



**Minutes - Regular Meeting Thursday, February 6, 2014**  
**Social - 6:30; Meeting 7-9 PM**  
**Main Library**

- 1.) The February 6, 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was present. Attending were Board members: Danilo Bach, Albin Gielicz, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Meyera Robbins, and Jane Koehler. Absent were Patricia Bauer, Victor Fresco.
- 2.) Approval of tonight's Agenda: Evelyn - motioned; Todd - Seconded
- 3.) Approval of the Minutes from the January 18, 2014. The minutes were approved, unanimously, as written. Danilo - motioned; Jane - Seconded.
- 4.) Reports: Treasurer's Report: The tax returns are now finished and will be mailed tomorrow. Hopefully, this will reinstate our NFP status with the IRS. We continue to retain our NFP status with the FTB. The current balance in NOMA's bank account is \$5,473.65.
- 5.) Santa Monica Police Department Update: Scott McGee, Neighborhood Resource Officer and Suzie Lockwood, Crime Prevention Coordinator. Suzie has been reassigned and will no longer be our resource person. Crime stats from 2012, 2013 and YTD 2014 were passed out. (attached). Santa Monica stats are similar to those in WLA. The best defense in any area is a Neighborhood Watch group- members report suspicious activity right away. You can also "harden your target" by: an alarm system, a camera, motion detector lights, timers on lights, a dog or two, lights in dark areas, join Next Door (a private, vetted, website group which is a virtual neighborhood watch group). You can also request a free, home security survey- 310- 434-2627.. They will walk through your home and give suggestions to strengthen your security.

The motto: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. This program is also good for emergencies of all kinds, such as severe weather, earthquakes or crimes. (310) 458-8491.

- 6.) Los Angeles Marathon Update for March 9, 2014; Melissa Lindley, Community Relations Coordinator, Office of the City Manager. Anticipate 25,000 runners this year- and all their supporters. Approximately 100,000 people will be coming to the city for this event. Heightened Security this year: 20% increase in officers; A Security Zone has been added around the Finish line- which is California- with decreased access to the Finish Line. no Cirque du Soleil that day; Palisades Park will be closed from Washington South to Santa Monica Blvd. There may be a video feed to show the finish line, but we cannot go to the Finish Line any more. Streets will be closed at mid-night until about 7-8 PM. San Vicente westbound will be open. Problems that day- call- (213) 542-3013.

- 7.) NOMA Newsletter due to City by February 17, 2014. One-page PDF- no political content and no stamped envelope in it.
- 8.) Zoning Ordinance Update (ZOU); David Martin, Director, Planning and Community Development Department. The Planning Department is in the process of updating the Zoning Codes for the entire City. This is the first major Zoning Ordinance Update since 1988 and will contain provisions to implement Santa Monica's Land Use and Circulation Element, adopted in July, 2010. Planning Commission meetings have been held on the subject since December and will continue through March. Staff will present this to the City Council in late April. The topics scheduled to be covered at the remaining Planning Commission meetings are as follows:
- February 26: Division III (continued)
  - March 12: Parking and Transportation Demand Management
  - March 26: Wrap-up
- Previous sessions::
- [Planning Commission Presentation December 11, 2013](#)
  - [Planning Commission Presentation December 18, 2013](#)
  - [Planning Commission Presentation January 15, 2014](#)
  - [Planning Commission Presentation January 29, 2014](#)

This ZOU includes changing things in the NOMA area which is zoned R-1 and Montana Avenue. Among the proposed changes for R-1 areas is the addition of:

- Day Care Centers (not Family Day Care which is state required now)
- Bed & Breakfast establishments
- Unique multiple family housing
- A-lots and other residential parking lots

**Day Care Centers-** free standing buildings- would be allowed by Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

**A-lots/Residential Lots-** complicated and important- were developed in the 1940s as an overlay put on an R-1 residential lot that was being used as a parking lot for a business. This lot provided a buffer between the business and the adjoining residential neighborhood. Currently, A-lot or residential lot designation protects the land from being developed as a commercial enterprise. Montana Ave has at least 8 of these lots, including behind Pavilions. Wilshire has many more. The new zoning allows development on top of A-lots and residential land, as well as construction of commercial lots parking below it. The question is should these A-lot designations be maintained? The complicated consequences of A-lot zoning were discussed. One scenario: Montana Ave- under the new zoning, a 25,000 sq. ft. grocery store would be allowed. This is larger than Whole Foods and would probably push out Pavilions which is 17,500 sq. ft. The question here- would a big market create parking and traffic problems in NOMA?

For more information about A-lots, please see the Zoning Ordinance Update at <http://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/PCD/Zoning/Full-Public-Draft-ZO.pdf>

**B&Bs multiple family housing-** time did not permit discussion.

Please submit comments on the Draft Zoning Ordinance to at [denise.smith@smgov.net](mailto:denise.smith@smgov.net).

9.) Committee Updates: Land Use Committee:

**Hines Development Agreement:**

NOMA joined other neighborhood groups in recommending that the City Council reject the Hines Bergamot Development Agreement in its current form. If the City Council votes to let the project go ahead, then there are two possible actions that can be taken. One is a referendum asking that the issue be put on the ballot for the voters to decide and the other is a law suit. A new organization called Residocracy will initiate a referendum if the City Council votes to approve the project.

**Zoning Ordinance Update (ZOU):**

This process is ongoing. Please attend the Planning Commission meetings, watch them on City TV and/or send emails to the Planning Commissioners so they have the benefit of your input. [bikeitday@gmail.com](mailto:bikeitday@gmail.com), [gnewbold@gmail.com](mailto:gnewbold@gmail.com), [jim\\_ries@hotmail.com](mailto:jim_ries@hotmail.com), [jenniferfkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferfkennedy@gmail.com), [suehimmelrich@gmail.com](mailto:suehimmelrich@gmail.com), [parryj@gte.net](mailto:parryj@gte.net), [andersonmpc@yahoo.com](mailto:andersonmpc@yahoo.com)

10.) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

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Carol Landsberg, Secretary