



Minutes – Regular Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2016

Social – 6:30; Meeting 7 – 8:55

Montana Branch Library

1. The April 7, 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. A quorum was present. Attending Board members were Danilo Bach, Nancy Coleman, Jane Wiedlea, Jeff Gordon, Phillis Dudick, Meyera Robbins, Sonya Sultan and Steve Lissik.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 3, 2016 Meeting: The Minutes were unanimously approved as written. Moved by Meyera Robbins, seconded by Jane Wiedlea
3. Treasurer's Report (Chair Bach for Victor Fresco). Approx. balance of \$7,900, including memberships totaling \$1,390 from city mailing.
4. SaMoHi Grad Night Request for \$150. Was unanimously approved by the Board.
5. By-Law Change: NOMA's western boundary, presented by Jeff Gordon, Governance Committee. The Board unanimously approved NOMA amending its by-laws to extend its western boundary to the "City Limits." Moved by Jane Wiedlea and seconded by Danilo Bach.
6. Announcements
 - a. Wine Auction Sunday, April 17 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel to raise funds for the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF), tickets required (announced by Board member Sonya Sultan)
 - b. SMLCP Workshop, 'Adapting to a Changing Coastline,' April 13 at 6:30 pm at Barnum Hall, SaMoHi (announced by Chair)
 - c. Poll workers wanted for Presidential Primary June 7. Sign-up and information at <http://www.lavote.net/> (announced by Chair)
7. Elizabeth Bar-El, Senior Planner, and Cary Fukui, Assistant Planner, presented the update of Local Coastal Plan (LCP) that the City is undertaking over the next year and a half with an anticipated completion in May 2017. The LCP applies to Santa Monica's Coastal Zone, an area of approximately 1.5 square miles that is bounded on the west by Pacific Ocean and on the east by Fourth Street the distance from the northern City Limits to Pico, and from Pico to the southern City Limits by the Pacific Ocean to Lincoln Blvd. It provides for city jurisdiction for the zone, will take the place of the current plan overseen by the CCC, will require City Council approval, and then final CCC approval for certification. When certified by the CCC, most of the coastal permitting process will transfer to the City of Santa Monica; the CCC will retain control of the area from the coastline to the Bluffs. The updated LCP will include integrating City's LUCE, Downtown Specific Plan, Bike and Pedestrian Action Plans, Beach Overlay Zone and the Sustainable City Plan. The Planning staff will be doing extensive community outreach for public input.

8. Travis Page, Senior Planner and Project Manager, introduced a Draft of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP). The Downtown area is bounded by Wilshire Boulevard on the north, Lincoln Court on the east, the I-10 to the south and Ocean Avenue to the west. The DCP in its latest draft has more clarity, focus, less text, and is a "Specific Plan," Page pointed out. The draft proposes lower building heights and FARs than the current zoning, with higher building heights in the Expo Station surrounding area. Also proposed in the DCP for new construction are 18' ground-floor ceiling heights throughout all districts in the downtown, with a heightened focus on architectural design. The DCP will address major issues, such as, building heights and density, traffic congestion and access, new public spaces, transparency and process and a sustainable infrastructure. To help with traffic and congestion in the downtown area the public is encouraged to use public transit, the Expo, BBB, walking, rideshare, car-share and biking. The staff is planning to do extensive and diverse outreach to the local residential and business community.

A q&a was begun, but had to be postponed after only a few questions because of lack of time.

9. Adjournment at 8:55.

The next meeting of NOMA is May 5, 2016, at Montana Branch Library.