

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JUNE 2012 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: JUNE 21, 2012

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 July 10, 2012.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** July 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Balboa Tennis Club clubhouse at Morley Field, 2221 Morley Field Drive. ***Please note our new meeting place.***

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer
Patrick Edwards
George Franck
Steve Hon
Katherine Hon
Louise Russell
Hilda Yoder

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

Ed Orozco
Vince Rivera
Randy Sappenfield
Jody Surowiec
Michael Thornhill
Sharon Turner
Bill Vivian

Members Paul, Eva and Peter also joined us.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last month we shared our certificates from the San Diego Historical Resources Board for achieving designation of the North Park Dryden Historic District. We also received a People in Preservation Award for the Dryden District from the Save Our Heritage Organisation on May 31. The awards event was very nice and George gave an excellent acceptance speech for our group. We were excited to get our photo on the front page of the *North Park News*.



Preservationists of the Year

PHOTOS BY SANDÉ LOLLIS

SOHO presents its 2012 People in Preservation Awards

The North Park Historical Society has been presented the Neighborhood Preservation Award by Save Our Heritage Organisation for its efforts to establish the Dryden Historic District, named for David Owen Dryden, the master builder of 20 homes in the district.

The Historical Society — led by Steve Hon, George Franck, Katherine Hon and Daniel Marks — was one of several groups, individuals and agencies honored by SOHO as part of the 2012 People in Preservation Awards program.

The Dryden Historic District was approved by the city's Historical Resources Board in 2011. The six-block neighborhood on Pershing Avenue and 28th Street from Upas to Landis streets encom-



North Park Historical Society leaders, from left, are George Franck, Gabriela Marks, Steve Hon, Katherine Hon and Daniel Marks.

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3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the May 17, 2012 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. We had a total income of approximately \$388 from more car show sign-ups, 7 Burlingame walking tour sign-ups, sale of 4 Burlingame books, and sale of 13 North Park history books. Expenses were mostly related to renewing our insurance and paying our web consultant.

Steve announced that our County grant application has been accepted and he made a presentation on June 11. We are hopeful we will get some funding to help us buy a projector screen so we will be fully self-contained for future presentations, and also funds to help us continue to refine the website prior to launch. Plus port-a-potties at the car show, which we learned last year were a very welcome feature.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. PLAZA DE PANAMA UDATE

We can be proud that our organization is on record as opposing the bypass bridge and supporting preservation of the historic resources on the Central Mesa and Morley Field. The Planning Commission unfortunately voted to approve the project. The City Council meeting is July 9 at 2:00 pm. George moved and Hilda seconded that NPHS write a letter to our councilmember Todd Gloria in opposition to the plan with the bypass bridge and in favor of

Alternative 3A, which closes Cabrillo Bridge to general public traffic, allowing "pedestrianization" of the plazas as well as West El Prado.

Update: George drafted and Hilda edited an excellent letter that 24 members and friends of NPHS put their names to and we sent to Todd Gloria. Unfortunately, City Council approved the EIR and the project on July 9 with only Sherri Lightner voting against. Stay tuned, as SOHO will be challenging the EIR and the City's violation of their own Municipal Code in approving the project.



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Hon. Todd Gloria, Councilmember
Council District 3
San Diego City Hall
202 C Street, MS #10A
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June 25, 2012

Subject: Please Deny Plaza de Panama Project as Proposed

Dear Mr. Gloria:

By unanimous action of present Board of Directors on June, 21, 2012, the North Park Historical Society opposes the Plaza de Panama Project as proposed. Instead, we favor Alternative 3A (No New Parking Alternative), which would close the Cabrillo Bridge to public vehicles.

We have reviewed the Plaza de Panama EIR and find that closing Cabrillo Bridge to traffic would result in fewer than 2 additional cars per minute averaged over a day on local streets in 2030, which is not distinguishable from future traffic with the bridge open. Furthermore, the EIR does not document any adverse impacts on activities/attendance in Balboa Park from closing Cabrillo Bridge.

