

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY JULY 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: JULY 16, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

These notes summarize information that was presented at the July 16, 2026 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 July 19, 2026. Board Members Steve, Katherine, Jody, Allison, Paul, Claudia, and George attended. Welcome!

All future public meetings scheduled for the **third THURSDAYS of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. WILL BE** held in a meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church. In addition, we continue to provide information to all who contact us with questions about North Park history and document those communications in our monthly meeting notes. **Our next meeting will be August 20.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We hope all our members and friends are having a good 2026!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

George, Steve, and Katherine represented North Park Historical Society at the Celebration of Life for Ernestine "Ernie" Bonn on June 27. She was a major force for community history in University Heights/North Park for more than 30 years. She established the University Heights Historical Society (which we consider our sister organization), and assisted NPHS in the designation of the Water Tower, among many other accomplishments.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The meeting notes from the June 18, 2026 meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for June 17 to July 14, 2026 and were sent to Board members on July 15, 2026. In this time period, two members renewed and gave additional donations (thank you, Marcella and Paul!), one new member joined and gave an additional donation (welcome and thank you, Shanel!), and 6 attendees of a private Pauly's Addition tour on July 14 donated \$30 for a total income of \$245.00. Expenses in this time period consisted of \$102.99 for our Accident Liability Insurance coverage, which was not included in the policy fee paid last month.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. MORLEY FIELD & PAULY'S ADDITION WALKING TOURS JULY 18

We had a very successful outreach event in Morley Field on Saturday, July 18. Steve and Claudia guided about 10 people on a tour of the Morley Field Recreation Area. Member Christine helped as a photo book holder. George and Allison led a tour of the Pauly's Addition neighborhood for another group of 10 people. Katherine stayed behind at our table to share history information with passersby. We netted a total of about \$380 from donations (\$75) plus sales of 6 navy hats, 6 tote bags, a tee shirt, a membership, and 5 books. At least a dozen tour attendees live in the Pauly's Addition neighborhood, and half of the event attendees are NPHS members. Member Dan stopped by before the tours to give a generous donation as well. Thank you all!



NPHS officers are (seated from left), President Steve, Vice-President Claudia, Treasurer Allison, and Secretary Katherine. Standing are Board members George (left) and Michael.



The weather and our shady spot by the pool were both perfect for our outreach event in North Park's backyard.

6. COMMERCIAL WALKING TOUR FOR NORTH PARK MAIN STREET

A walking tour of the commercial area centered on University Avenue and 30th Street for the North Park Main Street/BANF Board has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 pm. George can guide, and Katherine and Steve and others can assist. Ed O. has confirmed the route we follow for Jefferson School 3rd graders will be fine for this group.

7. BURLINGAME WALKING TOUR AND PRESENTATION IN OCTOBER

Our Burlingame tour guide last year, Steve Fobes, is willing to conduct another tour, and possibly present a lecture on additional research he has prepared. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 10. Next week, we will ask Mr. Fobes if he wants to do a presentation.

8. BUNGALOW COURT PROJECT – LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER ASSISTANCE

George explained that the University Heights Historical Society (UHHS) would like to have groups refer interested bungalow court owners to the UHHS website and their contacts with consultants who could assist with preparation of the appropriate nomination forms. George will draft some text that Allison may add to our website under the Resources page. Katherine would forward any requests for assistance to George.

9. CITY POLICIES AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD UPDATES AND SOHO ECONOMIC STUDY

- The following link on the Planning Department webpage has the city's info about the review process and timeline:

[Preservation and Progress | City of San Diego Official Website](#)

Package A was approved by City Council on February 24. Package B, which will include potential changes to the Mills Act program, is now the focus of City staff. The SOHO Economic Study has been released and is available online at

[The Big Picture: Preservation Overreach? The Data Says Otherwise](#)

10. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

In July 2026, we responded to requests for information (and received interesting information) and participated in community activities as summarized below.

1. Sandra contacted us last month and requested a walking tour for her history group. We decided on a Pauly's Addition tour, which Katherine and Steve conducted for the group of six on July 14. Sandra told us it was the best walking tour she has attended.

2. Mr. T. Thomas, Zoning Investigator, City of San Diego Development Services Department-Building and Land Use Enforcement, sent a Civil Penalty and Order letter to the owner of the house at 3565-67 Pershing Avenue in the North Park Dryden Historic District. The house has been severely damaged by the owner, who removed the original windows and façade without permits or consultation with the city Historical Resources Board (HRB). The letter noted, in part:



You are hereby notified that the property identified above is in violation of the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC). On **May 21, 2026**, the following violations were observed at the property and must be corrected:

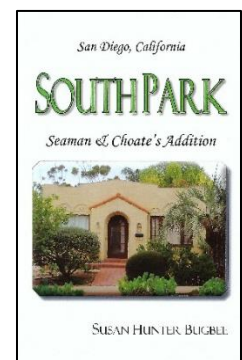
- Unpermitted construction to the interior and exterior of two structures within a historic district, North Park Dryden, NO.1008-74, Lots 7-8, Construction without all required approvals, permits and inspections.
- Failure to obtain historical resource review approval for exterior and interior modifications to structures within a historical district.
- Removal of siding from both structures, including windows and walls, roofing,
- Failure to submit mechanical, plumbing, and electrical (MEP) permits, wiring, removal of toilets, sinks, bathtubs, drywall and flooring, and rewiring of electrical outlets.

