

## **NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING SUMMARY**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

These notes summarize information that was presented at the September 15, 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 September 25, 2022. The public meeting was canceled in advance due to concerns about the coronavirus. However, NPHS Board members Jody, Bob, Randy, Steve and Katherine 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.

### **3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

The meeting summary from the August 18, 2022 Board gathering has been posted on the website at [NPHS Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes | North Park Historical Society \(northparkhistory.org\)](https://northparkhistory.org).

## **BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financials for this meeting are for August 17 to September 13, 2022 and were sent to Board members on September 13, 2022. In this time period, six members renewed (thank you, Cia, Marcella, Michael T., George, Steve and Katherine!) and one new member household joined (thank you, Allison & Alexander!). Four renewing members provided donations (thank you, Cia, Marcella, Steve and Katherine!). Verbatim Books bought 20 spiral-bound North Park history books wholesale. Total income in this time period was \$716.20. 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 along Mississippi and Texas streets from Upas to Landis streets. George led another practice walk on August 17 at 6 pm with a few invited guests, and George, Katherine and Claudia continue to revise guide notes and the photo notebook based on comments. We will plan another test tour when revisions are complete.

## **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 Claudia will be available to guide a second group. Jody can assist George, but we need some additional helpers to watch for cars and keep people on the sidewalk. The time for the Saturday, October 29 walking tour is 10:00 am, and it will take about 1 ½ hours. If you are interested in helping, please contact Katherine at [khon@honconsultinginc.com](mailto:khon@honconsultinginc.com), or leave a message on the landline 619-294-8990 by October 10.

## **8. MORLEY FIELD TOURS FOR REDISCOVERING SAN DIEGO CLASS**

We will conduct a tour of the Morley Field Recreational Area for the Continuing Education program in the San Diego Community College District's "Rediscovering San Diego" class early next year. All their students are seniors. The tour dates are January 10 and January 12, with about 25 to 30 attendees each day. We will be lining up our guides and helpers for these tours soon.

## **9. 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 a poster that we think was made for the 1996 North Park Centennial. Due to lack of storage space, we disassembled the poster and preserved the photos of three homes on 28<sup>th</sup> Street built by David Owen Dryden and two lovely bungalow courts.



*The Dryden family lived in this pretty Craftsman home David Dryden built in 1915.  
This photo was probably taken by Donald Covington in 1996.*



This poster was likely made for presentations during the 1996 Centennial events for North Park.

## 10. 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 promised to continue to follow up and keep NPHS updated but they have not done so. We emailed Senior Planner Suzanne Segur, but she has not responded yet.

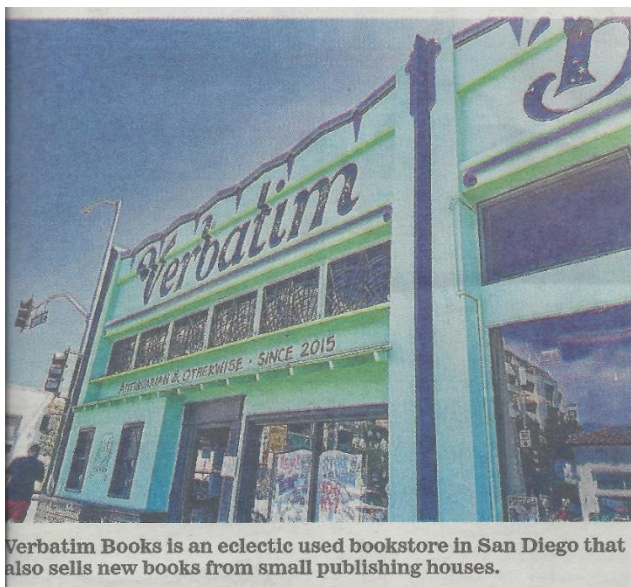




## 11. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

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

1. A group called the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Association (OST100) has formed in Texas to plan for celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1920's Old Spanish Trail auto highway between Florida and San Diego. This group is planning some meetings on October 24, 2022 at the Olaf Wieghorst Museum in El Cajon. (See flyer on the last page of this meeting summary.) There is a marker for the historic highway at Horton Plaza downtown.
2. The San Diego Union-Tribune Night & Day section on September 23, 2022 included a nice mention of Verbatim Books (see below), noting that in addition to selling used books, the store "also sells new books from small publishing houses..." Those new books include our history of the first 50 years of North Park by Donald Covington, and we appreciate Verbatim Books celebrating and supporting local history by carrying it.



Verbatim Books is an eclectic used bookstore in San Diego that also sells new books from small publishing houses.

### Verbatim Books

If you're a book lover, Verbatim Books is a must-see. This used bookstore is a haven for bibliophiles, with its cozy and eclectic decor, expansive selection, reasonable prices and an iconic wall featuring the store's

name spelled out with books. Curl up in a plush, wing-backed chair with your favorite "Nancy Drew" novel or stroll through the shelves, combing through the store's rare and antique book collection. In addition to its genre-spanning used books, the store also sells new books from small publishing houses and hosts free events including readings and discussions that feature local authors, artists and more.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.  
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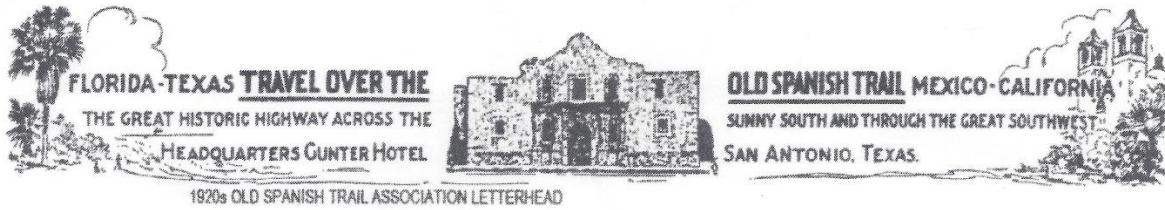
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August 23, 2022

*Historians,*

Your organization contact information has been shared with us as someone along the historic Old Spanish Trail auto highway who may be interested in helping us celebrate the centennial of opening of transcontinental highway between Saint Augustine, Florida and San Diego with a San Diego County convention in November of 2023.

The Old Spanish Trail Centennial Association (OST100) was organized to locate, revitalize and preserve the roadway, businesses and historic sites of the original 1920s OLD SPANISH TRAIL auto highway for a decade long Centennial Celebration with a 2029 motorcade grand finale from St. Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California.

Headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, we have been reenacting OST annual conferences in various cities since 2015. Local planning for past conferences has made for very successful seminars, OST city and county exhibits, walks and drives along the historic corridors.

Your representative's input would be gratefully appreciated as the San Antonio OST100 team visits San Diego this October. Jim Daniels, founder and President of the Olaf Wieghorst Museum Foundation has graciously offered to host two informational and get-acquainted meetings, hoping one would fit into your schedule.

Monday, October 24, 2022  
2pm and/or 6pm  
Olaf Wieghorst Museum and Western Heritage Center  
131 Rea Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020

Please send RSVP, questions, suggestions, etc. to [ost100kahl@aol.com](mailto:ost100kahl@aol.com)

Thank you for considering joining us. We look forward to meeting you as plans progress.

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