

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER 2023 MEETING NOTES

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

These notes summarize information that was presented at the October 19, 2023 Business Meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) Board of Directors, and the activities discussion for the organization. These notes include updates as of October 20, 2023. The following Board members attended: Jody, Paul, Michael, Katherine and Steve. Member Allison also attended. Welcome!

Meetings scheduled for the third **THURSDAYS of the month starting at 6:00 p.m.** in a meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church **WILL BE** open to the public. Our next meeting will be **November 16 at 6:00 pm.** If you are interested in attending this meeting, please email Katherine at khon@honconsultinginc.com or leave a phone message on her land line at 619-294-8990. This will be our last meeting of the year, as we do not meet in December.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We hope all our members and friends are staying safe and healthy.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The cover of the September 2023 issue of the Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter featured a night photo of Victory Lanes Bowling Alley in October 1948, 75 years ago. Inside, the newsletter presented, from October 1973, 50 years ago, historical ads for groceries at Food City (“Cracker Jack Prize Inside 3 for 25 cents”) on Garnet Avenue, and for the wonderful surfing movie *The Sunshine Sea* playing for ONE WEEK ONLY at the Roxy Theatre, Alvarado Drive-In, Jerry Lewis Cinema and Century Twin.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The notes for the September 21, 2023 meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

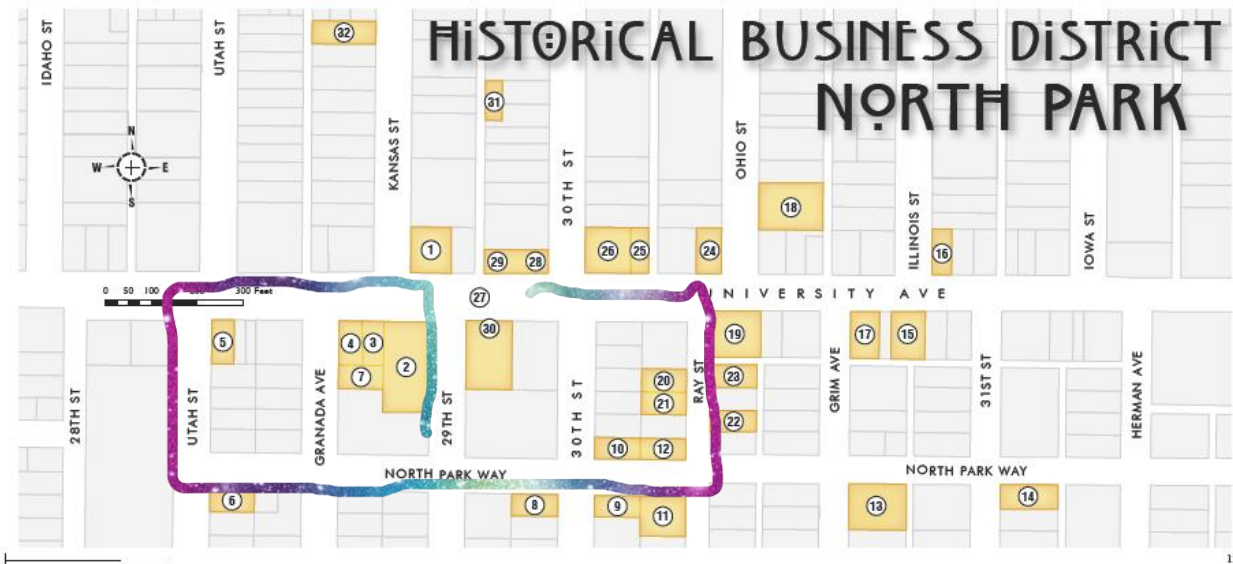
The financials for this meeting are for September 21 to October 18, 2023 and were sent to Board members on October 18, 2023. In this time period, the total income was \$700.42. Six members renewed (thank you, Bleu, Judy, Juliet & Charlie, Stuart, Jody, and Michael!) for revenue of \$120.00. Four new members joined (thank you and welcome Brad, Steve & Deb, Andrew, and Daniel & Caitlin!) for revenue of \$80.00. We received \$146.31 in donations (thank you, Judy, Juliet & Charlie, Stuart, Daniel & Caitlin, and Steve!). We sold 6 Arcadia books (3 at the Farmers Market and 3 at the Rediscovering San Diego lectures) for revenue of \$130.36. We received a royalty payment of \$123.75 from Arcadia Publishing. We sold 5 ballcaps for revenue of \$100.00 (3 navy, 1 black, 1 khaki — thank you, Ed C., Katherine, and 2 visitors at the Farmers Market!). Expenses in this time period consisted of \$5.38 for Square fees on credit card sales at the Farmers Market and Rediscovering San Diego lectures.

