

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2021

TIME: XX PM

These notes summarize information that was planned to be presented at the November 18, 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 November 28, 2021. The public meeting was canceled in advance due to concerns about the coronavirus.

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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 October 21, 2021 meeting has been posted on the website.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for October 22 to November 17, 2021 and were sent to Board members on November 17, 2021. In this time period, there was no income. 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. COMMERCIAL WALKING TOUR

At the request of North Park Main Street, George Franck led a tour of the 30th Street and University Avenue commercial area for two visiting magazine writers. Jim Farber primarily writes articles on theater; Linda Milks writes articles on food, wine and travel. George's tour focused on the North Park Theater (now the Observatory) and included a quick peek inside. The central area tour was followed by visits to about a half dozen bars/craft breweries. Among them was The Original 40 at 3117 University Avenue. The business owners have operated the neighborhood's U31 Bar for the past 11+ years and have lived in North Park for the past 10 years. The website for their new venture notes they are exploring "the world of in-house brewed beer paired with an elaborate food menu," and the name "The Original 40" refers to the 40 acres of land purchased in 1893 by James Monroe Hartley, which the Hartley family named "Hartley's North Park" when urban development started in the early 1900s. Jim was staying at the Lafayette Hotel, which is on the National Historic Register. He was fascinated by its history and an article on the Lafayette will probably be the first one from his visit.

8. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. Speaking of the Lafayette Hotel, this postcard is from when the hotel was named the "Hotel Manor" from 1950 to about 1955. The front of the building complex along El Cajon Boulevard is on the right side of the postcard.



In addition to notebooks and individual slides, NPHS has six slide carousels with a total of about 350 slides illustrating Don Covington's lectures on Arts & Crafts architecture and Burlingame. NPHS investigated the possibility of scanning these slides in bulk, and found that George's Camera on 30th Street would do "bulk scan" of slides in carousels, converting each slide to an individual photo file, for 75 cents per slide. Many of the slides are of North Park homes from at least 20 years ago, which would have historical value in itself. The bulk scanning of the slides in the carousels would enable us to accomplish this project much faster than scanning individually, and it will be easier to identify and organize the photos as digital files rather than slides. We can then put a lot of photos on our website, and perhaps use them in future walking tours and presentations. The NPHS Board approved the expenditure for the bulk scanning, and the slide carousels were taken to George's Camera on November 22, 2021.

9. SIGNS FOR DRYDEN DISTRICT

There are no street signs marking the North Park Dryden Historic 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 November 2021, we responded to requests for information as summarized below.

1. Channel 8 KFMB News, the oldest TV station in San Diego, contacted North Park Main Street and North Park Historical Society for part of a "Then and Now" series the station is doing on various San Diego communities for which they have historical footage. Katherine answered the reporter's questions about how North Park got started and why the state street names seem to be in such a crazy order, and some of that video was included. A link to the piece is below. If you follow the text down, you can click on video from similar stories the channel did in 1986 and 1978.

<https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/local/throwback/north-park-1980s-san-diego-neighborhood/509-67c60dfb-4d8d-4ff3-8353-169d86a650c7>

2. A consultant asked NPHS if we had information about the house at 3482 Cooper Street in Carmel Heights. We found the following information listed in the building permit database on our website at [Historical Building Permit Searches | North Park Historical Society \(northparkhistory.org\)](http://Historical Building Permit Searches | North Park Historical Society (northparkhistory.org)) - Building permit filed 9-3-1931, owner: John Pilston, contractors: Mann and Holstrum, cost \$3500.

3. Verbatim Books on 30th Street at North Park Way continues to carry our definitive history of the first 50 years of the community, "North Park: A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946" by Donald Covington. They requested 20 more copies to get ready for the holiday rush, and they have the book prominently displayed on the front counter. Thank you, Verbatim Books!



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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