

June 28, 2012

Hello, neighbors.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone who can attend at the next regular meeting of the North of Montana Association, which will be held on Thursday, July 5, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the Montana Avenue Branch Library. There is a lot of change in the air in Santa Monica, and these neighborhood meetings provide us all with a chance to find out what's happening and learn how we can offer our input into the decisions that affect us all.

At our meeting next week, we will hear a presentation by city staff members about a proposal that could change parking rates across the city. City Council will be considering this proposal soon. We'll also be talking about plans by the U.S. Postal Service to close the historic Fifth Street Post Office in downtown Santa Monica. See the agenda below for more information.

We hope that you'll join us, and that you'll circulate this notice among your friends in the neighborhood.

Best regards,

The NOMA board

Agenda
North of Montana Association (NOMA)
Thursday, July 5, 2012, Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7-9 p.m.

1. Call to order; welcome and introductions
2. City Parking: Staff report on a citywide parking rate proposal by Frank Ching, city parking administrator, and Sal Valles, business and revenue operations manager. This proposal will be considered by the City Council on July 10, 2012. View the report here: <http://www.smgov.net/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=32717>
3. Approval of minutes of June 7 meeting. (attached)
4. Treasurer's report
5. Fourth of July parade report
6. Reports from other neighborhood associations

7. Proposal by the U.S. Postal Service to close the Fifth Street Post Office. A public hearing on the matter has been set for Thursday, July 19, at 5 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street. Read about it here: <http://www.smdp.com/Articles-local-news-c-2012-06-26-74284.113116-Hearing-set-for-post-office-closure.html>

8. Future Agenda Items

A. Presentation by Diana Gordon, Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, proposed for September

B. City traffic planning update – Beth Rolandson, city transportation planning director

C. Fire safety and emergency preparedness – Suzanne Post, city fire safety coordinator

9. Public comment

10. Adjournment

Also of interest:

A. Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Districts. At its meeting on June 26, the City Council conducted a study session on a staff proposal that would allow for the creation of Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Districts. If adopted, this concept could allow communities to exercise more control over changes within their neighborhoods. See staff report

here: <http://www.smgov.net/departments/council/agendas/2012/20120626/s2012062604-A.pdf>

B. Santa Monica CERT training. The City's Office of Emergency Management will offer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in August. The training teaches such emergency skills as disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, and search and rescue methods. The training is free, and consists of three six-hour classes on consecutive Saturdays. For more information, visit: http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OEM/Programs/Santa_Monica_CERT.aspx