Jody and Katherine continue to coordinate on the list of members so that our email distributions of meeting notes, invitations to our events, and other periodic announcements are to current members only. If you have not paid dues in several years, we will be asking if you are still interested in being an NPHS member, and if you are not, we will remove you from our email distribution list.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. WALKING TOURS

Commercial Walking Tour. North Park Main Street has requested a commercial walking tour for their Board of Directors. George has created current guide notes from previous tours. George guided Steve and Katherine on a practice tour on October 17 at 11 am, and they developed a photo notebook for the tour. The route focuses on University Avenue and North Park Way from Utah to Ray streets (see map below) and takes about an hour. Katherine emailed North Park Main Street on October 18 that we are ready to conduct a tour for them, and asked for their preferred timing.



6. SIGNS FOR DRYDEN DISTRICT

Since 2021, NPNS has been contacting various City staff about putting up demarcation signs for the Dryden District. **Great news!** Council District 3 staff came through for us! The Transportation Department sent us information about the signage and its specific locations, which the Board approved at the August meeting. Katherine emailed our city contact for an update, but has not received a reply yet. We eagerly await notification about placement, which may occur by the end of this year.

7. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. Here are some scenes of San Diego outside the 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition at Balboa Park that were in the postcard collection given to NPHS by the Covington Family. Downtown looks so small! Were any of you born at Mercy Hospital?



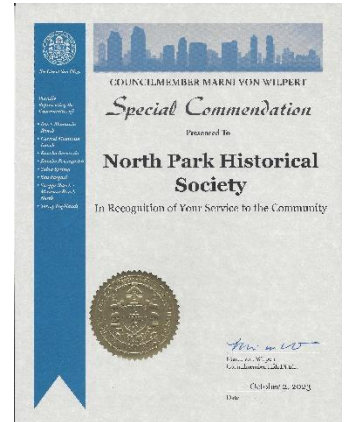
8. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

In October 2023, we responded to requests for information (and received interesting information) and participated or arranged to participate in community activities as summarized below.

1. North Park Main Street Executive Director Mark West offered NPHS a table at an occasional Farmer's Market, and we appeared on Thursday, October 5, from 2 pm to 7:00 pm. George, Allison, Jody and Bob helped Steve and Katherine. Allison did on-the-spot computer research about several homes through online city directories, Ancestry.com, and historical newspapers. We gained three new members (thank you and welcome Brad, Andrew, and Steve & Deb!), sold 2 ballcaps, and sold 3 Arcadia books. Two new members paid cash, but all the other transactions were credit charges through Square. We had many interesting conversations with attendees, including — appropriately for the season — several ghost stories from homeowners! One owner related that when they were just moving into their 1910 home, they saw a face in the second story window when there was no one in the house. Also, a rocking horse in one

room would sometimes rock spontaneously, a room would suddenly get chilly, and items would get moved mysteriously. They sensed the presence was peaceful and eventually moved on.

