



Minutes- NOMA Meeting Thursday, April 2, 2015

Social- 6:30 PM; Meeting 7- 8:55 PM

Montana Branch Library

1. The April 2, 2015 NOMA Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
A quorum was present. Attending were Board members: Danilo Bach, Nancy Coleman, Jeff Gordon, Jane Koehler, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, and Meyera Robbins. Absent were: Victor Fresco, Albin Gielicz, Todd James, Caryn Marshall. Absent: Todd James.
2. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from the March 5, 2015 Meeting were unanimously approved as written: Nancy Coleman- moved; Jane Koehler - seconded.
3. We have approximately \$4,900 in our account. Danilo Bach for Victor Fresco
MOTION: Send \$150 to SAMO High for their Grad Night. Jeff Gordon made the motion. Carol Landsberg seconded it. Unanimous vote.
4. Crime and Safety Report: Scott McGee, Neighborhood Resource Officer and welcome back to Susie Kim Lockwood: Catalytic convertor thefts- easiest from Honda and Toyota- thieves quickly slide under the car, clip it and slide out fast; also after more high- end luxury car parts, side view mirrors, grills, airbags. Cars hit are most often on the street, not in driveways. Street lights do deter thefts. Also, bike thefts are a concern. Illuminate front doors and use motion detectors on property..
Next Week- EXPO will begin the 2,000 hours of testing the line w/o passengers. There may be traffic delays.
5. California Incline Closure- Traffic impact: Andrew Maximous, Acting City Traffic Engineer. The Incline closes the morning of Monday, April 20, 2015 and will remain closed for about 14 months. The plan is to have it reopened by Memorial Day, May, 2016. The SM Dept of Public Works is in charge of the Incline Project itself and they are holding open houses every Thursday afternoon from 4-6 between now and May 21, 2015 in the Ken Edwards Center. Mr Maximous is in charge of the traffic plan and detours to and from PCH.
In the same area as the Incline Detour, and at the same time, is the rerouting of traffic for the Colorado Esplanade. Colorado is becoming a 1-way, westbound street from 4th Street to Ocean. The eastbound side of Colorado is being converted to bike lanes and wider sidewalks for pedestrians. There will be detours around this area as well.
As for the Incline, which is estimated to handle 19,000 vehicles per day, there will be
 - a) message boards and traffic sensors to give real-time traffic information
 - b) extensive signage indicating the detour route from downtown to the Moomat Ahiko ramp and the Lincoln Blvd ramp to I-10 and PCH.
 - c) Traffic counts to give data on amount of traffic

d) Traffic control devices and on-call support staff to address traffic congestion. Engineers hope the “access only” signs will deter people from going through the Canyon to get to PCH.

One N bound lane on PCH will be closed every day in the AM to set up and unload material. One lane of Ocean Ave will be closed near California for equipment and material.

There will be a Traffic Management Center where traffic will be monitored and lights can be synchronized . The SM Police Dept. has vacancies so they have limited traffic officers to help.

INCLINE HOT LINE: 888 303-6026

To sign up for traffic alerts: go to : smconstructs.org

For more information contact Andrew Maximous, Acting City Traffic Engineer Tel: 310.458.4982 | andrew.maximous@smgov.net

6. BikeShare: Jeff Gordon, NOMA Board member:

Elizabeth Bar-El, the City Rep will attend our next NOMA meeting to answer our questions, including about specific locations being considered.

The City plans to launch in Santa Monica in November. They will provide bikes for primarily short-term use from point to point within the City, including to Expo. Currently, the program is not set up to drop off for BikeShare bike outside the City Limits.

There will be about 500 bikes available and 1,000 bike racks, in about 75 locales. Cost is estimated to be approximately \$2 for 20 minutes, with monthly and other rates. You pay on the bike by credit card. An app will let you reserve a space in a bike rack at your destination. The bikes will have GPS, locks, rear and front lights. The operators are insured, but it appears that riders need their own insurance. We have an opportunity to influence rack locations. Currently it is believed that NOMA area bike rack sites will be along San Vicente, Ocean, and Montana, and perhaps some locations between Montana and SV. Feedback is needed from residents and businesses about locations:

To comment on potential locations for bikes: go to smgov.net; click on Explore SM; Click on Bike SM; Go to “BikeShare”; Click on “here” you will be taken to a City map and can comment on different location possibilities.

Or email liz.Bar-El@smgov.net with your thoughts, comments and desires. Your suggestions can have an impact on the rack locations.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Membership: Evelyn Lauchenauer

April is Membership Month. The NOMA newsletter sent out by the City will arrive sometime in April. Please complete the survey! It is important that we have current opinions and information from our residents. Members indicated they would like to receive more newsletters sent by email. We are working on sending out several more newsletter throughout the year to keep you up to date. April is our membership drive month: “Refer a Friend to NOMA Month” and we encourage current members to bring in a new member. Each member that brings in a new member receives a gift!

b. Land Use: Nancy Coleman and Jane Koehler , NOMA Board members

NOMA members are working very hard to identify issues that have been left

out of or changed in the final version of the new Zoning Ordinance that the Planning Commission is sending to the City Council for approval. The City Council meetings will be held only on April 14 and April 15. Public comment will be allowed on April 14 and May 5. It is critical that you email, call and/or appear on these dates. May 5 will be the First Reading of the new Zoning Code and the Second Reading and final decisions are set for June 23-24. Height and density throughout the City is a big concern. And, the Zoning Ordinance does not include the downtown area. There is also a Downtown Specific Plan that will be coming up for review.

8. San Vicente Blvd Historic District Coalition: Phil Brock, Chair, Recreation and Parks Commission.

There are 28 courtyard garden apartments on San Vicente between Ocean Ave and 7th Street representing 4 types of architecture. The oldest dates from 1937 and they are all rent-controlled. The Landmarks Commission will take up the idea of making this the third Historic District in the City. They are asking for support from everyone living on San Vicente and the neighborhood associations. They need building captains in each of the buildings. SMRR, Smart and the SM Conservancy have endorsed this effort.

MOTION: the NOMA Board supports the creation of the San Vicente Blvd Historic District: Jane made motion: Evelyn Seconded. Unanimous vote.

9. Announcements: Danilo Bach

a. Civic Auditorium Workshop #3- June 21, 2015

b. There will be 3 SM Library Forums to discuss the future of the SM library.

d. Make Music-LA – scheduled for June 21, 2015 – asking for NOMA to help - form a committee? The City provides \$400 to support this.

e. CA Incline and Esplanade Closure Open Houses, Thursdays, April through - May 21, 2015- from 5 to 7 PM at the Ken Edwards Center

10. Public Comment:

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Carol Landsberg, Secretary

Join us for the next NOMA Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015!