

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

**DATE: JULY 21, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

These notes summarize information that was presented at the July 21, 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 August 3, 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.

Paul, who watches real estate activity in North Park, noted that factory produced accessory dwelling units are being approved to be brought onsite and hooked up to utilities.

**3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The meeting summary from the June 16, 2022 Board gathering 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 June 16 to July 16, 2022 and were sent to Board members on July 16, 2022. In this time period, four members renewed (thank you, Paul, Bob, Beth and Ed O.), and one renewing member contributed an additional donation (thank you, Paul!) Total income in this time period was \$160. 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. George has led two practice walks with Jody assisting. Our next test tour will be on August 17 at 6 pm with a few invited guests.

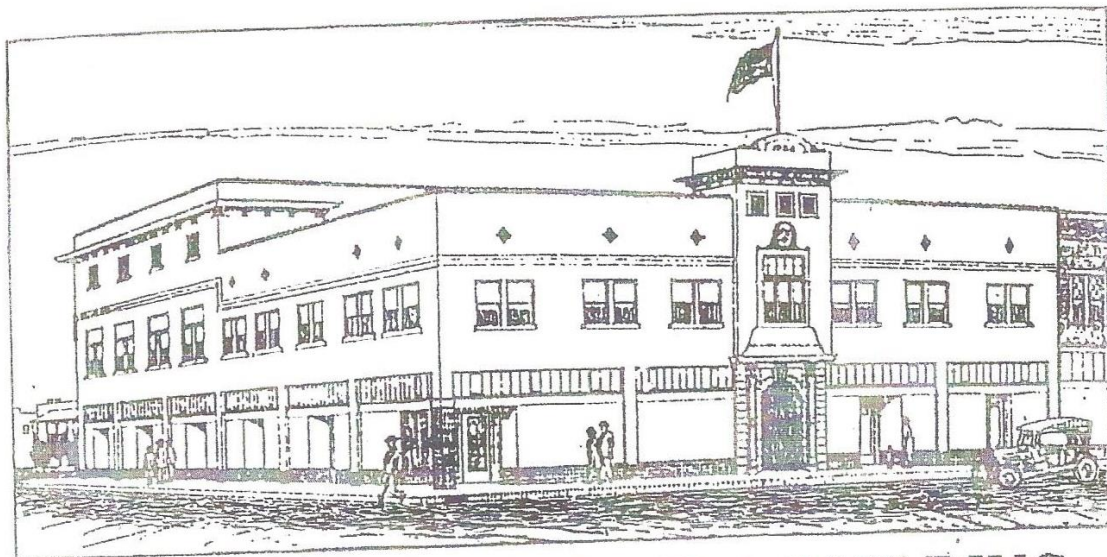
The current tour starts at Upas and Texas, heads west on Upas, north on Mississippi to Landis, east on Landis to Texas, and south on Texas back to the park. This route is approximately one mile and includes six designated houses and a wide range of ages and architectural styles.

### 7. DRYDEN DISTRICT LECTURE AND TOUR FOR OSHER

On October 20, George will present a PowerPoint lecture on North Park history for Osher, the senior adult education group associated with UCSD, and on October 29, he will conduct a walking tour of the Dryden District. There may be about 30 people for the walking tour, so an extra guide to allow for smaller groups would be good. Claudia would be available to guide if needed.

### 8. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. This month we have been focusing on scanning various documents, including meeting notes of our predecessor organization, the NPCA History Committee, from 1995 to 2002; information about the Nordberg Building at 3049 University Avenue (now housing North Park Fitness); and a chronology of the Hartley Family from 1846-1927.



## Presenting the NORDBERG BUILDING

Conveniently and Centrally Located at University and Grim, in the Heart of the Thirtieth and University Shopping District.

You are cordially invited to inspect North Park's newest, finest and most substantially built structure. This beautiful two-story store and office building was formally opened to the public some weeks ago and should prove a welcome addition to the ever increasing business district of North Park. Much credit is due S. G. Nordberg, the builder, as well as J. E. Nordback, the designer. The Nordberg building represents an approximate investment of \$50,000.00. Of the eight stores only one remains unrented, this one remaining store would make an ideal butcher shop and can be rented very reasonable.

SUNDAY August 15, 1926  
REAL ESTATE SECTION

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



## 10. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

In July 2022, we responded to requests for information (and received interesting information) and participated in community activities as summarized below.

1. Katherine gave 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 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Her highlights included why our crazy streets don't line up, when the Water Tower was built and how many barrels of beer it could have held instead of 1.2 million gallons of water (40,000 barrels), and how the North Park Theatre invigorated “downtown” North Park in 1929 and 2005. There were about 15 attendees, and many came up afterwards to ask specific questions and look at our books.



*Katherine (left) and Steve (right) posed with North Park Main Street and US Bank representatives after the presentation. The photo of the North Park Theatre is from the 1950s.*





*Subterranean Coffee Boutique arranged a nice space for the presentation.  
Also, the coffee and pastries were delicious!*

#### **11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

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