

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

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 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 October 27, 2013.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** November 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm in a second floor meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR OUR REGULAR MEETINGS.**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer	George Franck
Steve Hon	Sharon Turner
Katherine Hon	Randy Sappenfield
Hilda Yoder	Michael Thornhill
Jody Surowiec	Louise Russell

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

Vince Rivera	Ed Orozco
Patrick Edwards	Bill Vivian

Members and guests Paul, Leah, Sarah, and our newest member Maura also joined us. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy announced that the Maritime Museum is building a replica of the San Salvador sailing ship and Randy's shipbuilding friend would give a tour on a Tuesday or a Friday if we wanted to arrange a small group. The building site is on Harbor Island at Spanish Landing. You can send an email to info@northparkhistory.org if you are interested and we will organize a group.

Michael noted the old streetcar rails have been uncovered on Park Boulevard where the Bus Rapid Transit construction is ongoing. The University Heights Historical Society had also sent out an email notice about this, which was likely not a surprise to them, but very interesting.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the September 19, 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. The car show generated a net of about \$670, with \$1,280 in total revenue and \$610 in expenses. Thanks to everyone who helped make our 4th Annual signature event successful! Between mid-September and mid-October 2013 we recorded income of approximately \$410 from \$120 in memberships, \$270 in donations, and sale of one North Park history book. We had no expenses in this time period.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. ARCADIA BOOK PROJECT

Update: The Arcadia Book Working Group held its 10th working meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month, October 24, 2013. We reviewed photo captions written by Steve, Melanie, Ed, and Katherine; the mock-up of Chapter 4: Post-World War II Prosperity; and newly obtained photos of early Jefferson School from Ed's neighbors and of the 1950s demolition of Switzer Canyon bridge from Vicki. We will not hold a regular Arcadia book meeting in November as the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving. However, a small group will convene earlier in November to get into the details of the book layout. Our deadlines are quickly approaching, so the Arcadia book will be an intense focus from now until May 2014, when everything is due.

6. TOYLAND PARADE

The 50th Anniversary of the Toyland Parade will be Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 11 am. Michael, Sharon, Louise, Katherine and Steve will participate for sure. We have received assurances from Robert, who is coordinating repairs/restoration/re-creation of the paper water tower, that this beloved icon will be ready to march. Victor, our stellar water tower from last year, is ready to be the dancing tower again. We welcome all of our friends to dress in your favorite decade and join us. Anything from the 1870s to 2013 is relevant to North Park's history. As you can see from the historical photos below, we have fun every year!



7. WALKING TOURS

George and Valerie continue to work on the booklet for the "Streetcar Suburb" tour of the Hamilton-Villa Terrace area, which features many lovely bungalow courts. George and Melanie are strategizing on the handout for the tour of the "Pershing Heights" neighborhood south of Upas Street in the vicinity of the Lynhurst Building, which George debuted on June 29 this year as part of the 100th birthday celebration for the building. Both tours promise to be excellent additions to our portfolio of walking tours in 2014.



The Lynhurst Building

George also noted we could work with North Park Main Street to coordinate the "Pershing Heights" tour with some eating opportunities at nearby restaurants, such as Sea Rocket Bistro and Cardamom, or the commercial walking tour with stops at places like West Coast Tavern and Splash. A group called BiteSanDiego is doing something similar. George will explore this concept.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** November 21, 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. We will be on the second floor in either the Chamber Room or the Fellowship Hall. There are stairs and an elevator. Be aware that construction along Park Boulevard may still be going on between University and Lincoln avenues.