

Minutes of NOMA Monthly Meeting, Thursday, August 4th, 2016  
Social - 6:30 pm; Meeting - 7:02 -8:55 pm  
Montana Branch Library

1. The August 4, 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

A quorum was present. Attending Board members were Danilo Bach, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Nancy Coleman, Caryn Marshall, Jeff Gordon, Sonya Sultan and Steve Lissik. Absent were: Victor Fresco, Todd James, Jim Williams, Jane Koehler and Phillis Dudick.

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 7, 2016 Meeting, moved by Steve Lissik and seconded by Nancy Coleman; approved as written.

3. Treasurer's Report by Chair Danilo Bach: Present balance of \$12,500.

4. Beat 4 Crime/Safety update and National Night Out report by Lauralee Asch, Crime Prevention Coordinator. Comments on the awareness of crime in NOMA: With social media like Nextdoor, there is a greater awareness of crime, which makes it seem like there is more crime in our area. A common problem is that 80% of crimes are break-ins due to unlocked doors and windows. Be vigilant. Contact Lauralee for free Neighborhood Watch stickers for your windows and doors and also for information on forming a Neighborhood Watch on your street.

5. Code Compliance in Santa Monica discussed by Sharon Guidry, Code Enforcement Manager, and Armando Rangel, supervisor. Responsibilities include municipal and state code enforcement, zoning regulations, business signs, short-term rentals, leaf blowers, hedge height enforcement, etc.

Also addressed: Demolition permits are required depending on the extent of the demolition.

When a code complaint is filed, complainant's name can be withheld. If there is litigation with a court order, however, complainant's name and e-mail will be made known in discovery.

6. Heather Teodoro, Public Education Specialist for the West Sector Control District. PowerPoint presentation on how to protect ourselves and our pets from the health risks of mosquitoes in our neighborhood. A pdf of the presentation can be downloaded at: <http://www.lawestvector.org/>

7. Land Use Committee Report - Vice-Chair Nancy Coleman. The proposed height limits in the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) continue to be a concern, with the highest being next to the Expo line and with the potential of 4 other oversize sites in the DT area. The DCP is still a work in progress. NOMA along with other neighborhood associations has made comments on the draft EIR. The city is in the process of drafting responses to the issues raised by those who commented on the EIR draft. Currently there is no time-frame as to when those responses will be issued.

8. Announcements

i) DCP Workshop #2 "Preservation and Change", August 13 10am - 2pm  
at the Santa Monica Bay Women's Club.

(ii) There are openings on City Commissions.

iii) The Selective Service is seeking volunteers to be Board members.

9. Public Comment:

Kate Bransfield urging support of the LUVE initiative, also requesting volunteer canvassers.

10. Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

(Next meeting September 1, 2016, at Montana Branch Library.)