

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 2013 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: APRIL 18, 2013

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 May 2, 2013.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** May 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR OUR REGULAR MEETINGS.** (The specific meeting room will be provided with the agenda before the meeting.)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer	Louise Russell
George Franck	Randy Sappenfield
Katherine Hon	Sharon Turner
Ed Orozco	

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

Patrick Edwards	Bill Vivian
Vince Rivera	Hilda Yoder
Jody Surowiec	Michael Thornhill
Steve Hon	

Members Paul, Valerie, and Robert, and visitor Alan also joined us. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan Bennett, who has initiated the California Native Plant Demonstration Garden just west of the tennis center, introduced himself. He has requested an opportunity to make a presentation about the Garden and planned restoration of Florida Canyon at the May meeting. He is conducting a free Father's Day walk in Florida Canyon on Sunday, June 16 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Contact Alan at 619-955-3275 or alanbennett@hotmail.com for more information.

Running routes for the Rock and Roll Marathon, which will take place on June 2, pass through parts of North Park. So we will postpone our planned Commercial District Walking Tour to the morning of June 29. Thank you, Jody, for pointing this out!

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the March 21, 2013 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. Between mid-March and mid-April 2013 we received income of approximately \$115 from sales of 8 North Park history books plus a \$20 donation. We renewed our website hosting for another 2 years for about \$162.

We will ask Bill Vivian about renewing membership in the Car Club Council, as it did not seem we got any car show sign-ups as a result of outreach to that group. *Update: Bill did not feel it is worth it to renew.*

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. BOOK PROJECT

The Book Group held its fourth working meeting on April 25, 2013. We reviewed on-screen the photos from St. Patrick's Church obtained by Jody, and Ed's photos from the descendants of the first owners of his house that Valerie scanned. We especially liked the photo of Leslie Foote Barrows at her loom, and Ed showed us several beautiful placemats that she wove that the family gave him. George has obtained a disk with photos from the Plymouth Congregational Church and will share at the next book meeting. Ten pictures and captions and a chapter introduction are due early in June as a milestone submittal to Arcadia. We selected photos from Chapter 3 (1920-1945) for our initial submittal to Arcadia. Paul has written an excellent introduction to this chapter.



Leslie Foote Barrows at Her Loom
Photo courtesy of Ed Orozco

If you want to help with research, writing, outreach, review, or in other ways, please contact Katherine at 619-294-8990 or email her at info@northparkhistory.org. **The next meeting of the Book Group will be the fourth Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm at The Cottage, 3775 Utah Street.** Note that although our regular meetings will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, the book meetings will continue to be held at The Cottage.

6. WALKING TOURS

We set the date for a Dryden Historic District tour on **April 27** and changed the date for the commercial area tour to **June 29**. *Update: We appreciated members Judy and Bryan, and Board Member Bob accompanying George and Michael on a personalized walking tour of the Dryden District. Thanks also to Paul, Jody and Sharon for helping Steve and Katherine with set-up and sign-in. It was a lovely day for a tour, and George received an excellent review for his presentation.*

7. KLIKA SCHOLARSHIP

NPHS coordinates the \$2,000 scholarship awarded by the Klicka Foundation to a graduating high school senior who lives in North Park. Louise reported that three high-quality applicants have submitted, and she, Jody and Hilda will meet to select the winner soon. The Klicka family may want to present the certificate this year at the North Park Spring Festival of the Arts. If not, Louise will contact Christine Kehoe's office.

8. WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

On April 25, the City Historical Resources Board (HRB) will consider supporting the nomination for the Water Tower and a surrounding district of other water system structures (some of which no longer exist) to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. HRB staff recommended that the water tower be listed as an individual structure, but did not recommend that a district encompassing any other structures (or past structures) be designated. The State Historical Resources Commission will consider the application at their May 1st meeting, which will be held in Anaheim at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, A Hall, 250 East Center Street.

Update: At their meeting on April 25, the City HRB unanimously voted to approve the Water Tower be designated as an individually significant structure, but they did not recommend a district be designated. The poster prepared by the McKinley Elementary School 5th grade class of Ms. Phillips was specifically cited as a wonderful "letter" of support. See the last page of these notes for a reduced version. One HRB member quoted Julia's request from the poster: "Please pretty please with a cherry gummy bear, chocolate chips and cinnamon on top!" Thank you, students, Ms. Phillips, and NPHS member Pat Taylor for supporting national recognition of our Water Tower!

At their meeting on May 1, the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously approved listing the Water Tower and the surrounding "district" of past and present water supply facilities as a significant California historical resource. The State also recommended that the water tower and district be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Almost a dozen letters of support were written to the State, including the poster from McKinley Elementary School 5th Graders, which was much appreciated by the Commission. We should receive notice of the national decision in about 45 days. Thank you, everyone who wrote letters of support!

9. NORTH PARK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, MAY 18, FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM

NPHS will have a booth at the Festival of Arts in the non-profit group area at University Avenue and Grim Street. This event is our premier opportunity to reach out to large numbers of residents interested in the history of North Park. We typically sell a lot of books and talk about history with many people who are attracted to the posters Vince created. The event is on a Saturday this year and the hours are longer. We will set up at 9:30 am. George and Sharon will help Steve and Katherine set up the canopy and table. Ed will help at the booth from 11 am to 2 pm, Louise will come at 2 pm, and Bob will help from 5 pm to 7 pm. We want to have at least three people at the booth at all times, so please consider volunteering for a few hours, especially mid-day and later towards the evening. Please contact Katherine at 619-294-8990 or info@northparkhistory.org if you can help.

10. MEETING LOCATION

We have contacted Grace Lutheran Church on Park Boulevard regarding the potential for holding meetings in their large or small room. The University Heights Historical Society meets there often. It is also a nice space for presentations. ***Update: Grace Lutheran Church has approved allowing us to meet there. Steve will coordinate with them on the appropriate room, and we will have that information the week of the meeting.***

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** May 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard, corner of Park Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue. Park in the lot behind the church, off of Lincoln Avenue, and enter through the back of the building.

Our May meeting will consist of presentations about history and related North Park information. **Do you have a project or information you would like to share?** If so, please contact Katherine at 619-294-8990 or info@northparkhistory.org to get on the agenda.

To: Carol Roland - Nawi ~
We are Excited that
the North Park water
tower has been
nominated to the
National Register of
Historic Places! We live in
North Park and already
know it's special. We will
look forward to your
decision on May 1.

Sam Deckhut
I say yes!

SAM ALVARADO
I say yes!!

Estrella Augilar
Ashley Zamudio
I say yes!

Amari Morrell
I say yes!

Alexander Gallardo
I say yes

Kaylee Merin
Giovanni Parreño

Bryce Lemieux
I say yes!!

Clara
Joshua

Alicia Spencer
I say yes!!
Hector Sandoval

Paul

Rose

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- Tempest

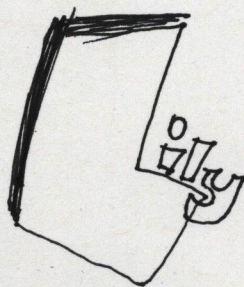
Alejandro Vazquez

Maria Rendon
I say yes.

Katherin
Currieta

YES!
- Ana

Ms. Phillip's 5th
grade class
McKinley Elem.
IB School -



I say
yes - Lulu Gr.

Yeah -
Isabel
Wallace

I say
yes -
Christina V.

Emily Mattson
says AWESOME

Please pretty please with a
cherry gummy bears
chocolate chips and
cinnamon on
top! - Julia