Our review also reveals that neighborhoods west of 6th Avenue are more than 1,900 feet from museums in the Central Mesa, and therefore, according to data in the EIR parking analysis, are too far away to be attractive parking locations with Cabrillo Bridge closed.

NPHS believes that the bypass bridge is not needed, and its construction will damage the historical integrity of the center of Balboa Park. Further, the construction of a large parking structure near the center of the park is not appropriate.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact me.

Sincerely,


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Approved by the following Members and Friends
of the North Park Historical Society

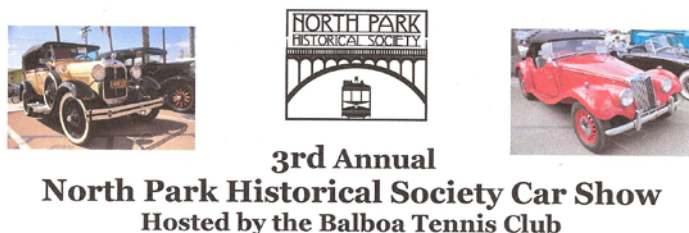
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| Vicki Granowitz | Hilda Neck-Yoder |
| Eva Miller | Louise Russell |

6. CAR SHOW

We continue to plan with the Balboa Tennis Club, who will host the car show in the parking lot along the tennis courts at Morley Field. North Park Trophy has agreed to make trophies for us as an in-kind sponsor. A7D will print posters, which Vince has begun preparing. We have 10 sign-ups so far. We would also accept vintage motorcycles.

Update: Mike Ward will take photos again as an in-kind sponsor, and North Park News will run our flyer as an ad. New \$100 sponsors are Randy Sappenfield, Steve Hon, and Babycakes (the new restaurant at the Balboa Tennis Club). West Coast Tavern is our first business to promise to pick a favorite car at the show and donate a prize (a \$100 gift certificate at West Coast Tavern) to the car owner. Thank you, David!

Car exhibition forms are on northparkhistory.org. Paper copies can be obtained from Katherine, Bill and Randy.



Date: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Parking Lot at the
Balboa Tennis Club
2221 Morley Field Drive
San Diego, CA 92104

Cost: FREE for Attendees

FAMILY FUN in a relaxing park setting

ON-SITE FOOD at *Babycakes*
Balboa Park California Casual Cafe

SURPRISE PRIZES for Exhibitors
from Local Businesses

Cost for Exhibitors: \$10 for one car,
\$20 for two or three

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Download form at NorthParkHistory.org

Exhibiting Car Arrival / Departure:
Arrive from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Must stay parked until 2:00 PM

Certificates for all pre-registrants
Trophies: People's Choice Awards
1st, 2nd & 3rd
*(Previous years' winners will not be
eligible for People's Choice awards)*

Voting: From 10 AM to 1 PM
(Exhibitors may vote)

Winners announced: 1:45 PM



For more information contact: info@northparkhistory.org 619-294-8990 NorthParkHistory.org

*Our mission: To preserve North Park's cultural and architectural history
through research, education, and outreach*

7. KLIKA SCHOLARSHIP

Councilmember Todd Gloria presented the scholarship to Kelley Boland, a senior at San Diego High School, at the North Park Festival of the Arts. She has a weighted GPA of 4.38 and has been accepted at ten colleges/universities. She has volunteered at Project Wildlife and the San Diego Zoo, worked at Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp, and played varsity tennis. We continue to get very worthy students for the scholarship and the Klicka Family is pleased with the coordination that Louise has led, with assistance from Hilda and Jody.



Louise, Steve, Kelley and Todd Gloria

8. WEBSITE UPDATE

Jim Tinsky continues to help us build our prototype. We should have a demo ready in July.

9. ARTICLE ON BIRD PARK

Steve wrote a well-received article about the history of Bird Park at the request of Lynn Elliott, who leads the organization of the Bird Park concerts in the summer for the North Park Community Association. Among the "finds" is this great illustration of what the park was designed to look like from the air. It is mounted on a utility box by the swings at the park.



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