

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

These notes summarize information that was presented at the September 17, 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 September 20, 2026. Board Members Steve, Katherine, Allison, Paul, Bob, and Michael attended. Also eight NPHS members and nine visitors came for the lecture about the Burlingame Historic District by Steve Fobes. 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 October 15.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We hope all our members and friends had a good summer!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This meeting was devoted to a special presentation by retired architect Steve Fobes about the origins and architecture of the Burlingame Historic District.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The meeting notes from the August 20, 2026 meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for August 7 to September 15, 2026 and were sent to Board members on September 17, 2026. In this time period, one navy ballcap was sold (thank you, Allison!). 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 was conducted on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 pm. Steve and Allison tag-teamed as guides and Katherine was their photo book holder. There were about 10 attendees, including Chad (North Park Main Street Executive Director), Joe with The Office Bar, Matt with Renew Church, Jim with Granada House, and Ed with the BANF.

6. BURLINGAME WALKING TOUR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Our Burlingame tour guide last year, Steve Fobes, will conduct a walking tour of the Burlingame Historic District on **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 flyer for the walking tour will be emailed to NPHS membership separately, and is available on Instagram and Facebook.

7. PRESENTATION BY STEVE FOBES ON THE BURLINGAME HISTORIC DISTRICT

There were 24 people in attendance for this special presentation. Several people donated at the end of the lecture and two attending members renewed their memberships (thank you, James and Tom & Claudia!). We donated a Burlingame book to Steve Fobes as a thank you for giving this interesting lecture. Steve shared his insights about the various architectural styles represented in this unique neighborhood that originated as "The Tract of Character" in 1912 with rose-colored sidewalks and curving streets to follow the canyon-side topography. Economic troubles, World War 1, the revolution in Mexico and flu pandemic in 1918 slowed house construction from 1914 to 1920, but the neighborhood filled out starting in 1920. By this time, predominant architectural styles had changed from Arts and Crafts to Spanish Colonial Revival and related Mission Revival styles due to the influence of the 1915-16 Exposition in Balboa Park. All these styles (and interesting mixes) can be seen in the Burlingame Historic District.



8. BUNGALOW COURT PROJECT – LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER ASSISTANCE

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 drafted some text that Allison may add to our website under the Resources page. Katherine would forward any requests for assistance to George. George obtained some of the postcards UHHS produced, which we can have as handouts at an appropriate event.

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. 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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