

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MAY 2011 MEETING NOTES**

**DATE: May 19, 2011**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

The first part of this meeting was a Business Meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) Board of Directors, and the second part was the activities discussion for the organization. These notes include updates as of June 7, 2011.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The following members of the NPHS Board of Directors were present:

Steve Hon  
Ed Orozco  
Louise Russell  
Randy Sappenfield  
Jody Surowiec  
Sharon Turner  
Vince Rivera  
Hilda Yoder

The following members of the NPHS Board of Directors were absent:

George Franck  
Patrick Edwards  
Katherine Hon  
Liz Studebaker  
Michael Thornhill  
Bill Vivian  
Paul Wade

Members Ginny, Paul, Leah, and Bob also joined us. Welcome especially to Ginny and Leah, our newest members!

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The May Agenda was accepted as proposed.

Louise made a motion that we invite the developer of Wang's North Park, who is working on the old Penney's Building on University Avenue at Ray Street to come to a meeting and discuss their project, an upscale Chinese restaurant, with us. Hilda seconded the motion, and all approved. *Update: Louise drafted the letter, which was emailed to Tom Eads of Wang's North Park on May 27. We haven't heard back yet, but Tom visited our booth at the North Park Festival of the Arts, and seems to have a high level of respect for the historical character of the building. See the May 17 issue of the San Diego Union-Tribune, Section C for an article about this building and others.*

Bob Bauer talked about St. Luke's Episcopal Church on 30<sup>th</sup> Street, now under the control of the larger Episcopal Diocese, wanting to demolish their old chapel originally designed by Hebbard and Gill and two adjacent Craftsman cottages on 30th Street at Gunn Street. There will be a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Cathedral where the Diocese Board will discuss this proposal. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend. *Update: Bob, Steve, and Katherine attended this meeting, as well as a member of SOHO and a music group interested in using the chapel building. All speakers asked the Board to not approve the proposed Resolution to allow removal*

*of the chapel and cottages by invoking "substantial hardship" if the buildings were designated historical resources. But the Diocese Board ignored us and voted unanimously to "forestall entanglements with preservation" and approve the resolution.*



The chapel next to St. Luke's larger church building. The Craftsman cottages on Gunn Street.



Drawing From the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book of St. Luke's Episcopal Church (1978)  
From *North Park: A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946*

### **3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The draft minutes from the April 21, 2011 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website.

### **BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials and Annual Report were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting.

### **ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

#### **5. CAR SHOW PLANNING**

Steve announced that we will be having the car show behind the North Park Theatre. Save the date of September 10, 2011. We are not sure about having North Park Way between 29th and Granada closed yet, but Steve is coordinating with the City to get an answer.

## **6. BOOK PROJECT**

The rest of the meeting we looked at old pictures of North Park to decide which ones we will want to purchase from the San Diego History Center and use for our next book on the history of North Park. *Update: Steve placed the order for 60 images from the San Diego History Center. The photos are in the categories of business district, popular culture, schools, Morley Field, the water tower, and Switzer Canyon Bridge. Most of the pictures are from the 1950s-1970s. The photos of the old North Park Sign coming down in 1966 and the old Hoover High School being demolished in 1976 will break your heart.*

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** June 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the second floor conference room of the Masonic Lodge.