

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
JULY 2016 MEETING NOTES**

**DATE: JULY 21, 2016**

**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 July 26, 2016.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** August 18, 2016 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:

Steve Hon	Katherine Hon
Claudia Watts	Paul Spears
Sharon Turner	Randy Sappenfield
Jody Surowiec	Michael Thornhill
Judy Ciampoli	George Franck
Hilda Yoder	

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

Bill Vivian	Bob Bauer
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Member Sue joined us. Welcome!

**2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Katherine announced that Bill Vivian has resigned from the Board as of July 10, 2016. He wrote that he is "focusing more on retirement and most likely moving some day out of San Diego. This letter serves to be my resignation letter for the NPHS board position that I currently hold. I think it would be much better served by an active member. Congrats with NPHS- it has come a long way over the years, with many more great years to come. Have a nice summer!" We wish Bill all the best, and thank him for being one of the founders of the Car Show, which is now in its seventh year. We now have an even dozen Board members, so we do not have to replace Bill at this time.

Several newsletters from the Pacific Beach Historical Society and the latest PastMatters column (about the subdivision of West End) published in *Uptown News* were shared with the group.

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The minutes from the June 16, 2016 NPHS meeting 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. In the period from June 16 to July 16, 2016, seven NPHS members renewed. We received \$30 in donations from renewing members. One Arcadia book was sold at the Old House Fair, and Paras Newsstand bought ten original North Park history books (five perfect bound, five coil bound) at the wholesale price; one original North Park History book was sold on Amazon. NPHS also received income from three car show entries and two car show sponsorships (thank you, Jaye MacAskill Real Estate and DUHS Commercial!). The total income in this time period was approximately \$565. Expenses recorded in this time period included \$1,156 for our annual insurance, \$1,500 for Gail Goldman's second invoice for Water Tower art project consultation, and \$0.65 for Square fees on the Arcadia book charged at the Old House Fair. Total expenses in this period were approximately \$2,657.

Steve reported the good news that NPHS received our full requested amount of \$2,350 from the County Community Enhancement Grant Program. The grant is for \$500 to help us put on the Car Show (generally devoted to the absolutely essential although not glamorous porta-potties), \$1,100 for continued art consultation from Gail Goldman, and \$750 to help fund three preliminary concept proposals for Water Tower art. Steve also reported that he has submitted the report on funds received from the grant program last year, as required by the County for record-keeping.

## **ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

### **5. OLD HOUSE FAIR**

The Old House Fair in South Park was Saturday, June 18, 2016, and NPHS helpers included Jody, Sharon, Claudia, Randy, Judy, Sue, Steve and Katherine. As always, we handed out lots of our book cards and car show cards and talked with lots of people about North Park's history and our activities.

### **6. WATER TOWER PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATE**

Katherine had previously edited the request for proposal in accordance with the guidance from the Board and incorporated comments from our art consultant, Gail Goldman. Katherine will email the finalized document to the Board for final approval. Now that we know we will get a grant from the County to help fund our continued activities, Katherine and Steve will work with Gail Goldman to add tasks to her scope, including to help us develop a list of possible artists to receive the request for proposal.

Sharon moved and Paul seconded that we use \$750 from NPHS funds to supplement County grant funds of \$750 in order to fully fund three preliminary concept proposals at \$500 each. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Update:** The finalized artist request for proposal has been approved by Sharon, Michael, Judy, Paul, Randy, Hilda, Claudia, George, Jody, Steve and Katherine. The file has been sent via email to Gail Goldman with a request to begin revising her scope for continued consultation and progress on the Water Tower art project. She has replied that she will do so.

### **7. CAR SHOW - SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

Car Show planning is well underway. Steve reported that we have six \$100 sponsors and ten cars. Vince has created another stellar poster. This year's "poster child" is Dan Prager's 1940 Mercury four-door convertible, with a shadow of old Hoover High School, his alma mater, in the background. Dan is a long-time participant in our car show and it is very exciting that Vince chose his car. See the next page for the poster. A7D will print 60 posters as an in-kind sponsor. Michael, Randy, Jody, and Sue will help distribute them. Steve reported that Balboa Tennis Club anticipates their popular taco vendor will be onsite at the tennis courts to provide great food on the day of the Car Show.

August is the time for car registrations, so if you know anyone with a cool classic car, please encourage them to exhibit. The fee is only \$10 and all proceeds go to NPHS projects to help preserve North Park's cultural and architectural history. A car registration form is on the last page of these notes. Spread the word!

# NORTH PARK CAR SHOW

PRESENTED BY



SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

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LOCATED IN THE  
PARKING LOT AT  
THE BALBOA  
TENNIS CLUB  
COURTS IN  
MORLEY FIELD

10AM TO 2PM

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ATTENDEES

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1ST, 2ND, AND  
3RD PEOPLE'S  
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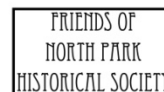


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## 8. GEORGIA STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

The City will begin the long awaited project to reconstruct/restore the historic Georgia Street Bridge on August 1, 2016. The bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998 thanks to work by historian Alex Bevil. Because of that national standing, Caltrans agreed to help fund the bridge project only if the bridge would be restored in accordance with Secretary of Interior Standards. So the three grand arches that span University Avenue will be preserved, and the bridge will be rebuilt from those arches upward to look like it did when it was originally built in 1914, including light posts and open style railing on top. To increase vertical clearance and protect the bridge from tall trucks hitting it, University Avenue will be grinded/excavated down several feet. In preparation for that street lowering, electrical utilities were previously lowered and a new water line segment was installed. (Remember that traffic disruption? It's going to be déjà vu all over again!) The vertical walls will also be reinforced with soil nails and then refaced to look like when the walls were new and not all gunked up with shotcrete.



