

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 2018 MEETING NOTES**

DATE: MAY 17, 2018

TIME: 4:30 - 7:30 PM

This meeting was a **PIZZA PARTY** at Paesano Italian Restaurant at 3647 30th Street. There was no business, just free pizza and cookies to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the North Park Historical Society. These notes include updates as of May 23, 2018.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY June 21, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m.** in a second floor meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard, corner of Park Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

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| Steve Hon | Katherine Hon |
| Jody Surowiec | Claudia Watts |
| George Franck | Michael Thornhill |
| Sharon Turner | Hilda Yoder |
| Judy Ciampoli | Bob Bauer |
| Randy Sappenfield | |

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

Paul Spears

Joining us were members Turner, Stuart, Juliet, Charlie, Christine, Jim, Bryan, Janie, Janet, Sean, Jaye, Joe, Jeff, Sue, Tim, Kate, Neal, and Ed C., and guest historian Alex Bevil. Also attending were former NPHS Board Members Patrick, Liz, Vince, and Ed O. Welcome!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a special surprise, Nerea Urtasun with San Diego County Board of Supervisors Ron Roberts' office came to present a Proclamation that commended NPHS for a decade of fulfilling its mission and declared May 17, 2018 to be "North Park Historical Society Day" throughout the county.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the April 19, 2018 NPHS meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for the period of April 15 to May 17, 2018 were sent to Board Members before the meeting. During this period, we received donations totaling \$60 (thank you, Ruth and Stuart!). The donations included a total of \$20 dropped into the water tower donation "jar" in exchange for a 1997 calendar with historic photos of North Park, University Heights, and Burlingame. We gave away five calendars for donations. Four members renewed for revenue of \$80 from dues. We sold one Arcadia book at the Festival of the Arts (net revenue of \$22.04 after tax) . We received 12 Car Show registrations for a total of \$120 and one Car Show sponsorship for \$100 (thank you, Randy!). Total income was \$382.04. There were no expenses in this time period.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

NPBS appreciates all the guests who came to share pizza, cookies and conversation!
Comments in our guest book included:

- Love NP & the NPBS! Thanks for all your work & love.
- Congratulations, NPBS! What an awesome 10 years! Thank you.
- What a milestone.
- Ten years and counting! Well done!
- Thank you for the party and great conversation!



Photo boards of NPBS accomplishments through the years were on display. A highlight was the presentation of a Proclamation from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors honoring NPBS. The text and a photo of the Proclamation are on the last two pages of these notes.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The annual events NPHS is participating in or organizing include the following:

- North Park Festival of the Arts: Saturday, May 12, 2018. **Update:** We were on University Avenue near Iowa Street from Festival opening to 5:00 pm. Sharon, George, Jody, Claudia, Turner, Judy and Bob helped Steve and Katherine at the booth. We sold one Arcadia book, handed out a lot of Car Show cards, and talked to many people, young and older, who were all very interested in North Park's unique history.
- Old House Fair - Saturday, May 19, 2018. **Update:** The Book Catapult, the independent bookstore that took over the space that The Grove used to occupy on Juniper near 30th, held an author's panel featuring preparers of Arcadia books about Ramona, Ocean Beach, Kensington, and North Park. Steve and Katherine participated in this very interesting panel moderated by Susan Bugbee, author of a book about South Park. The Old House Fair event itself did not include a street fair as in previous years.
- North Park Car Show: Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Balboa Tennis Club is hosting us in their parking lot at Morley Field. We will have traffic police staff on-site for the entire duration of the show, and we will end at 1:00 p.m., which is an hour earlier than in previous years. **Update:** We already have 12 cars signed up!
- Presentation at meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018. At the September NPHS meeting, historian Alex Bevil will present his paper entitled "A Neighborhood in Flames: The 40th Anniversary of the Crash of Flight 182 in North Park." His paper is based on the extensive research he has done about the crash that devastated the area at Dwight and Nile streets 40 years ago.
- Toyland Parade: December 1, 2018. We expect the parade to be held the first Saturday in December like last year. More later.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Ron Roberts

HONORING THE NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WHEREAS, in 2008, the History Committee "graduated" to become the North Park Historical Society, an independent, all volunteer, local non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, since then, the group has continued to produce and market books, conduct walking tours, write newspaper articles, organize educational presentations and events, share historical information, outreach to schools, and achieve historic designation of important neighborhoods, structures, and builders; and

WHEREAS, since 2010 the North Park Historical Society has organized an annual North Park Car Show, featuring as many as 60 classic cars, every year; and

WHEREAS, the North Park Historical Society has educated hundreds of people about local history and architecture on guided walking tours of the Burlingame Historic District, North Park Dryden Historic District, the commercial core centered on University Avenue and 30th Street, and Morley Field Recreational Area; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations who are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and The North Park Historical Society is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of May 2018 that they commend THE NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, and do hereby declare this day to be "NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY DAY" throughout San Diego County.



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