

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

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

**TIME: XX PM**

These notes summarize information that was planned to be presented at the September 16, 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 September 27, 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.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

We hope all our members and friends are staying safe and healthy.

**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 August 19, 2021 meeting has been posted on the website.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials for this meeting are for August 20 to September 16, 2021 and were sent to Board members on September 16, 2021. In this time period, six members renewed (thank you, George, Marcella, North Park Main Street, Jody, Kelly and Juliet & Charlie!) and three provided extra donations (thank you, Marcella, Jody and Juliet & Charlie!), and our insurance company sent us a \$100 bonus for being a well-managed entity in 2020. The total income in this time period was \$350.00. There were no expenses in this time period.

**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.

## 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. George's summary of the context statement was presented in the August 2021 NPBS Meeting Summary.

## 8. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. Here are some pictures from the 1986 Toyland Parade. Do you recognize the location of these views looking west?



**9. SIGNS FOR DRYDEN DISTRICT**

Ten years ago, on June 23, 2011, the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) achieved designation of the North Park Dryden Historic District. As yet, there are no street signs marking the district as there are for other districts like Burlingame. NPHS is exploring the possibility of the City putting up demarcation signs for the Dryden District, but we have not heard back yet from Council District 3 staff.



**10. COMMUNITY COORDINATION**

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

1. Fellow historian Linda was curious about the 1901 Carnival princesses pictured in last month's meeting summary. She wondered if Miss Klauber was Alice Klauber, "who was about 30 years old at the time. That's a bit old for me to think of her as a "princess" and I wondered if there is any indication what civic or fraternal group these royal women represented? I include Alice Klauber in a talk I do titled "Women I wish I'd known", and there is a gap in my knowledge about her from her return to San Diego in the late 1890s (her father moved the family to San Francisco so the children could receive a better education) until she is active with the Wednesday Club in the 1914 period and following. Any information you might be able to share would be appreciated."

We noted that the caption on that photo called them "Maids of Honor to the Queen" for "Carnival San Diego" July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1901. In searching historical newspaper articles, we found a June 7, 1901 Evening Tribune article explaining that the Queen was selected by public vote where people paid a penny per vote. The winner was Mrs. Kate Shirley, who picked her court. An article dated July 9, 1901 stated that one of the Maids of Honor was Stella Klauber, but Stella's sister Alice attended the Carnival ball as well. A July 5, 1901 San Diego Union article pronounced the Carnival was "a success in every way."

Linda replied, "Thank you very much! You've filled in some of the gaps."

**THE CORONATION OF QUEEN KATHERINE**

ENJOYABLE CEREMONIES IN THE OPEN AIR LAST EVENING.

Proclamation of Her Majesty That All Must Enjoy Themselves--Arrangements for the Rest of the Week--Coronado's Programme.

Before a concourse of people which filled the D-street plaza from end to end and crowded over into the near-by streets. Queen Katherine, Mrs. Kate Shirley, was last evening crowned as queen of the carnival, which is prepared for the observance of Fourth of July week, and she will rule until Saturday night. The ceremonies were preceded by a band concert of half a dozen numbers, which was closed on the arrival of the queen and her court.

After the salvo of fireworks and the blare of trumpets which announced the arrival of the queen, she was escorted to her throne by Prime Minister Oscar Trippet and the maids of honor, following in couples, saluted as they approached the throne, and were wined to their seats. They were Misses Louie Sifton, Ella Gerichten, Jessie Barrett, Stella Klauber, Virginia Darretson, Mabel Steckton, Mabel Gaszen and Sue May Wood. Two pages, Leon and Percy Copeland, followed.

Very good, the performance of the equilibrist being particularly so. Applause was frequent and merited, but because of the lateness of the hour, responses which were almost demanded were not given. The same performance will be given on this side of the bay, at the plaza, and part of the time on the other side, at the Remond City, so that those who were demanding a repetition last night will have ample opportunity of seeing everything that there is to see.

After the performance, the crowd cheered the queen and court as they left the platform, and from its manner it might easily be judged that the subjects of the queen intended to obey instructions as proclaimed, and have a good time to the end of the week.

**TONIGHT'S PARADE**

A Thousand Bicycles Are Wanted in the Procession This Evening.

The committee in charge of the bicycle parade this evening, met last

**MRS. KATE SHIRLEY,**

Who as Queen Katherine Was Crowned Last Evening as Queen of the San Diego Carnival and Will Rule During the Celebration of Fourth of July Week.

Under the crown on a silver crest; last night, and completed arrangements

Courtesy of the San Diego Union and NewsBank, Inc.

2. Sean asked about the history of his house on 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

Through the Lot Books, we found the lots were vacant in 1912, when Nellie Merigan owned the whole block. The property first had a structure in January 1913, when L. Ray Adelle owned the lots. The house was likely built during 1912. In the 1913 City Directory, L. Ray Adell was listed as a pipemaker for H. W. Sumption Co. and living at 3530 Hart Avenue. The street name was changed from this original name to 31<sup>st</sup> Street in 1914. In the 1914 City Directory, L. Ray Adell was listed as a cement worker for SD Glazed Cement Pipe Co. and living with his wife Fern A. at the house. They were not listed in the 1915 City Directory. City of San Diego Lot Books listed the property as owned by Benson Lumber Co. from 1916 to 1920, by F. L. Edwards in 1921, and by Michael Eff in 1922. According to city directories, Michael Eff continued to own the house until 1938, or for about 16 years. He was a downtown restaurateur who became known as "Effie the Sandwich King" according to his September 18, 1961 obituary. Another long-time owner family was Marcy C. Duran and wife Dorothy who owned the house for 25 years, from 1953 to 1978.

#### 11. UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

#### 12. FUTURE MEETINGS

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## Private Rites To Be Today For Michael Eff

Private services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Pacific Beach Mortuary for Michael Eff, 91, of 1847 Thomas Ave., a retired restaurant operator who died Sunday in a hospital. Cremation is planned.

Eff, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., moved here in 1903. He operated restaurants on Fourth Avenue between Broadway and E Street, at First Street and Broadway and on C Street between Second and Third Avenues, becoming known as Effie the Sandwich King.

At one time, Eff pushed a handcart-type sandwich wagon in the downtown area. He retired in 1945.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Ryan and Mrs. Gertrude Shaw; a son, Bernard L. Effie, all of San Diego; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and four great - great - grandchildren.

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