

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING NOTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2020

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 March 8, 2020.

The next meeting will be **THURSDAY March 19, 2020 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	George Franck
Katherine Hon	Jody Surowiec
Paul Spears	Randy Sappenfield

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

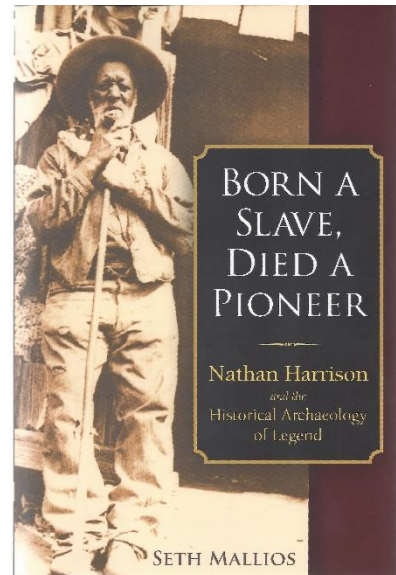
Hilda Yoder	Bob Bauer
Judy Ciampoli	Claudia Watts
Sharon Turner	Michael Thornhill

Member Michael B. joined us. Welcome all!

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The latest Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter was circulated for viewing. Other announcements were the following:

- The city held a construction announcement event for the Mini-Park behind the North Park Theatre. Donor pavers are planned to be installed to help raise funds for maintenance and events when the park is completed.
- City historical district staff told Katherine that the proposed Park Boulevard Historic District got more negative ballots (mostly from offsite property owners of the apartment buildings) than the city would like, so they are taking more time to do enhanced outreach before proceeding with the district.
- The San Diego History Center is developing an interactive exhibit centered on the archaeology dig at Nate Harrison's homestead on Mount Palomar, and the book about this very interesting pioneer written by San Diego State University Professor of Anthropology Seth Mallios is for sale at the museum store.
- The San Diego County Archives has a new state-of-the-art building for their precious records that date back to 1850. Their new building is located on Mission Gorge Road in Santee. They are in the process of moving records into the building, which will take some time. But they are also digitizing materials to increase availability for research. It is possible that the County has the original subdivision maps filed in the 1870s for areas in North Park like West End and Pauly's Addition.



- Randy announced he has duplicate copies of original newspapers with the stories about the 1978 PSA plane crash. If you are interested in having them, contact NPHS at info@northparkhistory.org.
- As part of the NPHS outreach to new owners of historic homes that could qualify for designation, we sent personalized notices to 14 new homeowners. One contacted us and the team did an evaluation. Two notices have been returned undeliverable, likely because the new owners have not yet moved in. It seems like it takes at least 3 months for new residents to be receiving mail.
- Michael B. noted the San Diego Automotive Museum has a great new exhibit called "That 70's Car Show" which features lots of cool displays in addition to the cars. The exhibit just started and will go for four months.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting have been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for the period of January 13 through February 19, 2020 were sent to Board Members before the meeting. During this period, three members renewed (thank you Bob, Ginni, and Ed C.!). We sold one Arcadia book retail to an individual. Walking tour fees for the Tiny House tour totaled \$40. Total income in this period was \$122.04. Expenses in this time period consisted of sales tax processing and rounding fee of \$1.60.

Final financials for the year were provided in the 2019 Annual Report, which was distributed to the Board of Directors after the meeting via email on January 22, 2020. Financial highlights are summarized below.

- Total income for 2019 was \$6,294.26
- Total expenses for 2019 were \$5,918.96
- Sales tax total in 2019 was \$16.40

Accomplishments and activities in 2019 included the following:

- Arcadia book revenue came from selling three books to individuals and receiving \$136.95 in royalties from Arcadia. The book continues to be popular and is available at SOHO, San Diego History Center, CVS, and the Book Catapult.
- Revenue from selling "North Park: A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946" came from wholesale sales to Paras Newsstand, San Diego History Center, and Verbatim Books, as well as sales to individuals. Since publication in 2007, NPHS has sold over 2,750 copies.
- NPHS tote bags continue to be popular at the San Diego History Center. They sold about a dozen in 2019, netting NPHS \$5 per bag.
- NPHS researched the historical subdivision of Pauly's Addition and compiled detailed tables of information about each house. The tables are on the northparkhistory.org website.
- NPHS conducted a walking tour of the Dryden District in July for seven people, and a walking tour of the Morley Field Recreational Area for a total of about 60 senior students with the Rediscovering San Diego class in the San Diego Community College District Emeritus Program in October 2019.

- The 10th and Final Car Show was a grand success. There were 66 cars onsite (3 exhibitors who registered in advance did not show, and 5 exhibitors who had not registered drove up on the day of the show). We filled all but one space. There were seven \$100 sponsors and one \$200 sponsor. A total of \$650 was collected from car entries, and we received \$51 in donations on the day of the show. The FAVORITE CAR VOTING SUMMARY follows.



