

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

DATE: JUNE 16, 2022

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These notes summarize information that was planned to be presented at the June 16, 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 June 26, 2022. The public meeting was canceled in advance due to concerns about the coronavirus. However, most of the NPHS Board did gather outdoors on the Grace Lutheran Church patio to discuss the information presented in this summary.

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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. Copies collected this year were given to Sharon, who has some friends in Pacific Beach who might be interested.

Katherine announced that Angela Landsberg, Executive Director of North Park Main Street for the past 11 years, has left North Park Main Street for a new position with a different agency. We will watch for news on a new Executive Director.

Paul, who watches real estate activity in North Park, noted that in the first three months of local home sales, bids were 5% to 25% above asking price, and many single-family homes sold for more than one million dollars.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The meeting summary from the canceled May 19, 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 May 20 to June 15, 2022 and were sent to Board members on June 15, 2022. In this time period, four members renewed (thank you, Randy, Bill, Luvonne, and North Park Main Street!), and three renewing members contributed additional donations (thank you, Randy, Bill, and North Park Main Street!) Total income in this time period was \$370. Expenses in this time period totaled \$1,000 for our annual insurance.

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. On June 5, George, Jody and Katherine conducted a test walk with George leading. George led another practice walk with Jody assisting and Sharon, Steve and Katherine as the "audience" on June 25. Our next practice tour will be with a few invited guests.

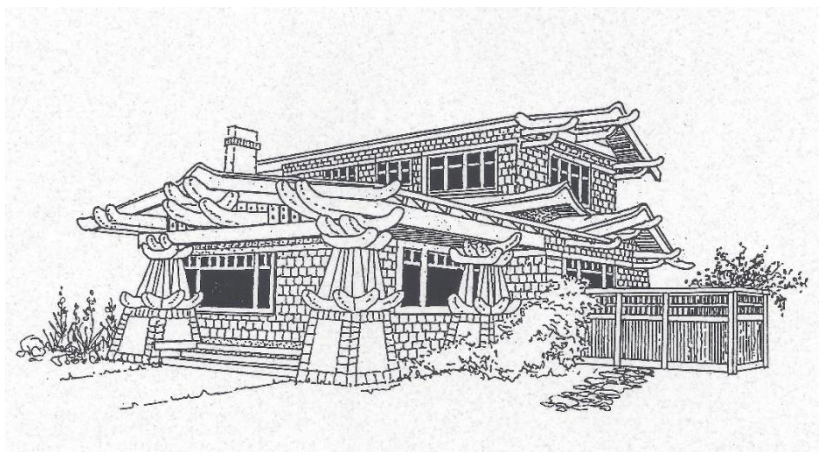
The current tour starts at Upas and Texas, heads west on Upas, north on Mississippi to Landis, east on Landis to Texas, and south on Texas back to the park. This route is approximately one mile and includes six designated houses and a wide range of ages and architectural styles.

7. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. We found a charming (and rare) photo of Donald Covington with some papers about the 1994 Craftsman/Bungalow Tour along 28th Street, in what is now the North Park Dryden Historic District. Don compiled a tour booklet with details about 13 houses. The booklet included his artistic sketches for five of the houses. Don passed away in 2002, while in the process of compiling the definitive history of North Park's first 50 years in the book, "North Park, A San Diego Urban Village, 1896-1946." The book was edited and produced in 2007 by members of NPHS and continues to be available at Verbatim Books on 30th Street at North Park Way.



Donald Covington



Donald Covington's artistic sketch of 3553 28th Street

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.” However, Steve noted we have not received any communication from Council District 3 staff for several months. George suggested we call Mission Hills Heritage, who seemed to be very successful in getting signage for their new historic districts. Also, Bob suggested we ask a different council person about the process to see if we can learn something useful. Steve noted he may call Kate Callen, the new chair of the North Park Planning Committee.



9. TRENDS OF 45-YEAR REVIEWS

Paul discussed the trends for 2021 and 2022 in reviews of houses more than 45 years old where the owner has requested a permit for changes. He noted that in 2021, permit requests were made for the addition of 82 ADUs in North Park. So far in 2022, requests for 44 ADUs have been made. In 2021, City Historical Resources Board (HRB) staff decided 16 projects in North Park did not rise to the level of significance, and 6 were recognized as affecting potentially historic resources. So far in 2022, HRB staff decided 6 projects in North Park did not rise to the level of significance, and none were recognized as potentially historic.

10. HISTORICAL EVALUATION REVIEWS

Paul summarized the free evaluation service NPHS offers to owners of historic homes who would like to know if their house has the potential to be designated a significant historical resource and then qualify for a Mills Act contract with the City, which would reduce their property taxes. In 2021, the team evaluated 11 houses, most of which were determined to potentially qualify as Individually Significant historical resources, including 3521 Texas Street and 3512 31st Street, shown below.



So far in 2022, the team has evaluated two houses, one in University Heights and one in Normal Heights. Both were found to potentially qualify as Individually Significant historical resources.

11. COMMUNITY COORDINATION

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

1. Last month, Nikki contacted NPHS, asking if the community could do some weeding at the Portal (street closure at 28th Street and Upas Street, at the southern end of the North Park Dryden Historic District). This month, we found out that the owner of a house on 28th Street near the Portal has been coordinating periodic landscape maintenance, and she had that person come last week. The Portal landscaping looks a lot better now. Thank you, Sheryl! NPHS board members were ready to have a “weeding party,” but we are happy the work is being done through residents of the Historic District.

12. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Katherine will give a brief presentation of North Park history highlights at a community mixer event organized by North Park Main Street and sponsored by US Bank on Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 am at Subterranean Coffee Boutique, 3764 30th Street (see announcement below). Her highlights will include why our crazy streets don't line up, when the Water Tower was built, and how the North Park Theatre invigorated “downtown” North Park in 1929 and 2005.



July 9th North Park History Highlights & Community Mixer-
10:00 am to 11:00 am at Subterranean Coffee Boutique 3764 30th Street

Interested in learning about the history of North Park? Join the North Park Historical Society at a casual and interesting look back at North Park's rich history. Mix and mingle with neighbors and business owners.

- Program begins promptly at 10:15.
- Registration deadline is July 6th.
- *Coffee and pastries provided by U.S. Bank.*

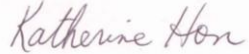
RSVP at:

<https://bit.ly/historymixer>

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

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