

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

DATE: JULY 19, 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 August 11, 2012.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** August 16, 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
- George Franck
- Steve Hon
- Katherine Hon
- Ed Orozco
- Randy Sappenfield
- Michael Thornhill
- Sharon Turner
- Bill Vivian

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

- Patrick Edwards
- Vince Rivera
- Louise Russell
- Jody Surowiec
- Hilda Yoder

Members Paul (and Mom!) and Eva joined us, as did Thelma, who is a native North Parker. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will not discuss the pavers at the Balboa Tennis Club because Peter couldn't be at the meeting.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the June 21, 2012 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials were not sent to the Board in advance of the meeting, but Sharon provided copies of the summary at the meeting. We had a total income of approximately \$700 from 6 car show sign-ups, 4 car show sponsors (at \$100 each), 2 memberships, a donation of \$20, and sale of 3 Burlingame books, 2 residential guide books, and 10 North Park history books. Expenses of approximately \$790 were mostly related to arranging for port-a-potties for the car show (\$288) and paying our web consultant.

Steve announced we received \$1,500 of the County grant request. This funding will help us provide port-a-potties at the car show, buy a projector screen so we will be fully self-contained for future presentations, and also will help us continue to refine the website prior to launch.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. CAR SHOW

September 8 is coming soon for the car show in the parking lot along the tennis courts at Morley Field. One of our pre-event tasks is to post the parking lot three days before the event with multiple no parking signs. North Park BID will let us borrow 60 of their A-frame signs but we have to pick them up on **Friday, August 31** (a bit early because of the Labor Day weekend). Michael and Ed said they could help transport them. We need volunteers to help place them **Tuesday, September 4**. On **Friday, September 7**, we need help marking space numbers in chalk on the curb.

There will also be lots to do on the day of the event. We will be setting up our canopies at 7 am, and we will need helpers at both ends of the parking lot to check in cars, escort cars to their space, and direct surprised tennis players and swimmers to other parking lots. We also need help from about 8:30 am to after 2 pm staffing our booth, passing out ballots for People's Choice trophies, gathering ballots, answering questions, and cleaning up after the event. Sharon, Bill, Ed, Michael, Eva, Thelma, Bob, and Paul plan to be there. Who else can help out?

Update: Vince created another great poster and A7D printed 40 of them. Bill, Randy, Steve and Katherine have placed them around North Park. We still need cars! Car exhibition forms are on northparkhistory.org. Ed is going to attend a meeting of a car club in National City that had some beautiful cars at an event at the Masonic Lodge. We will also need barriers. Ed noted that Philip with Vintage Religion may have barriers we could use. Sharon has arranged for us to borrow NPCA's cones that they use at the Bird Park concerts.

**NORTH PARK
CAR SHOW**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2012
10AM TO 2PM

PRESENTED BY
NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOSTED BY
BALBOA TENNIS CLUB

LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT
AT THE BALBOA TENNIS CLUB
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6. WEBSITE UPDATE

Steve demonstrated the website. Attendees liked it. We have a few more refinements and then we will send a link to the Board to be able to view it and see how they like the look and functionality. We have to pay \$35 each for the rights to use the 10 historical photos from the San Diego History Center that are in the banner at the top of each page. The photos change randomly from page to page.

