

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JANUARY 2014 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2014 **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 January 20, 2014.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** February 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm in a second floor meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Robert Bauer	Louise Russell
Steve Hon	Jody Surowiec
Katherine Hon	

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

George Franck	Randy Sappenfield
Vince Rivera	Sharon Turner
Ed Orozco	Bill Vivian
Michael Thornhill	Hilda Yoder

Member Paul also joined us. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katherine announced that she received an email from Patrick Edwards in December that he has resigned from the North Park Historical Society Board and from membership in the organization. We wish him well. We still have 13 board members, which is well above our quorum of 5.

The annual conference of the Congress of History will be held March 7 and March 8 at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivera Way. Steve and Katherine will staff a table at this low-key but always interesting event. The table fee is \$5 and the conference fee is \$25 per person. Contact Katherine at info@northparkhistory.org if you would like more information.

The North Park Festival of the Arts along University Avenue will be Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. We have confirmation from North Park Main Street that the booth fee will be waived for NPHS and our space will be at University Avenue and Grim Street as in past years. This is an intense day at the booth with many people stopping to talk about North Park history. So please put this date on your calendar to spend some time in the booth, or help us set up in the morning, or help us take down in the evening.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The draft minutes from the November 21, 2013 NPHS meeting were accepted and have been posted on the website. NPHS did not have a meeting in December 2013.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The year -end financials were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. Notably, this year we sold a total of 135 perfect-bound North Park history books, including 32 to the San Diego History Center, and 36 requested by Amazon. This year we renewed website hosting at GoDaddy for two years, and our domain name for five years.

5. BUDGET 2014 AND COUNTY GRANT 2014-15

The group reviewed the proposed and actual 2013 budget, and the proposed budget for 2014, which was sent in advance to all Board members. The budget includes operational budget of generally recurring income and expenses, plus the proposed "capital" budget for project related, one-time type of expenses. Funds for the capital budget of printing of 200 perfect bound North Park history books (approximately \$2,500) and photo rights/scans to complete the Arcadia Images of America book (estimated at \$3,200) will come from corporate reserves in the bank account. We need to print more perfect bound books because we only have 51 left. The price quote we have received from the printer is \$2,352, which is well within the budget estimate. Bob moved and Louise seconded approval of the complete budget, including operational items, "capital" items, and County Grant Proposal items. This motion was approved by all Board members present. Jody moved and Bob seconded a motion to hold an e-mail vote on the budget to get concurrence from a majority of the full Board. This motion was also approved by all Board members present, and the e-mail vote was sent January 17, 2014. As of January 20, five additional yes votes have been received, bringing the total to ten, and no votes in opposition.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

6. ARCADIA BOOK PROJECT

Update: Photographs and text for Chapter 1, Early Years, were submitted to Arcadia on January 12, 2014, in accordance with our schedule of deadlines. Comments from Arcadia were very positive. The Arcadia editor stated that "All the images are great quality!" and "The text is very good." This chapter reflects the broad participation from the community in the book project, with photographs from the Hartley Family, Covington Family, Michael Good, Donna Couchman, and F. Ilig supplementing photographs from the San Diego History Center.

A small subgroup held the 13th working meeting of the Arcadia Book Group on January 8, 2014 to continue developing the detailed book layout. We now plan to have eight chapters. A binder with a draft mock-up of the first six chapters was passed around at this Board meeting. Comments are favorable. The small subgroup will continue to meet until we have a draft of the remaining chapters. We think this will take through January. We will continue to bring the updated book mock-up to Board meetings. We also will be contacting our writers for new captions as photographs are selected. The next meeting of the subgroup will be January 22, 2014, starting at 3:30 pm in the back classroom of Vintage Religion. We plan to refine the layout of the chapter on "Changes and Revitalization," and develop the layout of the last chapter, "Notable People and Community Life" at this meeting.



7. TOYLAND PARADE FOLLOW UP

We are deeply grateful to Robert, who coordinated, and to Rory Murphy, long-time lead crafts person in the Old Globe's prop shop, who volunteered his time to re-create the water tower so our beloved icon could reappear (complete with rusty roof). Many thanks also to our volunteers who offered to store the tower, including Maura. Victor, the stellar dancing tower in 2012 and 2013, will keep it until next year. The card we sent to Rory with the gift of a North Park book is at right. Thank you to Louise for the great photo!

Dec. 10, 2013
Dear Rory
The North Park Historical Society is deeply grateful to you for your vision, talent, and time. Your re-creation of our water tower was definitely a crowd favorite at the 2013 Toyland Parade. Please accept this copy of our North Park history book as a small token of our appreciation.
Best regards,
Steve Hon, President

8. IRVING GILL CHAPEL AT ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bob and Steve provided updates on the continuing deterioration of the little chapel on 30th Street next to St. Luke's Church. The chapel was built in 1897 downtown and was moved to its present location about 90 years ago. The church is not interested in maintaining the chapel, which was designed by Irving Gill. Steve and Bob met with a Council District 3 representative on the site. Council District 3 wants to see what the level of support is from the general community before they take a position. Bob reported that SOHO will try to help identify a site where the chapel can be moved and raise funds so it can be restored. Louise will email Bruce Coons with SOHO to make sure he knows that La Jolla Historical Society is documenting Irving Gill's work. Also it was noted that Heritage Park in Old Town, which is in the County's jurisdiction, in Supervisor Ron Robert's district, may be a potential location. The North Park Planning Committee will consider supporting saving the chapel at their January 21 meeting. Bob moved and Louise seconded that NPHS support actions from the community to save the chapel, even if it has to be moved from its present site. This motion was approved unanimously. Steve will attend the North Park Planning Committee meeting.

9. SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER

On January 14, NPHS had a table at the inaugural program called "Memories of Our Community" that the San Diego History Center (SDHC) is offering on the second Tuesday of each month, which is when SDHC is open to San Diego County residents at no fee. This program will be dedicated to local community or cultural groups, who will be provided space and a table within the SDHC Atrium to showcase their materials and share their information with the public. We displayed our posters and other informational items. Steve and Katherine staffed the table, and Maura spent some time with us also. Many people stopped by, and we made some contacts for possible photos for the Arcadia book.

10. WALKING TOURS

Our next walking tour will be of the Burlingame neighborhood. It will be part of the "Rediscovering San Diego" class in the San Diego Continuing Education Emeritus (Adult Education) Program. Two classes will be held: on April 8 and April 10, each from 9:00 am to noon. George, Michael, and Steve Fobes will be tour guides. We expect up to 55 people in each class. Paul can be a helper. ***Please contact Katherine at 619-294-8990 or info@northparkhistory.org if you can assist on either or both of those days.*** We will set up our booth and need to develop some educational materials for attendees to fill all of the class time when they are not walking with the guides.

11. KLICKA SCHOLARSHIP AND PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP NPHS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORSHIPS

Louise is waiting for a reply from the Klicka family regarding the status of the Klicka Scholarship this year, but the usual award of \$2,000 is expected. Louise also proposed developing a sponsorship program to fund a supplemental NPHS scholarship for runner-up student(s). Louise proposed asking individual businesses if they would like to participate. She will specifically not ask businesses that provide car show sponsorships. The amount awarded to the selected student(s) would be matched to the amount of funding raised. Louise moved and Jody seconded this proposal, which was approved unanimously by the Board members present. Katherine will send Louise the list of sponsors involved with the car show.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** February 20, 2014 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.