

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING NOTES**

**DATE:           SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

These notes summarize information that was presented at the September 21, 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 September 26, 2023. The following Board members attended: Jody, George, 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 **October 19 at 6:00 pm**. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please email Katherine at [khon@honconsultinginc.com](mailto:khon@honconsultinginc.com) or leave a phone message on her land line at 619-294-8990.

**1.       WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**2.       AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The August 2023 issue of the Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter presented historical ads and information about the grocery store at 3503 Ingraham. In 1949, you could buy Ace Market "7 O'Clock" coffee for 39 cents a pound and a 5-pound bag of flour for 46 cents.

**3.       MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The notes for the August 17, 2023 meeting have been posted on the website.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4.       TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials for this meeting are for August 17 to September 20, 2023 and were sent to Board members on September 20, 2023. In this time period, the total income was \$597.35. Seven members renewed (thank you, Cia, Steve, Katherine, Sharon, Kate, George and Ginni!). We received \$397.35 in donations (thank you, Cia, Sharon, Kate, Will and Steve!). We sold three navy ballcaps for revenue of \$60 (thank you, Kate and Will!). Expenses in this time period consisted of \$431.77 for the final one-half payment to AKA for 60 additional branded ballcaps (20 khaki and 40 navy) in accordance with Board approval via email vote.

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

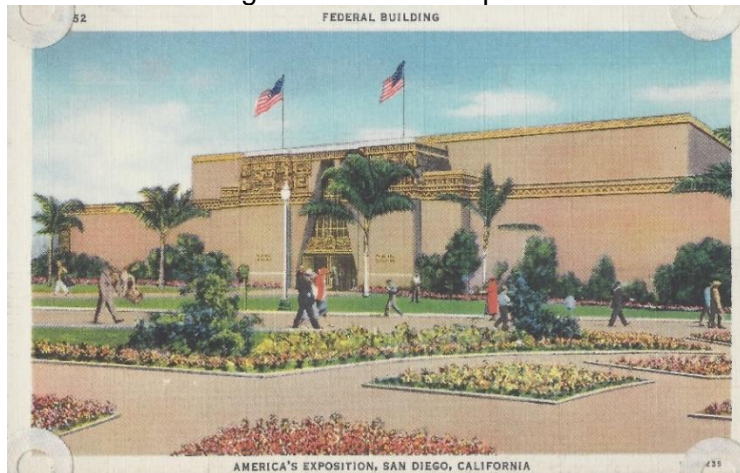
**Commercial Walking Tour.** North Park Main Street has requested a commercial walking tour for their Board of Directors. George has created current guide notes from previous tours. We will do a preliminary practice tour on October 17 at 11 am. We will schedule a “dress rehearsal” with more test subjects on a weekend after that.

### 6. SIGNS FOR DRYDEN DISTRICT

Since 2021, NPHS 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. 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. Because your Secretary is still entranced by the beautiful set of circa 1930s postcards, here are more scenes from the 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition at Balboa Park. The Federal Building is now the home of the Comic-Con Museum on the Plaza de Americas. The Ford Building is now the Aerospace Museum.



## 8. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

In September 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 has offered NPHS a table at an occasional Farmer's Market. We decided to appear on Thursday, October 5, from about 2 pm to 7:30 pm. Jody, Claudia, Bob and Allison were among those who have offered to come help Steve and Katherine.
2. The Office of the City Clerk is celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives Month this year on October 2 at noon, and staff asked Steve and Katherine to represent the North Park Historical Society at the opening ceremony in recognition of our group's "enduring commitment in preservation and collaboration within your community."
3. Rediscovering San Diego has 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 69<sup>th</sup> Street. Katherine will present a PowerPoint lecture.
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. Bob and Jody will check their calendars to see if they can be picture book assistants with Katherine. Michael may also be able to help on the Tuesday walk.
5. NPHS received an invitation to a launch event for a new Arcadia book, "Lost California" by Erik Beck, in Arcadia Publishing's Postcard History series. The event will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 2 pm to 3 pm at the La Mesa History Center at 8369 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942.
6. Paul provided the website address for the City of San Diego Biographies of Established Masters document that is current as of 2020. That document is at: [www.sohosandiego.org/enews/images/0121hrbmasterslist2020.pdf](http://www.sohosandiego.org/enews/images/0121hrbmasterslist2020.pdf)
7. On a stroll along the southern extent of Boundary Street, Katherine saw the following typos in concrete at Cooper and Olive streets. Who knew "Boundary" would be so hard to spell?



8. George reported that the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association will be focusing their Centennial Convention at the Alpine Community Center on November 2 through 5, 2023. This historic roadway was originally along Imperial Avenue in San Diego, and later on El Cajon Boulevard when it was US Highway 80. Part of the convention activities will be a parade of classic cars, possibly all the way from Horton Plaza Park, where there is a monument to the roadway, out to the City of El Cajon. Also, George has provided information about buildings in the approximate time period of the 1920s along the west end of El Cajon Boulevard for a self-guided walking tour brochure the group is developing. Information is available on their website at:

[Old Spanish Trail Centennial Homepage](#)

### 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.

Because we were out of the navy ballcaps and only had 5 khaki ballcaps left, Steve proposed to the Board via email we order 60 more ballcaps from AKA, consisting of 20 khaki and 40 navy. This was approved by a majority of the Board via email vote, and the additional ballcaps were ordered on August 15, 2023. We got the new ballcaps on September 1, so now 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.

### 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 October 19.** Please email Katherine at [khon@honconsultinginc.com](mailto:khon@honconsultinginc.com) or leave a voice message on her land line at 619-294-8990 if you want to attend.

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