First Place Grand Trophy to 1969 Ford Van "Van Tiki."



Second place to red-and-white two-tone 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria.



Third place tie between green 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS 396 RS and a crazy 1946 GMC Truck "Rat Rod" that looked like something from the Mad Max movie.

- NPHS displayed at the San Diego History Center on March 12, 2019.

- NPHS displayed at the North Park Festival of the Arts on May 11, 2019. A fun highlight of the day was watching the Lucky Lion Dancers, who stopped to honor the Lions Club members in the booth next to us.



Jody and Randy at the booth



Lucky Lion Dancers

- NPHS marched in the Toyland Parade on Dec. 8, 2019, with member Victor Flake once again as the dancing Water Tower re-created in 2013 by the Old Globe prop department.
- Using the slide scanner purchased with Board approval, 88 slides originally given to Donald Covington and donated to NPHS by Karon Covington were scanned to digital files in 2019. These included 34 slides from the Essery family, 17 slides from the Guy-Halac family, 22 from the Hartley family, 5 from the Kooperman family, and 8 from the Leedy family.



Essery Company office at 4141 El Cajon Blvd.



The North Park Grays baseball team



*Mary Jane Hartley
Matriarch*



*James Monroe Hartley
Patriarch*



*Jack Hartley
Eldest son*

- NPHS found a photo of Donald Covington with a newly installed storyboard in the sidewalk on University Avenue to give to the North Park Maintenance Assessment District to help guide the restoration of the now-fading storyboards.

The following state organizational report was filed on the date indicated below:

- California Secretary of State Statement of Information filed online March 3, 2020



ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. UPDATE ON PLAQUE FOR WATER TOWER

Steve contacted Christine Jones, Chief of Civic Art Strategies, for an update on the feasibility of placing the plaque in a boulder or some kind of low wall next to the two-story building at the Water Tower site. The city is open to considering this proposal, and said that the ADA parking sign that is currently on a post can be moved closer to the building or put as a placard on the wall of the building as long as it lines up with the parking space. Steve said that the City is no longer allowing soccer groups to play on top of the rectangular concrete reservoir next to the Water Tower, as the Water Department is concerned about the structural integrity of that facility and security of the site in general.

6. UPDATE ON COUNTY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Steve noted that he has asked the County if we can apply the remaining \$1,250 from the 2019-2020 grant for water tower art to placement of the plaque, and he is awaiting their reply. Also, Steve said that the County no longer has a fixed deadline for future grant requests, so we could apply after July 1, 2020.

7. PLANNING FOR PAULY'S ADDITION WALKING TOUR

Sharon, Hilda, Paul, Michael, George, Steve, and Katherine are interested in working to develop a walking tour of part of Pauly's Addition. Several sub-committee members will meet on February 23 to hold a discovery walk and develop a route pattern.

Update: Paul, Sharon, George, Steve and Katherine walked the part of Pauly's Addition between Upas and Dwight from Texas to Alabama and developed the following route: Start in the park at Texas and Upas, head west along Upas to Alabama, then north to Dwight, east to Mississippi, south on Mississippi to Myrtle, east to Louisiana, north to Dwight, east to Texas, and south back to the park.

Katherine has compiled a list of houses along this route with the date of construction and style, Sharon noted areas of uneven sidewalks and other hazards to watch out for, and Paul compiled photos of interiors for the assistant's notebook. Our next steps are to choose the homes to highlight with more research, conduct a preliminary practice tour, adjust the route and guide notes, add pictures to the photo book, and then conduct another practice tour.

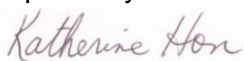
8. UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Discussion regarding future events in 2020 is summarized below.

