

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER 2022 MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2022

TIME: xx PM

These notes summarize information planned to be presented at the October 20, 2022 Business Meeting of the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) Board of Directors, and the activities discussion for the organization. These notes are current as of October 16, 2022. The public meeting was canceled in advance due to concerns about the coronavirus. The Board did not gather on the church patio this month.

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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 September 15, 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 September 14 to October 13, 2022 and were sent to Board members on October 13, 2022. In this time period, five members renewed (thank you, Sharon, Charlie & Juliet, Kelly, Jody, and Claudia!), and two renewing members provided donations (thank you, Sharon, Charlie & Juliet!). Arcadia Publishing Company paid NPHS a royalty of \$86 for continued sales of our book, "Images of America: San Diego's North Park." Total income in this time period was \$346.00. 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 lead a walking tour of the Dryden District with Claudia leading a second group. Jody will assist George, and Sharon will assist Claudia.

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. Don Covington would often create a close-up from a photo, like the picture below focused on several businesses from a circa 1930 photo of the North Park Theatre. The Radioland store sign is under the marquee and the sign under the carved pillars to the right reads "Klicka Building." The Toy Novelty Shop is to the right, and the Pabco Paint store is next on the right. That storefront is now completely different — it is the Pekin Café building with its wonderful neon sign. Signs for the Granada Building and Stewart Realty Co. are on top of the Granada Building in the upper right of the photo.



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 October 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 100th 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. George and Bob plan to attend to represent NPHS.
2. Susan said: "Hello, I live in a historical home in South Park and wondered if you had any old photos? Are there any sort of archives like that here? I'm not sure where else to look!"

We replied: "We do not have photos of old South Park homes, but the San Diego History Center probably does. Here is a link to their online gallery where you can search and purchase historical photos from them: <https://photostore.sandiegohistory.org/> I hope this information is helpful. Let me know! We appreciate historical home owners!"

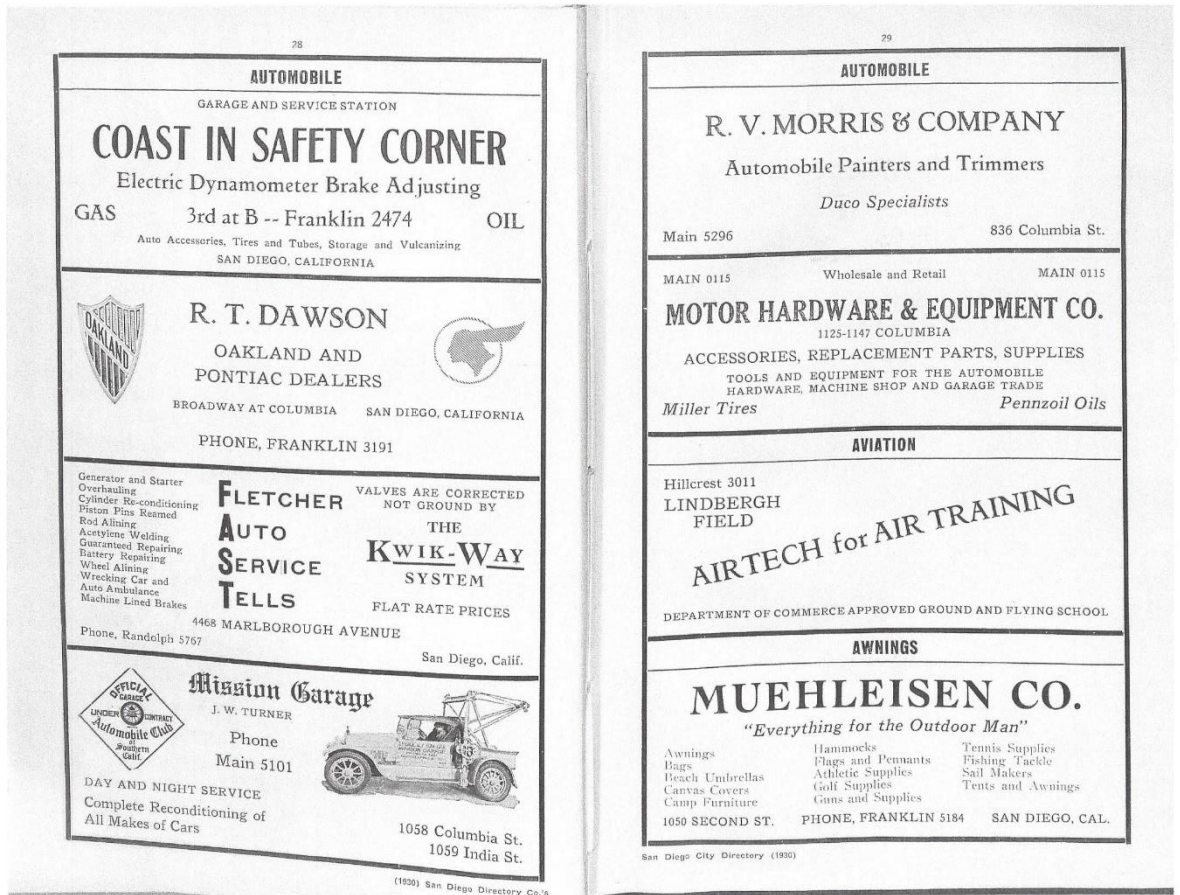
3. Tom requested an evaluation of the designation potential of his craftsman home on Hamilton Street. The team found the house should qualify as an Individually Significant historical resource under Criterion C. This Criterion reads as follows: "embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship."

We found some information about the earliest residents of the house in records available online, and told Tom the following:

- The first owners of the house are in the 1927 City Directory, which lists Jos A Hegel, a painter, and wife Pearl as owners. They are also listed as owners in the 1928 and 1929 city directories.
- In 1929, Guy C. Anderson and his wife Mary D are listed as residing at the house. His occupation is "floorman, Coast in Safety Corner" which is a garage and service station at 3rd and B (see upper left of the ads in the 1930 directory on the following page). We thought that was a very interesting business name!
- In the 1930 City Directory, Jos Hegel's occupation is mechanic at Coast in Safety Corner, and his address is on 32nd Street.
- In the 1930 City Directory, Guy C. Anderson is listed as the owner of the house. His occupation is foreman, Coast in Safety Corner.
- Guy Anderson's occupations in following years include manager, G&M Garage (1931); garage attendant, US Grant Hotel (1934); and manager, Mrs. C.F. Perrine gas station at 702 7th Avenue (1937).

- Guy C. Anderson and Mary D are at the house until 1939, but Guy likely died that year, because in 1940, the owner is Mrs. Mary Anderson (“wid Guy”).
- Mary is listed at the house at least through 1958, nearly 30 years. Her occupation through most of those years is a waitress at the US Grant Hotel.

Tom replied: “Thank you so much for your prompt and excellent work. The historical information you provided corresponds with and augments the records I have.”



Page of advertisements from the 1930 City Directory

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

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