

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUGUST 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

These notes summarize information that was presented at the August 20, 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 August 24, 2026. Board Members Claudia, Allison, Jody, Michael, and George and NPHS Member Ed 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 on September 17, which will include a special presentation about the Burlingame Historic District.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The meeting notes from the July 16, 2026 meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for July 16 - August 6, 2026 and were sent to Board members on August 6, 2026. In this time period, two members renewed (thank you, Katie and Desmond!), and one new member joined (welcome and thank you, Brae!). At the Morley Field tour/outreach event on July 18, 2026, several attendees donated a total of \$104.19 (thank you Kate, Desmond and Dan!), and we sold one Arcadia book, three copies of History Snippets 1, one copy of History Snippets 2, six ballcaps, one t-shirt, and six tote bags, generating additional income of \$265.55. The total income for this period was \$429.74. There were no expenses in this time period.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. 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. Steve and Allison will guide, and Katherine, George, Michael, Ed and others can assist. The route was discussed and determined that the tour could start at the North Park Mini Park, continue east along North Park Way, north on Ray Street, then west on University Avenue before returning to the starting point. Michael suggested a practice tour in preparation

for the event. George volunteered to wear the North Park Water Tower costume during the tour.

We also discussed the “North Park Magical History Tour” brochure on the NPHS website as a useful resource, which can be accessed via this link:

https://northparkhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/np_magical_history_tour.pdf

6. BURLINGAME HISTORIC DISTRICT PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER AND WALKING TOUR IN OCTOBER

Steve Fobes will be making a presentation about the Burlingame Historic District at the Thursday, September 17, 2026 NPHS Monthly Board Meeting. The meeting starts at 6:00 PM at the meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church on 3967 Park Boulevard. He will present a lecture on additional research he has prepared on the Burlingame Historic District, which should provide great context before the upcoming walking tour. To register for a spot at the presentation, go to our Eventbrite site: <https://NPHSBurlingamePresentation.eventbrite.com>

Steve Fobes will also conduct the Burlingame Historic District guided walking tour, scheduled for **Saturday, October 10 starting at 10:00 AM**. We will meet at the northwest corner of 32nd and Kalmia Street. The NPHS website was updated to add information about the upcoming walking tour. To register for a spot on the guided walking tour, go to Eventbrite: <https://NPHSBurlingameWalkingTour.eventbrite.com>

A combined flyer is enclosed at the end of the meeting minutes.

7. BUNGALOW COURT PROJECT – LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER ASSISTANCE

George provided an update on the University Heights Historical Society’s (UHHS) postcard mailers to bungalow court owners. Oversized postcards were mailed to bungalow courts located in Hillcrest, North Park, Ocean Beach and City Heights. To date, no responses have been received.

8. 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 the San Diego 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](#)

George previously contacted City staff to ask for updates on Package B and has not received a response as of the day of the Board Meeting.

9. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

Claudia announced that the first draft of the updated Mid-City Communities Plan is now available for review: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/mid-city-communities-plan-update>

Claudia shared that the NPHS was asked to participate in the North Park Noise free community events calendar specifically for North Park. North Park Noise plans to have a history spotlight where we can contribute. View their website and sign up for their newsletter at: <https://northparknoise.com/>

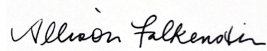
10. PAYMENT FOR NPHS MEMBERSHIP

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.

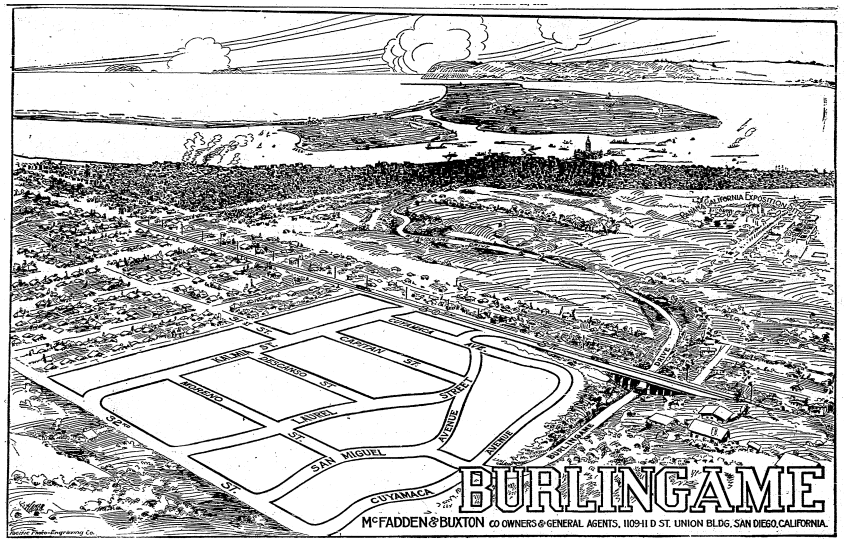
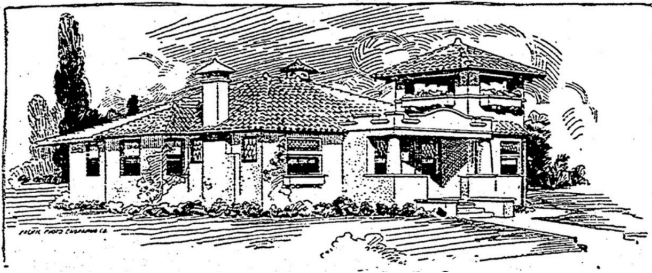
11. FUTURE MEETINGS

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North Park Historical Society presents Burlingame Historic District Events

*Learn all about the origins of the "Tract of Character"
with its pink sidewalks and unique architectural styles*

Presentation

Thurs, Sept 17 - 6:00 PM

Lecture by retired architect Steve Fobes
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Led by retired architect Steve Fobes
Meet at the northwest corner of
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1 mile, 1.5 hours

RESERVE YOUR PLACE: Go to
northparkhistory.eventbrite.com
to register for each event



COST: Any donation to the North Park Historical Society (an all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) local non-profit) with cash onsite or Venmo @northparkhistory

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