

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

DATE: JULY 19, 2018

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 August 5, 2018.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY August 16, 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:

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

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

None

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The latest Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter was circulated for viewing. The June 2018 PastMatters column in *Uptown News* was about our award from San Diego County for 10 years of accomplishments. The July 2018 PastMatters column was about businesses through the years at 3089 University Avenue, current home of Urbn Pizza.

The Friends of the Villa Montezuma will have interior tours of the beautiful Villa on August 18 and October 20. They will also do a tour of Mount Hope Cemetery on October 27. Go to the Friends of Villa Montezuma website at VillaMontezumaMuseum.org for more info.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the June 21, 2018 NPHS meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for the period of June 20 to July 18, 2018 were sent to Board Members before the meeting. During this period, we received donations totaling \$75 (thank you, Judy, Vicki, and Dryden tour participants!). Three members renewed and one new member joined for revenue of \$80 from dues. We received \$130 in walking tour fees for Dryden walking tours on June 23, June 29, and July 5, with a total of 13 participants at \$10 each. We received two Car Show registrations for a total of \$20 and one Car Show sponsorship for \$100 (thank you, DUHS Commercial!). Total income was \$405.

Expenses in this time period totaled \$1,250, consisting of \$1,000 for liability insurance and \$250 to Gail Goldman, our consultant for the Water Tower art installation project.

Update: We were notified by San Diego County that we will receive our full 2018-19 grant request of \$3,000. This grant will provide funding to support the annual car show, to continue consulting services from Gail Goldman on the Water Tower art project, and to help convert donated slides and negatives to digital format so they can be shared on our website and used in educational/outreach activities.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. WATER TOWER PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The conceptual design is being developed by the artist team of Bhavna Mehta and Lynn Susholtz. The design is due five months from May 16, 2018, which is about mid-October. When the design is approved by NPHS, it will be submitted to the City for consideration as a 5-year loan, and if the City's review is favorable, this design will be used to raise funds for the final design (plans and specifications), manufacture, installation, and maintenance.


6. WALKING TOURS UPDATE

As a result of Westways Magazine mentioning North Park as a day trip destination and walking tours by NPHS as a potential activity, we have been getting phone calls and emails requesting tours. Four participants came from Vista on June 29 to learn more about North Park, and three participants with a family who has just purchased a house in the Dryden District toured their new neighborhood on July 5.

7. POSSIBLE PAULY'S ADDITION HISTORIC DISTRICT RESEARCH

The current Chair of the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board (HRB) asked Steve and Katherine if NPHS could provide information about the potential for the historical subdivision of Pauly's Addition qualifying as a historic district. Pauly's Addition extends from Alabama Street on the west to Arizona Street on the east between University Avenue on the north and Upas Street on the south.

Paul, George, and Judy have been conducting field reconnaissance of this 20-block area, and have taken photos and recorded information about homes within 17 of the 20 blocks. George reviewed the City's historical surveys, and noted that they did not mention anything specific about Pauly's Addition. Katherine developed a table format to compile information from the field work and in the City's 2004 historical survey (see example below). There are separate tables for each block. Hilda and Katherine will attempt to document more accurate years built from City Lot Books, as the estimates from the 2004 survey are often inaccurate.

PHOTO	STREET NUMBER	STREET NAME	APN	ARCH STYLE	YEAR BUILT (Estimate from 2004 Gensler Survey)	CONDITION	SIGNIFICANCE
EAST SIDE MISSISSIPPI							
	3403	Mississippi	453-362-12	Spanish Colonial Revival	1926	Good to Fair	Contributing

8. PROPOSED PARK BLVD HISTORIC DISTRICT PROCESSING UNDERWAY BY CITY

George presented information about this proposed historic district on either side of Park Boulevard. His notes are provided below.

The City has begun the formal process to designate the proposed **Park Boulevard Residential Historic District**,

- Staff presented research documents for the potential District to the Historic Resources Policy Subcommittee in June.
- This potential district was initially identified in a North Park Historic survey in 1996, (although it includes resources located in both Uptown & North Park).
- The potential district was identified in the 2017 North Park Community Plan that NPHS supported.
- Originally proposed as the "Park Blvd Apartment Row Historic District," the name has been changed because the district would include single family homes as well.

Context & Significance: Evolution of the District from a low density area to a mixed-density residential neighborhood based on government planning & the development of the transportation system including the streetcar system in 1915 and the western segment of U.S. Highway 80 in 1926.

Period of Significance: 1900 – 1967

- The first Apartment was built in 1921, by **Edward Bryans**
- In 1923, zoning was first implemented; it encouraged apartments
- In 1967, a City Master Plan was adopted that encouraged larger apartment buildings in this area.

Boundary – has been changed slightly from the 1996 survey & Community Plan.

- From Upas St on the south
- To a half-block south of Robinson on the north (where commercial uses start).
- From the alley west of Park Blvd
- East to the Indiana St. right-of-way, but extended to include Terrace Park, a large 1958 apartment complex to the east of Indiana & south of Myrtle (adjacent to the Park)

Resources: 118 resources (buildings) on 87 parcels.

- 33 (28%) are NOT contributing – 8 of these are on the northern-most block on Indiana St.
- 86 buildings are contributing:
 - 72 apartment buildings, courts or duplexes, many from the Mid-20th Century.
 - 11 single family houses
 - 2 church buildings
- Master Builder Edward Bryans identified as the designer of a half-dozen apartment buildings facing Park Blvd.
- Only two buildings are currently "individually significant."
 - 1923 Craftsman Bungalow @3510 Park Boulevard, HRB#1240.
 - Mid-Century apartments designed by a master architects Lloyd Ruocco & Homer Delawie @1740 Upas, #1271

Potential Issues

- **St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church:**
 - Although not residential, the church sanctuary is a very significant visual element.
 - The church opposes Historic designation & recently demolished two possibly historic bungalows for a parking lot.
 - HRB staff would still recommend the District if this block were removed.
 - SOHO has urged the church to work out a compromise to remain part of the district.
- **Two large Multi-family projects on the east side of Park Blvd.** are potentially significant because they illustrate the post- 1967 evolution of the District's residential character.
 - 3421 Park Blvd. – Park Royal Apartments, 1969
 - 3541 Park Blvd. - Congregational Senior Tower, 1979 (only 39 years old)
- **1923 Post-Victorian house at 3503 Indiana** could be added to illustrate the initial low density character of the neighborhood before the street car reached the area.

George moved and Paul seconded that NPHS should support creation of this historic district, and write a letter to the City documenting our support. The motion was approved unanimously. George will draft a letter for review and approval via email.

9. UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

- 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 15 cars and 5 cash sponsors! Portapotties have been arranged through United Site Services. Johnathan Harrison of JH Designs, who prepared that great poster last year, designed another wonderful poster, which is revealed on the next page. The car featured is a 1963 Ford Thunderbird.

If you have a fine classic car, now is the time to register! Contact Katherine at info@northparkhistory.org for a registration form.

- 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. His paper is in the latest Journal of San Diego History.
- Toyland Parade: December 1, 2018. We expect the parade to be held the first Saturday in December like last year. More later.

NEXT MEETING

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