

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2023

TIME: xx PM

These notes summarize information that would have been presented at the February 16, 2023 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 February 21, 2023. The public meeting was canceled in advance due to concerns about the coronavirus, and at the January meeting the Board unanimously agreed to skip the February 2023 meeting due to schedule conflicts for the President and Secretary.

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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

The Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter will continue to be collected for viewing.

3. MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

The meeting summary from the January 19, 2023 meeting has been posted on the website. The summary includes the Summary of Accomplishments in 2022 from the Annual Report sent to Board Members on January 3, 2023.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for this meeting are for January 18 to February 20, 2023 and were sent to Board members on February 20, 2023. In this time period, one member renewed and gave an additional donation (thank you, Steven S.!) for total income of \$70.00. Expenses in this time period totaled \$25, consisting of payment of our annual filing fee with the State Registry of Charitable Trusts.

The following state and federal organizational reports for the 2022 fiscal year were filed on the dates indicated below. All required filings for 2022 have been completed.

- 199N State income tax report was filed online on January 4, 2023.
- State sales tax of \$0 was reported online on January 4, 2023.
- 990N federal income tax report was filed online on the irs.gov website on February 3, 2023 and has been noted as "accepted."
- California Registry of Charitable Trusts Registration Renewal forms were filed online on February 3, 2023. The forms have been accepted and NPHS status is "current."
- Statement of Information with the Secretary of State was filed online on March 4, 2022. The next Statement of Information will be due by May 31, 2024.

ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING

5. WALKING TOURS

Morley Field Walking Tour On May 30, the Tuesday after Memorial Day, Steve will lead a walking tour of the Morley Field Recreational Area for members of the Continuing Education program in the San Diego Community College District's "Rediscovering San Diego" class, because the class tour scheduled for January 10 had to be canceled due to rainy conditions.

Pauly's Addition Walking Tour The team has developed the route, photo notebook and 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. We plan another "practice" tour with invitees from the neighborhood for the end of March.

6. SLIDE AND PHOTO SCANNING PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning slides and notebooks with photos and notes from the Covington Family. This is a page from a booklet for San Diego State Bank organized by Emil Klicka in 1926. Klicka became Vice President of the Bank of America in 1928 when L. M. Gianini's Bank of Italy bought all the branches of San Diego State Bank and the name changed to Bank of America. The buildings at 5th and Market, 5th and E, and 29th and University are still at their original locations, as shown in the photos from Google Earth.

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7. SIGNS FOR DRYDEN DISTRICT

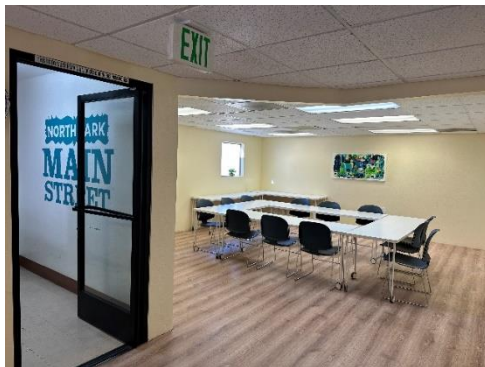
There are no street signs marking the North Park Dryden Historic District as there are for other districts like Burlingame. Since 2021, NPHS has been exploring the possibility of the City putting up demarcation signs for the Dryden District. On Feb. 1, 2023, Steve and Katherine spoke with District 3 Councilmember Steve Whitburn at the open house for North Park Main Street (see item 2 of Community Coordination and Activities, below), about trying to get district signs, and the councilman said his staff could help, as they recently got replacement signs for Mission Hills. On Feb. 21, 2023, Logan Braydis, Community Representative, emailed NPHS, saying, "Thank you so much for reaching out about this. I sincerely apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I just wanted to let you know I am looking into the process of how to get these signs developed. I will let you know when I have more info."



8. COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND ACTIVITIES

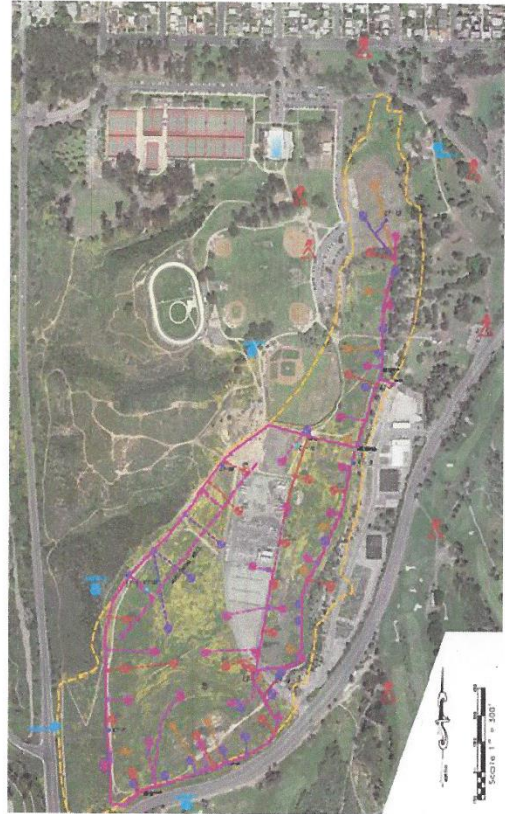
In February 2023, we responded to requests for information (and received interesting information) and participated in community activities as summarized below.

1. The San Diego County Archives has reactivated and has confirmed they will provide a speaker for a public meeting on May 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm in a meeting room at Grace Lutheran Church. The speaker will talk about the value of local government records, the role of the Recorder in preserving official records and making them accessible to the public, and an overview of historic records at the County Archives. **Mark your calendars, because everyone is invited to attend!**
2. North Park Main Street has a new Executive Director, Mark West, who was active in the North Park Community Association in the early 2000s. He moved to Imperial Beach and was on their city council for many years. He has relocated the North Park Main Street offices to the heart of North Park on the second floor of what was recently the "Western Dental Building" at 2948 University Avenue. This three-story building was originally the Stevens & Hartley Building constructed in 1913 at the northwestern corner of 30th Street and University Avenue. The new space is bright and expansive, with an airy conference room and large event space. NPHS President Steve Hon and NPHS Secretary Katherine Hon represented NPHS at the North Park Main Street open house on February 1. They met Mark and his Office Manager, William Baker, and plan to meet with them in March to strategize on coordinated activities.



North Park Main Street, the business improvement district organization for North Park, has new staff and has moved from Iowa Street to the second floor of 2948 University Avenue on the northwestern corner of 30th Street and University Avenue.

3. Via email, Chris asked: "I am curious, does the Morley Field Disc Golf Course sit atop an old landfill? I believe there was a landfill close by but wasn't sure if the disc golf course was actually on top of it." We sent Chris the picture to the right, which shows the boundary of the old landfill in the Morley Field area. The outside boundary is shown as yellow dashed lines, and the pink lines are the methane monitoring system. We concluded that it looks like the western edge of the course is within the boundary, and much of the course is to the east of the boundary (north is to the top of the picture and west is to the left). The landfill operated from August 1952 to December 1974 and accepted nearly 2 million tons of trash during those 22 years. In the picture to the right, the tennis courts and pool are at the top, the velodrome bicycle track is the white oval towards the middle, and the disc (frisbee) golf course is among the trees on the upper right where Pershing Drive curves off the picture.



4. Historian Linda Canada asked us: "Are you aware of the location of any Torrey Pine trees in your area? I give talks on early San Diego history and talk about the native people making use of the pine nuts from the trees and describe its unique 5 strand bundle of needles." We replied that there are some big pine trees around, including on private property on Alabama at what would be Myrtle but is a canyon there. As it happens, that big pine tree is indeed a Torrey Pine, and Linda appreciated being able to locally gather some example needles from the sidewalk for her lecture.



9. OLD SPANISH TRAIL MEETING

Bob and George attended meetings of the organization that is developing events around the centennial of the Old Spanish Trail (OST), a paved highway between Florida and San Diego. The highway connects six centers of historical interest: St. Augustine, New Orleans, San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson and San Diego. George said the group asked for a letter of support for their events being planned. George moved and Jody seconded that NPHS prepare a letter. The motion was approved unanimously by attending Board members. George wrote and sent the letter, which the OST group said was "ideal" and that they are "looking forward to seeing you all again this fall and working with you by e-mail beginning the end of our New Orleans reenactment at the end of March."

10. NEW CANOPY WITH LOGO

Steve continues to investigate a new canopy personalized with the NPHS logo and name. ReproMagic, the company that produced the reprint of our North Park history book, also does this kind of branded item, and we are investigating the process and cost with them.

11. 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.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

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