The owner is required to immediately cease all unpermitted work. They must consult with HRB and obtain the appropriate permits by December 22, 2026. Failure to comply could result in the following penalties:

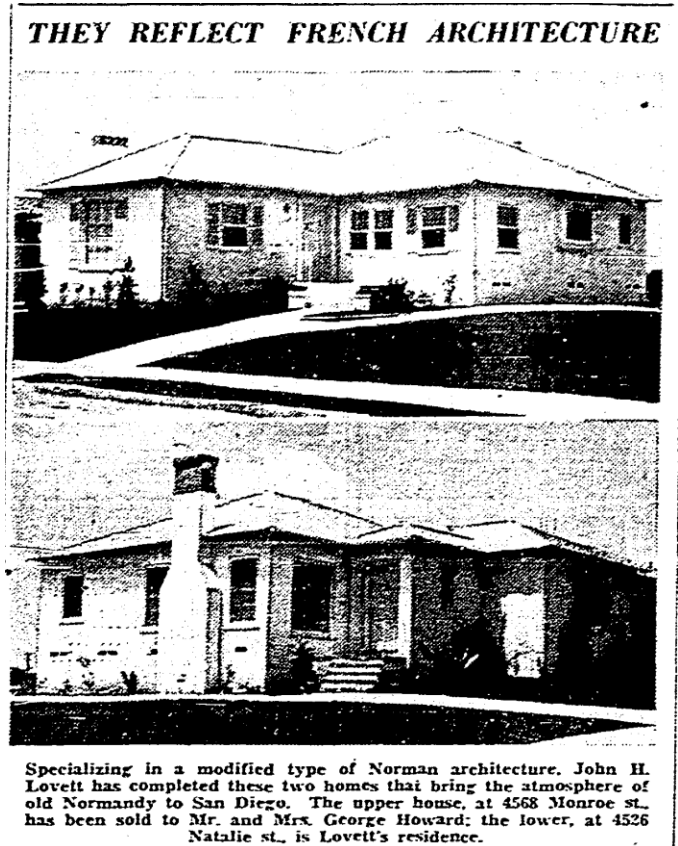
Failure to Comply with Notice and Order

If you fail to comply with this Notice and Order in the time and manner set forth above, you are subject to civil administrative penalties pursuant to SDMC §§12.0801-12.0810. The penalty rate for the above listed violation(s) has been established in accordance with SDMC §§12.0801-12.0810 at **\$1000.00 per violation per day** and shall be an ongoing assessment of penalties at the daily rate until the violations are corrected. Administrative civil penalty amounts are established by the Development Services Director.

3. Member Ed O., Vice President of the Business and Neighborhood Foundation (BANF), which recently became a 501C3 component under North Park Main Street, is coordinating with NPHS on conducting a historic walking tour for the North Park Main Street Board of Directors, which is now scheduled for September 16th at 4:00 pm.
4. Josh emailed us, asking for information about his property at 2122 30th Street. Although this location is not in North Park, we evaluated the 4-plex building and researched its history. We found the building was profiled in the book, "South Park: Seaman & Choate's Addition" by Susan Hunter Bugbee, which is available at The Book Catapult, a great bookstore on Juniper Street near 30th Street. We found a building permit for a "12-room residence" in the March 10, 1912 San Diego Union. In 1930, the building was remodeled into a 4-plex by Stanley Nash, and we found those building permits as well.



5. Tim gave us a copy of the 1985 Greater North Park Community Plan. We found this quote from the introduction very interesting: "because of zoning patterns which have existed since the 1930's, 65 percent of the residentially zoned land is in multiple-family zoning. This has led to an intrusion of multi-unit developments into single-family neighborhoods with resulting negative impacts to the scale and character of these neighborhoods."
6. Ken is the first person to use our new website's Contact Us form. He requested an evaluation of his house at 3595 Alabama Street. We found his house was built by John Harold Lovett in 1936. Mr. Lovett, a busy contractor, was profiled in news articles about him "specializing in a modified type of Norman architecture" which reflected French architecture. Though we often refer to simpler homes built in the 1930s as "Minimal Traditional" style, Ken's house is very similar to Lovett's own "Norman" style house in the news article.



11. WEBSITE REDESIGN UPDATE

The nice comments we have received on our beautiful redesigned website were sent to the A7D team, and they greatly appreciated seeing them.

12. PAYMENT FOR NPHS MEMBERSHIP

As a standing item in the meeting notes, we can accept membership dues and donations via Venmo @ northparkhistory, and if a number code is requested, use 1274.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

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