2. The Office of the City Clerk celebrated their 5th Annual Archives Month this year on October 2 at noon. The exhibits this year highlighted the Klicka family and the 1935-36 Exposition in Balboa Park. Archives staff asked Steve and Katherine Hon to represent the North Park Historical Society at the opening ceremony. We received a nice certificate and met brother and sister Steven and Katharine Klicka. George Klicka, who developed the Klicka Studio Bungalow kit house to provide affordable housing in the 1930s, was their grandfather. Emil Klicka, who funded construction of the North Park Theatre, and convinced Reuben H. Fleet to bring his Consolidated Aircraft Corporation from Buffalo, New York to San Diego, was their great-uncle. Both Klicka families lived in houses now in the Dryden Historic District. The Klicka Lumber Company provided the wood that built many North Park homes.



Steve, Katherine and NPHS member Allison hold the replica Exposition Shield.

From left, Katherine Hon, Steve Hon, Steven Klicka, his wife, and his sister, Katharine Klicka.



Panorama photo of the Klicka Modeltown exhibit at the 1935-36 Exposition, part of the displays by the City Clerk Archives in the City Hall Lobby for Archives Month.

3. Rediscovering San Diego invited us to present a lecture about North Park history on October 10 and October 12 in a classroom at the Joan Kroc Center on University Avenue near 69th Street. Katherine presented a PowerPoint lecture to each class, which had about 15 attendees each time. They were engaged and asked good questions. They are interested in the Pauly's Addition walking tour next spring. We proposed April 16 and 18, 2024.
4. Another teacher of different groups of Rediscovering San Diego classes requested a Morley Field tour, which Steve will conduct on Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 16 starting around 9:30 am each day. Michael can help on the Tuesday walk. Bob can help on the Thursday walk. Jody and Katherine can help both days. It is always nice to have three photo book assistants for these large groups, and we expect about 20 people each time.
5. The San Diego County Archives announced they will have an open house on Wednesday, October 25 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. See flyer below. If you can make it, their facility in Santee is really nice and they have great maps and other information.



Archives Month Open House

<p>WHO: San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk County Archives</p> <p>WHEN: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:30am-4:30pm</p>	<p>WHERE: San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk, East County Office and Archives 10144 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee, CA 92071</p>
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Special Reading Room Naming Event @ 10:00am
 Tours at 11:30am, 2:00pm and 4:00pm
 RSVP or email questions to april.feldman@sdcounty.ca.gov

6. George has been coordinating with the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association for their Centennial Convention on November 3 and 4, 2023. George helped prepare a self-guided tour with nice photos and lots of information about history along the road in San Diego. See more information below from Jack Doherty, Event Co-Chair, who is the Museum Operations/Business Manager for the Olaf Wieghorst Museum and Western Heritage Center at 131 Rea Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020. The registration form is on the next page.

You are cordially invited to attend a conference focusing on the events and circumstances leading to the creation of US Highway 80 through San Diego and Imperial Counties. The conference will be held on November 3rd and 4th at the Marriott Hotel at 141 N. Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon.

The Friday morning program features speakers, including Bonnie Fletcher, a fourth-generation descendant of Col. Ed Fletcher – the man whose tireless efforts brought a transcontinental highway to San Diego 100 years ago. The Saturday program features a Back Country Drive on Olde Highway 80 with lunch at Flinn Springs County Park.

Registration has been extended to October 23rd for local residents. The event is free to attend, however, you must be registered to participate in the complimentary lunches.

***Before there was Interstate 8 there was Olde US Highway 80.
Before US Highway 80 there was the Old Spanish Trail auto highway.***

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**OLD SPANISH TRAIL AUTO HIGHWAY
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ASSOCIATION
SAN DIEGO OST100 CONFERENCE
CENTENNIAL REENACTMENT OF 1923 OST SAN DIEGO CONVENTION**

NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2023

Friday, November 3 9am-3pm
History Lectures 9am - Noon
Your Town's Exhibits Noon – 4pm
COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

