

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

**DATE:           OCTOBER 18, 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 November 6, 2012.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** November 15, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Balboa Tennis Club clubhouse at Morley Field, 2221 Morley Field Drive.

**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
- Louise Russell
- Randy Sappenfield
- Jody Surowiec
- Michael Thornhill
- Sharon Turner

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

- Patrick Edwards
- Vince Rivera
- Bill Vivian
- Hilda Yoder

Member Paul and visitors Danielle and Lynn also joined us. Welcome! And thank you, Lynn for becoming a member!

**2.       AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no changes to the agenda. Louise announced that SOHO has opened the Santa Ysabel General Store & Backcountry Visitor Center on Fridays-Sundays, 11 am to 5 pm. They will also soon be opening the Warner-Carrillo Ranch House, a National Historic Landmark built in 1887. See the flyers on the next page.

Katherine noted that our web consultant has developed a way that we can add historical building permit information to our database that is searchable on the revamped website under the Projects-Historical Building Permit Searches page of [www.northparkhistory.org](http://www.northparkhistory.org). If your address doesn't come up and you have date, builder and first owner information, contact us at [info@northparkhistory.org](mailto:info@northparkhistory.org) so we can add your house and continue to build the database.

**3.       MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The draft minutes from the September 20, 2012 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website.

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**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. We have received income from four memberships, \$190 in donations, sales of four North Park history books, and the County Grant of \$1,500. We purchased a brick paver at the Balboa Tennis Club for \$100 to be inscribed "North Park Historical Society."

**ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

**5. MORLEY FIELD WALKING TOUR**

Steve led the experimental tour on a wet Saturday morning on October 20. Thank you, Rhea, Valerie, Paul, George, Louise and Sharon for coming. We found out that the Municipal Pool is named for Bud Kearns, the Director of Recreation for the City of San Diego from 1928 to 1948. We learned other interesting facts about the unique places in our backyard, including the tennis courts, velodrome, disc golf course, and archery range. We got helpful hints to make it a good tour for the general public in the near future. Attendees admired the excellent brochure designed by Gabriela Marks of Marks Architects.



## 6. BOOK PROJECT

Last month the NPHS Board agreed we have the dedication and energy to prepare a North Park Images of America Arcadia book. Bob noted he has been in contact with James Newland, who worked with the La Mesa Historical Society to prepare their city's Images of America book (published by Arcadia in 2010), and he may have good advice for us.

**Update:** Valerie, Randy, Michael, Steve and Katherine of the New Book Group met on October 25 to review possible photographs to include in the proposal to Arcadia. We picked 16 pictures (mostly photos we have purchased from the San Diego History Center) and divided up the task of writing captions. We also developed the following draft list of chapters using the La Mesa Arcadia book as an example:

### Acknowledgements

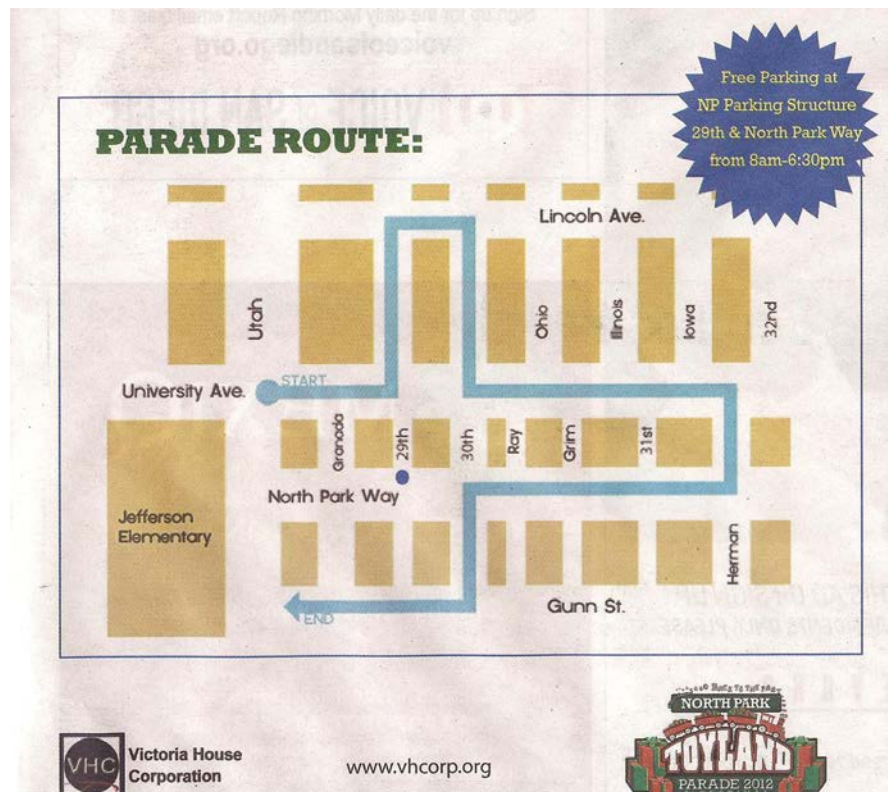
#### Introduction

1. Early Years: 1870—1906
2. Community Beginnings: 1907—1919
3. Building "A City of Our Own": 1920—1945
4. Post-World War II Prosperity: 1946—1965
5. Community Changes: 1966—1980
6. Revitalization and Redevelopment: 1980s—Present

We have lots more work to do but feel we are off to a good start and are optimistic that Arcadia will accept our proposal, which we plan to submit by the end of November. If the proposal is accepted, we will be asking all our members and history fans to let us scan photos that could be used in the book.

## 7. TOYLAND PARADE DECEMBER 1

The Toyland Parade is the first Saturday in December, which is December 1 this year. Dress up in your favorite decade and join us! The route will be longer this year (see map) and there will be festival activities afterwards. If you have never marched in a parade before, this is the best one to try it. All of our friends and members and their family and friends are welcome to be part of the North Park Historical Society entry.



## **8. WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Historian Alex Bevil has submitted 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 State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) verified they have received the nomination and forwarded it to the City of San Diego for comments. We will continue to track the progress of this important nomination.

## **NEXT MEETING**

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