*These boards were displayed at the construction groundbreaking event on July 19, 2016. The board on the left shows original (top), existing (middle), and future retrofitted (bottom) views of the bridge.*



*You can thank Kevin Hovey with Caltrans (far right) for insisting that the bridge be restored to its original appearance and not replaced with a simpler bridge design.*



*This 1914 plaque embedded in the south wall will be removed and restored and then reset in the refaced wall.*

## 9. PLANNING ISSUES - NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE EIR

NPHS is most concerned about the lack of disclosure related to the "Pedestrian-Oriented Infill Development Enhancement Program" in the North Park Community Plan Update (NPCPU) EIR. This density bonus program is not related to providing higher density along transit corridors. This program targets existing two-story apartment buildings in a broad residential area between Lincoln and Howard avenues from Florida to Boundary streets for demolition and replacement with much higher density development, and potentially affects historic homes and bungalow courts as well.

Katherine, who has been preparing and reviewing EIRS for a living for the past 20+ years, drafted a comprehensive comment letter on the EIR, noting its many deficiencies and failures to disclose essential information. Board members who approved the detailed 23-page letter and 2-page cover letter as of July 17 are Sharon, Paul, Jody, Hilda, Judy, George, Michael, Claudia, Steve and Katherine. The letter was sent to the City (and many others) on July 18 via email, and a paper copy was sent to the City via snail mail. In an email dated July 22, Kurtis Steinert, Senior Planner with the City, confirmed that the letter was received in both electronic and paper form, saying, "Yes, I have previously received the digital file, and today received the paper copy of the letter from the North Park Historical Society. The letter's comments to the Community Plan Updates PEIR and the City's responses to the comments will be included in the Final PEIR." The letter is posted on the NPHS website under Community Advocacy at: <http://northparkhistory.org/community-advocacy/>

Some of the comments NPHS has received from the community about the letter include:

- Heartfelt thanks to all on the NPHS for your diligence and hard work towards preservation of the quality of life we enjoy in our unique, beautiful, and diverse community.
- Wow! Great job!
- ...a HUGE amount of work - thank you so much for working so hard to make the city follow the rules in neighborhood planning.
- I have been reading through your document in more detail and I am amazed and how great it is. You did such a wonderful job. I hope something good comes from it, but regardless you are heroes to our community. Thank you.

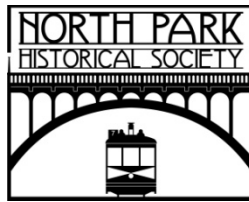
## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY** August 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm in a second floor meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard, corner of Park and Lincoln Avenue.

Prepared by



Katherine Hon  
Secretary, North Park Historical Society



## 7th Annual North Park Historical Society Car Show Hosted by the Balboa Tennis Club

Open to all years, makes and models. Pre-1990 encouraged. Limited to first 70 entries pre-registered.  
Pre-register by August 31, 2016

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016  
**Time:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Place:** Parking Lot at the Balboa Tennis Club  
2221 Morley Field Drive  
San Diego, CA 92104  
**Cost:** \$10 for one car, \$20 for two or three  
**Arrival:** From 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Exhibitors must stay until 2:00 PM

TROPHIES: 1st, 2nd & 3rd People's Choice  
CERTIFICATES for all pre-registrants

SURPRISE prizes --- FAMILY fun  
Beautiful park setting --- Bring a picnic

For more information contact: [info@northparkhistory.org](mailto:info@northparkhistory.org) 619-294-8990 [www.NorthParkHistory.org](http://www.NorthParkHistory.org)  
*Our mission: To preserve North Park's cultural and architectural history through research, education, and outreach*

Fill out, Sign, Detach and Send with check made out to "NPHS" **THANK YOU!**  
*Proceeds benefit the North Park Historical Society, an all-volunteer 501C3 non-profit organization*  
Mail to: North Park Historical Society  
Attn: Katherine Hon, 2226 Dwight Street, San Diego, CA 92104  
We will confirm via e-mail or phone call

**Detach Here:**-----

### REGISTRATION/LIABILITY AGREEMENT FORM

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the North Park Historical Society, City of San Diego, Balboa Tennis Club, and all sponsors of the car show, their agents, officers, directors, members, and/or employees, from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims of any kind whatsoever that may be suffered by my person, guests, or property arising out of my participation in this event. I verify that any motor vehicle I exhibit at the car show has liability insurance of the minimum limits required by the State of California and registration will be current unless there is a current certificate of non-operation. I agree to exhibit my vehicle(s) until 2:00 PM.

I have read and understand the above and have willingly set forth my signature below.

Participant signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year of Vehicle #1:\_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year of Vehicle #2:\_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year of Vehicle #3:\_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee Total Enclosed (\$10 for 1 vehicle, or \$20 for 2 or 3): \$ \_\_\_\_\_