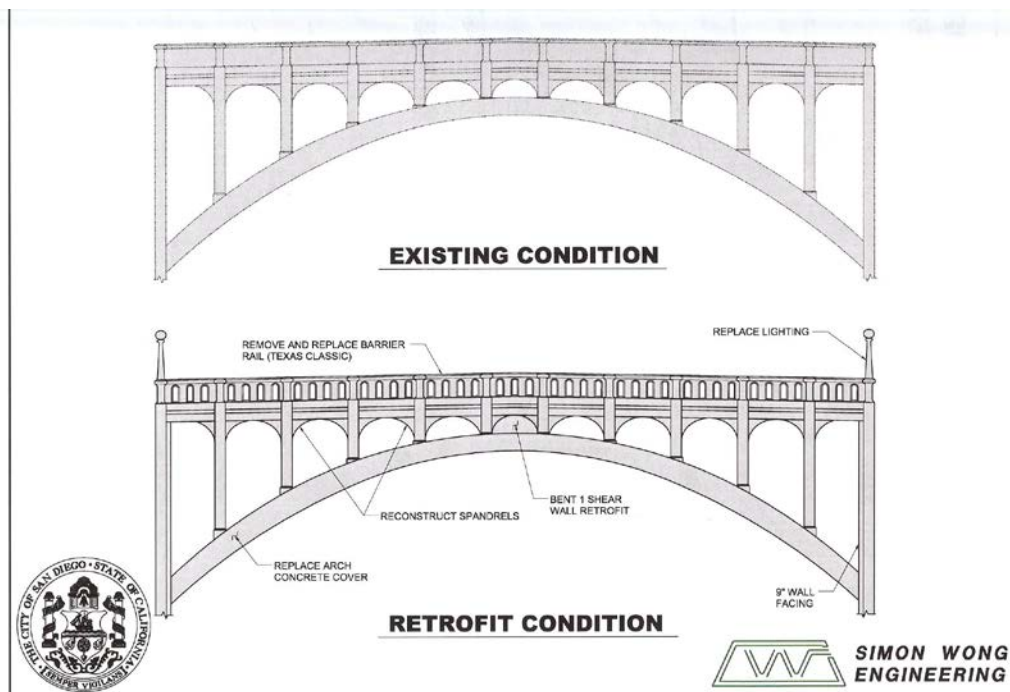
7. CORRECTION TO ARTICLE ON BIRD PARK

Steve wrote a well-received article about the history of Bird Park that was published in the *North Park News* and *Uptown News*. Wouldn't you know that an important participant in the development of the park wasn't mentioned in the source material? Robin Brailsford, the artist who helped with the design wanted us to point out that she was just part of the Wallace Robertson Todd (WRT) team hired by the City of San Diego to design the park. She also noted that the porcelain enamel map that is mounted on a utility box by the swing set in the park was created by artist Wick Alexander. We are sorry that WRT was inadvertently left out of the article. A corrected article is now on our website at northparkhistory.org.



8. GEORGIA STREET BRIDGE UPDATE

The City of San Diego and their consultant team headed by Simon Wong Engineering have made presentations to North Park Planning Committee and Uptown Planners with their recommended alternative for achieving a seismically adequate bridge and walls. Much of the bridge will have to be rebuilt because the deck and spandrels (columns) are deteriorating. However, the main arches that span the street will remain. The reconstruction of the bridge will bring it back to be closer to its original appearance in many ways, as shown below. The bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places and federal funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans are being used for the seismic retrofit.



9. WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

Historian Alex Bevil has completed the application for the Water Tower and accompanying water system structures (some of which no longer exist) to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the "University Heights Water Storage and Pumping Station Historic District." The application notes that "While its 127-foot tall, 1.2-million gallon capacity elevated steel water storage tank dominates the site, the district contains a 4.9-million gallon water storage reservoir, operating pump house, concrete water valve vault, and a caretaker's house. In addition, the district contains the sites of three structures, a chlorinating house, water treatment plant, and 17.5-million gallon concrete reservoir." The last three structures were demolished decades ago. Alex prepared the extremely detailed and very interesting application completely on his own time as a contribution to the community. Thank you, Alex!

10. PLAZA DE PANAMA UPDATE

We are disappointed and dismayed by this invasive, expensive, and impactful project approved by City Council, with the motion for approval made by our Councilmember Todd Gloria. We can only hope that the legal challenge planned by SOHO will be successful.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

We need to send our application for marching in the Toyland Parade before the end of August. The fee is \$25. Ed moved and Sharon seconded that we apply. The motion was approved unanimously. Katherine will complete the form and send it to Victoria House, the new non-profit that is organizing the parade this year.

NEXT MEETING

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