

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JULY 2021 MEETING SUMMARY**

DATE: JULY 15, 2021

TIME: XX PM

These notes summarize information that was planned to be presented at the July 15, 2021 Business Meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) Board of Directors, and the activities discussion for the organization. These notes include updates as of July 20, 2021. The public meeting was canceled in advance due to concerns about the coronavirus.

All future public meetings scheduled for the third **THURSDAYS of the month starting at 6:30 p.m.** in a second-floor meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church **WILL NOT OCCUR in 2021** until the public health crisis due to COVID-19 has passed. Although we will not resume our public meetings until then, we are still providing information to all who contact us with questions about North Park history and documenting those communications in monthly summaries. Board members may gather together outdoors during the summer as conditions permit.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We hope all our members and friends are staying safe and healthy. Board members did not gather on July 15, as the church outdoor patio was not available.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletters will continue to be collected for future viewing.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The meeting summary from the canceled June 17, 2021 meeting has been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for June 17 to July 16, 2021 and were sent to Board members on July 16, 2021. In this time period, four members renewed and provided extra donations (thank you, Randi V., Paul, Cia and Judy!), and Verbatim Books on 30th Street at North Park Way bought 10 spiral-bound North Park history books wholesale, for total income of \$528.10. Expenses in this time period consisted of the printing of 150 copies of the spiral-bound history book, "North Park: A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946" for \$1,995.00.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. UPDATE ON PLAQUE FOR WATER TOWER

Coordination with City Public Utilities Department staff regarding 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 is pending return to some kind of normalcy.

6. PLANNING FOR PAULY'S ADDITION WALKING TOUR

The team has developed the route, photo notebook and draft guide notes for the southern part of Pauly's Addition. The current tour starts at Upas and Texas, heads west on Upas, north on Mississippi to Landis, east on Landis to Texas, and south on Texas back to the park. This route is approximately one mile and includes six designated houses and a wide range of ages and architectural styles. On July 10, Board members George, Jody, Claudia and Katherine

conducted a test tour. We refined the guide lecture notes and order of photos in the assistant notebook. We will conduct a few more practice tours this summer.

7. BUNGALOW COURT IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

NPBS provided an updated inventory of local bungalow courts in the North Park area to City staff for the City's historic context statement for a Bungalow Court Multiple Property Listing addressing bungalow courts and garden apartments city-wide. The City's report should be available for public review this summer.

8. REPRINT OF "NORTH PARK: A SAN DIEGO URBAN VILLAGE"

Repromagic, a printing company on Miramar Place off of Miramar Road, completed the printing of 150 spiral-bound copies of our classic North Park history book. We were down to our last copy, so now we have plenty for our own sale and retail outlets, including The Book Catapult in South Park and Verbatim Books on 30th at North Park Way.

9. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

From the Covington Family, we have six slide carousels with slides from Don Covington's lectures and research and several notebooks with 8x10 black and white photos, many of which were purchased from the San Diego History Center. We also have a notebook with some color photos from the 1970s. We have begun scanning these materials for better preservation. Some color photos of North Park street scenes from 1979 follow.



California First Bank on the southwest corner of University Avenue and 30th Street. The bank is now Union Bank and Arnold's Shop for Men is now Encontro Restaurant.



The Lynhurst Building on the southwest corner of Upas Street and 30th Street.



*Pioneer Pharmacy on the northwest corner of University Avenue and 30th Street.
Now the Western Dental building.*

10. COMMUNITY COORDINATION

In July 2021, we responded to requests for information as summarized below.

1. Olivier asked for guidance in landscaping at a newly purchased designated historic house in North Park that has a Mills Act contract and that “has been well maintained and in great condition.” Olivier wondered if NPHS had “a list of contractors / landscapers who are used to working on historic homes and could propose plans that would pass HRB review without issues...We would very much appreciate some advice and recommendations.”

We replied: “Thank you for contacting the North Park Historical Society, and congratulations on acquiring a designated home in North Park! You are smart to be aware that the HRB [City Historical Resources Board] reviews all changes to designated properties, even fencing and landscaping. The website we recommend for information on craftspeople to help you is the Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), especially their Preservation Resources page at <http://www.sohosandiego.org/resources/resourcedirectory.htm>

2. Liz wondered if the Lynhurst Building at Upas and 30th could qualify for designation as an individually significant historic resource. We looked at the 2016 *Historic Resources Survey for the North Park Community Plan Area*, and found that the Lynhurst Building at 3382-3396 30th Street is identified on the list of Potential Individual Resources in

Appendix G of the report. This means that the City recognizes that the building could be designated as an individually significant historic resource. Other buildings on the list include Academy of Our Lady of Peace, Skelly's Garage on Upas Street, the North Park Baptist Church on Bancroft Street, Rudford's Restaurant on El Cajon Boulevard, the J.C. Penney building (now Target) on University Avenue, and the Masonic Temple/Silver Gate Lodge on Utah Street.

3. Katherine attended the first North Park Book Fair on July 17 and spoke briefly about the historic reasons North Park streets are so inconsistent in design and alignment. She encouraged attendees to buy the North Park history book to read all about it.



Verbatim Books had our book prominently displayed in the store, which was crazy busy for the event.

11. UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

NPHS participation in future events will have to wait until a return to some kind of normalcy.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS

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