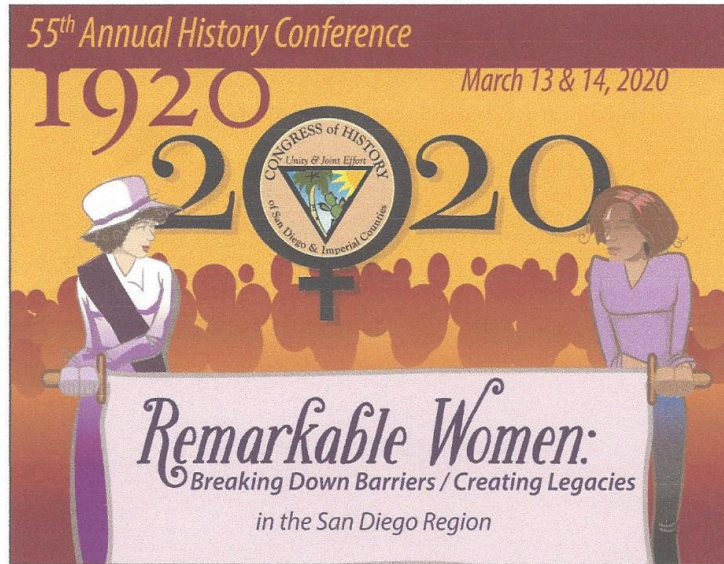
- Table in Lobby at San Diego History Center: March 10, 2020. Steve will man the display table this Tuesday, rain or shine.
- Congress of History: March 13-14, 2020. See the last pages of these notes for information about this always-interesting conference.
- Festival of the Arts: Saturday, May 9, 2020. This event requires a lot of hauling and set up. At the November 2019 meeting, the group decided to skip exhibiting at the Festival of the Arts in 2020, as several key Board members who do the set-up and take-down will not be available to help on that day.
- Presentations for the Community: We have typically arranged for an outside speaker to make a free presentation in May, and have a few people in mind who could be quite interesting, including Steve Willard with the San Diego Police Historical Association, Jerry Handfield, who is organizing the City's archives; and Richard Carrico, an expert on the Kumeyaay-Ipai tribes. Given the current public health concerns about the new coronavirus, we will wait a few months before arranging a community meeting.

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Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14, 2020

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women, but also highlighting the changes they set into motion in our Southern California region. There were many more accomplishments beyond the important fight for women's right to vote. By reading this list of topics, below, you'll see that voting rights was only one of many goals that women fought to achieve!

Here is the list of confirmed speakers and the working titles for their presentations.

We can't wait for you to meet them in person at the conference!

Friday, March 13, 2020

Paul Chace - Maria Antonia Victoria Ortega de Carrillo: The Presidio's "First Lady" from 1773 to 1782
 Russ Low - Sue Leong: The First Mother of San Diego's Chinese-American Community
 Kristina Rosenberg - Anne and Amy Putnam: Lives of Scholarship, Lovers of Art
 Sue Diamond - Dr. Charlotte Baker: Pioneer Physician, Pioneering Suffragette
 Anne Hoiberg - Lydia Knapp Horton: San Diego's Artistic "First Lady" and Champion of Equal Pay
 Jim Grebel - Alice Klauber: Artist, Advocate, Cultural Powerhouse
 Jennifer Stone - Owas Hilmawa: Unique and Gifted Kumeyaay Ceramicist
 Jody Abssy - Ruth Hayward and Manuelita Brown: Awesome Sculptors You Should Know
 Alex Bevil - Winnifred Davidson: Groundbreaking San Diego Historian Who Listened When No One Else Would
 Maria E. García - Mary and Helen Marston: Founders of Neighborhood House – The Heart of the Mexican-American Community.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Beth Brust - Belle Benchley: How The World's First Female Zoo Director Made the San Diego Zoo World Famous
 Albert Contreras - Edna Hoover Davis and Lois Seeman: a Mother and Daughter - Reflections on their Lives in National City During the War Years
 Steve Lech - Susie Keef Smith's California Desert Photography – "Postcards from Mecca"
 Rick Crawford - Lulu Younkin, Althea Warren, and Clara Breed: Extraordinary San Diego Librarians
 Rob Case - Emma R. Saylor: Founder of the First Progressive Eldercare Institution – Fredericka Home for the Aged
 Jonnie Wilson - Florence Chadwick: Record-Smashing Distance Swimmer
 Evelyn Brandiarian - Mary Moniz: Bringing Portuguese Dance to San Diego/Reinforcing Portuguese Traditions
 Adrienne Berlin - Casa de Paz and the Battered Women's Coalition: Creating a Safe Space for Women Experiencing Domestic Violence
 Christine Stokes - Sybil Stockdale: How a Local Woman Created a National Movement During the Vietnam War
 Susan Hunter Bugbee - Mary Fitzgerald Ward: First Historian for the County of San Diego

Note: No speaker is guaranteed to speak, as they are all volunteers. We thank each of them for their willingness to enrich us with their research and knowledge, and for this contribution of their time and talents.

We're excited to be part of the Congress of History and the dedicated historians and history buffs who have volunteered untold hours to bring this conference to you.

A special thanks goes to our cosponsor, the **Portuguese Historical Center**, without whose support and partnership we couldn't bring this quality programming to you in such a great setting. We again will have more than a dozen historical organizations with exhibit tables at the event, along with two history-supportive booksellers. Thank you to everyone for making this another great conference!

The conference registration form is available at our website at: www.CongressOfHistory.org and on page 11 in this *Adelante*.

Please register today, and bring a friend!

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And, if you know of a deserving person or organization doing great things regarding history in our Southern California region, remember to nominate them for a **Congress of History Award** (see details in the article on pg. 6).

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