why are only 28<sup>th</sup> and Pershing included in the District? George noted about half of the Dryden houses are within the area currently set. Diane Kane at the City had said the district could be expanded to the east, to become a Craftsman district versus a Dryden district. Issues with expanding the boundaries include filling out more forms,

and getting consensus from more property owners to sign the petition. Paul would be glad to help with the expansion of the District. Paul asked if there would be corner signs. George noted that there could be if people pay for that. Karon said she would like to walk her block again to get the formal signatures. Katherine will walk with her. George, Rob, and Katherine met to strategize on getting petition signatures and completing the DPR forms.

Paul volunteered to put material about the District up on the Web. Jack said the Design Guidelines would be good to put up on the web. Jack would like a copy of the design guidelines. George will ask Daniel for a few more copies. ***George will get a copy to Jack.***

## **6. ONCE UPON A TIME ARTICLES**

Katherine's Part 2 article about Harry Kelly appeared in the newsletter. Katherine summarized parts of the General Membership meeting presentation for the upcoming issue. Steve will write an article about football at San Diego High and/or St Augustine High School in the 30's and 40's. Karon said Robert Klicka has wonderful football stories. Paul and Kristine would like a copy of Part 1 of the Harry Kelly article. ***Katherine will e-mail it to them.***

## **7. BOOK PROJECT**

Karon has the original copies of the newsletter collection. She would like someone to come and go through materials. ***Katherine volunteered.***

Karon noted the North Park library does not have the materials Karon donated any more. So we need to be careful where the materials go. Karon has other materials to turn over to the Historical Society that may be companion to the oral history tapes, with the forms.

Karon sent Carol (of Tecolote Press, the publisher) about half of the manuscript. Karon hopes to finish the book when she has moved.

Katherine noted that she and Ruth, Joan, Corlee, and Bertha volunteered to help with making sure all of the photos have a corresponding permission record for their use. ***Katherine will coordinate with Karon to organize the list of photos being used, and to make copies of permission paperwork already obtained.***

Karon said the 40's had some interesting stories, but she doesn't have much information for the book for these times. If someone could do some research, it would be good to include because it would bring the time period covered up to the 50's. ***Corlee volunteered to do some research and write an essay.***

Karon noted that the Prop 13 transfer benefit can't be used if you have Mill's Act on the house.

## **8. ORAL HISTORIES**

Rob and Ruth interviewed our very own Bertha Klann. Rob observed and Ruth did the interview. Rob has the tape. Rob said he would be comfortable conducting one. But Rob may not have the flexibility to conduct an interview when Dale Pyle, Michael Thornhill's friend, is available. *Katherine will coordinate with Michael to see when might work.*

## **9. INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS/WALKING TOUR**

We have draft lists of historical commercial buildings on University and El Cajon Blvd. Possible projects include researching each building and posting the information in some format on the NPCA website; reactivating the informational plaque program initiated by Main Street; and updating the brochure developed by Main Street. George is planning to do more research on commercial buildings. George and Joan attended the walking tour that North Park Main Street did.

Hamilton Street Bungalow Court is cool. The library site may move to the Drowsy Maggie's site. On the map, George shows some buildings that could be added to the list. Main Street is focusing on the south side of University Avenue. The first is the Hartley building, and the second is the Plymouth Church. Karon noted Don has a list of the original members of the Plymouth Church. But Karon eliminated the list from the book.

In the next block is the North Park Inn and where the Map Center used to be. The group noted the block between Villa Terrace and Pershing is a high candidate for redevelopment. The next block has Tobacco Rhoda's, a tacky bar, but the Water Lady went in next door. The Carter store is vacant. The tobacco store at Arnold and that area is the second priority for redevelopment. The alleys don't help the stores in this area because they run north-south. Along Pershing and Villa Terrace there are some nice houses. Maybe some L-shape alleys east-west would help buffer commercial from residential. Main Street didn't look at any buildings off the street. We could help with research and documentation. We could look at other buildings. The Carter who built the Hartley Building is Tom Carter's grandfather. What about some of the residential buildings along University? These are not on the Main Street list.

We wanted to have our own walking tour. George thought Jay would be glad to accompany us. The section on the map George provided took about 1 ½ hours to walk.

How about doing the tour on our next History Committee meeting?

Corlee, Jack, Joan, Karon, Ruth, Steve, Katherine, and George would be able to come.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

Corlee shared about historical groups in Germany. She met with people who have relatives in Olivenhain, near Encinitas, where Corlee grew up.