## NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING NOTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 TIME: 6:30 PM

This meeting was devoted to a special presentation by historian Alexander Bevil about the September 25, 1978 airplane crash of PSA Flight 182 into a quiet North Park neighborhood 40 years ago.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY October 18, 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 Hilda Yoder

Sharon Turner Randy Sappenfield

**Bob Bauer** 

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

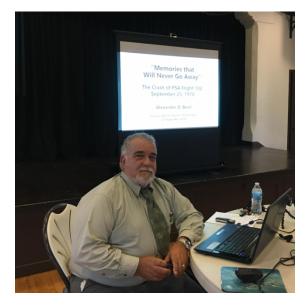
Claudia Watts Michael Thornhill

Judy Ciampoli

A total of about 30 people attended the presentation. Welcome!

Historian Alexander Bevil presented highlights from his article "Memories that Will Never Go Away—The 40th Anniversary of the Crash of Flight 182 in North Park," which is based on his extensive research about the crash that devastated the area at Dwight and Nile streets in 1978. His paper is in the Spring 2018 *Journal of San Diego History* and available online at: <a href="http://sandiegohistory.org/journal/2018/july/memories-that-will-never-go-away-the-crash-of-flight-182-and-its-aftermath/">http://sandiegohistory.org/journal/2018/july/memories-that-will-never-go-away-the-crash-of-flight-182-and-its-aftermath/</a>

An award-winning local free-lance historian, writer and preservationist, Mr. Bevil has played an active role in identifying and preserving several San Diego historic landmarks for the past 30 years. His National Register nomination reports have helped preserve the Georgia Street Bridge, Normal School Teacher Training Building, and the iconic University Heights/North Park Water Tower Complex. In addition to summarizing the unfortunate events that led up to the crash. Mr. Bevil discussed the effect it had—and still has—on San Diego's collective memory. He explained how the crash's aftermath contributed to major changes in modern commercial air travel safety rules and procedures, and he invited attendees to share their memories of that horrific day. Several attendees spoke and many commented afterwards this was the most comprehensive discussion of the tragic event they had ever heard. Thank you, Alex!



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