



Minutes - Regular Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2014

Social- 6:30; Meeting 7-9 PM

Main Library

- 1.) The March 6, 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was present. Attending were Board members: Danilo Bach, Victor Fresco, Albin Gielicz, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Meyera Robbins, and Jane Koehler. Absent were Patricia Bauer and Todd James.
- 2.) Approval of Agenda:
- 3.) Approval of the Minutes from the January 18, 2014. The minutes were approved, unanimously, as written. Meyera - Motioned; Jane - Seconded.
- 4.) Reports: Treasurer's Report: NOMA has taken in \$2,600 and paid out \$1,700. The current balance in NOMA's bank account is \$6,500.
- 5.) EXPO Light Rail Update: Torri Hill, Community Relations Manager, Expo2 Light Rail Project. Currently working on the Culver City to Santa Monica link – to be completed by 2016. The construction company plans to hand over the project to Metro during the third quarter of 2015 and then the certification for public use process begins.

All 3 SM stations are at street level- not on bridges as in some other locations. The 3 locations are: 26th Street and Olympic, Colorado and 17th Street; and Colorado and 4th Street. There will be 75 parking spaces at 17th Street station and none at 4th Street or the 26th Street station. Culver City paid part of the cost to have a parking structure for cars. Work is still being done to relocate utilities for the train. Now the rails are being laid- one track for Easy-bound and one track for West-bound trains. Intersections have to be closed to lay the tracks:

March 22 for 10 days- Colorado and 17th Street intersection closed- Will not be able to cross Colorado.

April 21-28- Colorado and Lincoln- intersection closed from 6PM until 6AM.

April 28 for 7 days- Colorado and 14th Street.

Operation information: The trains are scheduled to operate 14 to 16 hours per day with extended schedules for special events. They will run at intervals of 5 to 7 to as much as 12 to 15 minutes, closing each intersection for approximately 30 seconds. It is possible that a train going West will pass a train going East in the same intersection causing longer delays. There will be a new set of lights installed to change the intervals to ease traffic and the phasing/flow will be monitored from a central location in downtown LA by the entity that owns and operates the trains and right-of-way: the Los Angeles County

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). It is possible that every train may not stop at each station, but the trains must be running for a while before this can be determined. It is estimated that it will take 46 minutes to get from Santa Monica to downtown LA.



<http://www.buidexpo.org/construction/interactive-map/>

For more information, go to [buidexpo.org](http://www.buidexpo.org) or call Torri Hill 310 500-1485.

- 6.) Barbi Applequest: Running for State Senate. She is an attorney and a resident of NOMA. She is particularly interested in the environment, safety and security, increasing jobs in the film industry, and getting young marrieds involved in civic affairs.
- 7.) Hines Referendum Update: Armen Melkonians, Chair, Residocracy.org. It is clear that residents see the Residocracy Referendum petition as a way to voice their frustration and let the City Council know how they feel- they don't want this large project- and influence policy change. In 4 weeks. Residocracy has 1,500 members and the focus has been the Referendum, not growing the membership. It takes 10% of the SM voters who voted in the last election to sign a referendum petition tell the City Council that they created a law that is disliked. Then the City Council can reconsider and repeal the law or put it up for a vote in the next general election or a special election. The Referendum petitions will be submitted to the City Clerk on Tuesday, March 10. Then the verification process will be done by the County of Los Angeles.
- 8.) Committee Updates: Land Use Committee:
 Zoning Ordinance Update (ZOU): NOMA is mainly R-1 (single family housing) zoning with a low scale neighborhood commercial district. On San Vicente from Ocean Ave to 7th Street is R-2 (low density housing) and on Ocean Ave from Montana to San Vicente is R-4 (high density housing).
 Jane Koehler, NOMA Board member. The Zoning Ordinance Update wants to bring some changes to our neighborhood. We need to think about this and make recommendations to the Planning Commission.
MOTION: The NOMA Board will send a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that:
 - a. A-lots should be retained as they are without the overlay or the change to underground parking lots with condos on top and entrances to the underground via the commercial buildings.
 - b. No Residential lots should be rezoned for commercial use.
 - c. Montana Avenue should be maintained so that NO building greater than 5,000 square feet be permitted to be built without triggering a development review.
 - d. No retail space greater than 3,500 sq. ft. be permitted in the Montana Commercial Neighborhood.

- e. No restaurant space greater than 3,500 foot be permitted to be built.
- f. Day Care Centers should be prohibited from all city residential areas and be removed from the proposed R-1 zoning. Such centers are commercial enterprises and do not belong in residential neighborhoods.
- g. Include in the new code standards for family day care centers similar to those proposed for home businesses to prevent noise, traffic, unreasonable hours, and other negative and disruptive effects. In particular, no more than 6 (six) children are permitted in a family day care center.
- h. Bed and Breakfasts- owner must live on the property. Current parking standards must be upheld.

Motion - Albin Gielicz; Seconded – Evelyn Lauchenauer

9.) Announcements:

- April 3 NOMA Meeting- 3rd Floor, Community Meeting Room- Santa Monica Place
- Community Outreach Programs:
 - Policy and a Pint: neighborhood meetings
 - Coffee with a Cop: Neighborhood Outreach Officer Scott McGee- Starbucks 1426 Montana Ave from 9-11 AM on March 20, 2014. Call 424 200-0685 for more information..
 - People's Academy: over 200 applicants have applied.
- Distraction Burglary: two people come to door. One talks to homeowner while the other gets inside house and takes valuables.
- Remember: 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.

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

Carol Landsberg, Secretary