Saturday, November 4 9am
Back Country Drive Olde US 80
9am Start **COURTYARD MARRIOTT**
Or join at 9:45 **SYCUAN GAS STATION**
End at **FLINN SPRINGS PARK**

EL CAJON



WALK-INS WELCOME

**Local Registration has been extended until October 23rd.
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**PRINT ATTACHED FORM, COMPLETE, SCAN AND RETURN VIA EMAIL TO: OSTKahl@aol.com
OR MAIL TO: Event Registration, P.O. Box 951, El Cajon, CA 92022**

DOWNLOAD, COMPLETE, SAVE & PASTE OR ATTACH FORM TO AN E-MAIL TO: OST100KAHL@AOL.COM BY OCTOBER 13, 2023.
OR PRINT AND MAIL TO C. KAHL (416), 5050 TIMBERHILL DRIVE, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78238 TO ARRIVE BY OCTOBER 13.

OLD SPANISH TRAIL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ASSOCIATION
PERSONAL REGISTRATION FORM
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA OST100 CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2-5, 2023

REGISTRATION DUE BY OCTOBER 13, 2023

Last Name _____
First Name _____
(Nickname) _____
Name as wanted on nametag _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____
Employer/Agency/or School name _____

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Will sign-in for nametag, materials, etc. at OLAF WIEGHORST MUSEUM

6 - 8pm WELCOME RECEPTION OLAF WIEGHORST MUSEUM

Friday, November 3, 2023

Will sign-in for nametag, materials, etc. in Lecture and Exhibit Hall of EL CAJON COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

8 - 10am Complimentary BREAKFAST Lecture and Exhibit Hall of COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

8:30am - Noon Whole SYMPOSIUM OST Lecture Hall of COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

8:30 - 8:50am Charlotte Kahl *Organizing A Centennial Celebration Association*

8:55am - 9:35am Connie Sue Low *Grand Finale 1929 - 2029*

9:40am - 10:20am John W. Murphey *Remembering Harry Locke - Prolific US Early Highway Designer*

10:25 - 11:05am Robert M. Harding, Jr *Olde US 80*

11:10 - 11:50am Bonnie Fletcher *Col. Ed Fletcher Brings Highways to San Diego*

Noon - 2pm Complimentary LUNCH OST Lecture and Exhibit Hall of COURTYARD by MARRIOTT **1 - 4pm Viewing**

EXHIBITS Exhibit Hall of COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

Have sent Exhibit Registration

1:20 - 1:40pm PLENARY SESSION Exhibit Hall of EL CAJON COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

Interested in joining others to enjoy more activities in San Diego County small town museums, restaurants, galleries, etc.

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9am Driving car, will line up for Motorcade start at COURTYARD by MARRIOTT Motorcade Passenger

Complimentary picnic **LUNCH** Flinn Springs County Park

Interested in joining others to enjoy more activities in San Diego County small towns

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9. BALLCAPS WITH LOGO

Our branded ballcaps are proving to be very popular. Via email discussion, the Board approved providing one free ballcap per household current on member dues. Ballcaps will be offered for sale at \$20 plus tax.

We have plenty of each color/style.

If you are a member current on your dues and have not yet taken your free ballcap, you can email Katherine to give your preference, and we'll figure out the best way to get your ballcap to you. This month, long-time member Robert and new members Daniel & Caitlin got their free hats delivered to their front porches.



10. PLAQUE FOR WATER TOWER

Coordination with City Public Utilities Department staff regarding the feasibility of placing the plaque in a boulder or some kind of low wall next to the two-story building at the Water Tower site is pending the City's completion of construction of improvements to the water system going on at the site.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

We have re-started our public meetings, which will be scheduled for the third THURSDAYS of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. in a meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church. **Our next meeting will be on November 16.** This will be our last meeting of the year, as we do not meet in December. Please email Katherine at khon@honconsultinginc.com or leave a voice message on her land line at 619-294-8990 if you want to attend.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Hon".

Katherine Hon
Secretary, North Park Historical Society