

**NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 2022 MEETING SUMMARY**

DATE: MAY 19, 2022

TIME: XX PM

These notes summarize information that was planned to be presented at the May 19, 2022 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 May 27, 2022. 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 April 21, 2022 meeting has been posted on the website at [NPHS Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes | North Park Historical Society \(northparkhistory.org\)](http://northparkhistory.org).

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for April 21 to May 19, 2022 and were sent to Board members on May 25, 2022. In this time period, one member renewed (thank you, Donna!), one new member joined (thank you, Wayne!), and those two people contributed additional donations. The Book Catapult in South Park bought 10 "Burlingame, the Tract of Character" books wholesale for \$90, and Verbatim Books on 30th Street bought 10 spiral-bound "North Park: A San Diego Urban Village" books wholesale for \$133.10. Total income in this time period was \$343.10. 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. If the virus can ever stop spreading, we want to conduct this tour!

7. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. Can you guess the year of this Toyland Parade photo from the fine car the gentlemen are riding in? The scene is looking southeast at 30th and University. The First National Bank building, designed by Richard Requa in 1928, was replaced in the 1970s by a newer version (now Union Bank).



8. 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. Council District 3 staff has promised to continue to follow up and keep NPHS updated “so we can get this done.”



9. COMMUNITY COORDINATION

In May 2022, we responded to requests for information (and received interesting information) as summarized below.

1. Nikki wondered if the community could do some weeding at the Portal (street closure at 28th Street and Upas Street). Although the City built the street closure structures, the location is not within any Park & Rec Department boundaries or a Maintenance Assessment District, so the city staff will not do any landscape maintenance.



2. Rob emailed North Park Main Street, who included NPHS on the message, that he “recently got some old home movies that have been digitized. There are several clips of the North Park Toyland Parade in the 1960s. If these would be of any use to you, I'd be happy to share. Or if you can pass this message along to parade organizers, they might have a use for them in promoting upcoming events.” Rob sent the video files to NPHS, and noted, “Mom had my sister hold up a sign identifying the 1962 parade. In the video you can see Jay North (Dennis the Menace) and Bob Denver (Maynard G. Krebs from the Dobie Gillis show...before Denver played Gilligan). The other video had a shot of Grand Marshal Bobby Buntrock, who played the kid on the TV show ‘Hazel.’ Not sure what year that was, but you can probably figure it out.” He also noted, “...and Jack in the Box had 22 cents on a sign...wonder if that was for a burger or a whole combo.”
3. Luvonne emailed us a nice message of support after receiving last month’s meeting summary, saying, “Thanks for the update. I particularly support the Dryden markers for our district. Thanks also for your continued work and support. Take care.” She also said, “You have helped make keeping informed possible during this frustrating time. We all miss our life as usual. Thanks again and take care.” Thank you, Luvonne!
4. Katherine and Steve visited Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and found this magnificent Batchelder fireplace gracing the lobby of the Lake Yellowstone Hotel. The hotel was originally built in 1891, and the fireplace — and a drinking fountain — were added during a 1922-23 remodel that created the classically beautiful building seen today.





Staff at the Lake Yellowstone Hotel said many California visitors have been surprised and delighted to see Ernest Batchelder's exquisite tile work so far from his Pasadena workshop.

10. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

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