



## **Minutes - Regular Meeting Thursday, October 2, 2014**

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

**Montana Branch Library**

- A. The October 2, 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. A quorum was present. Attending Board members were: Victor Fresco, Albin Gielicz, Jane Koehler, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, and Meyera Robbins. Danilo Bach, Patricia Bauer, and Todd James were absent. Evelyn Lauchenauer, Vice Chair, presided over the meeting.
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the September 4, 2014 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as written. Jane Koehler- moved; Victor Fresco- seconded.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Victor Fresco. Current Balance \$9,000. Took in \$120 for new memberships and spent \$250.
- D. Affordable Housing Information: Andy Agle, City of Santa Monica Director of Housing and Economic Development. Affordable housing is that which is below the median income for the majority of people living in LA County. Currently, the median income for a family of 4 is \$64,800 per year. Affordable housing helps people who have an income that is from 30% to 100% of \$64,800. There are different categories for Affordable Housing: very low=50% or less; low= 60% or less; and moderate which is 100% or less. The City of Santa Monica is focused on people with incomes that are 80% or lower than the median income and its role is to produce and preserve affordable housing. The need is much greater than the supply. For instance, when the City opened a list, they had 3,300 people who lived or worked in Santa Monica apply. The whole list has about 30,000 names. Santa Monica is unique- the leader in the State in the number of Affordable Housing units.
- E. Measure H and HH; Real Estate Transfer Tax Debate: Ted Winterer, Santa Monica City Council member and Albin Gielicz, NOMA Board member Past Chair, for H and HH; Bob Seldon, attorney and co-founder/ former Chair of Northeast Neighbors and Don Gray, former SMMUSD Bond Committee member against H and HH. The Real Estate Transfer Tax is collected whenever property is sold. Numerous cities and counties in CA impose this kind of tax. Currently, LA County charges \$1.10 per \$1,000 and the City of Santa Monica charges \$3.00 per \$1,000. This means that \$4.10 per \$1,000 is already collected on the sale of a property. Funds collected from the local \$3.00 tax are placed in the SM General Fund for general municipal purposes such as fire, police, libraries, recreation, etc.  
**Measure H:** The new level of taxation will be \$9.00 per \$1,000 for any property sold for over \$1million. The \$9.00 tax will start at the first dollar of the sale price. And, importantly, there is no "sunset" clause- it will continue to be levied indefinitely. If it is approved, it will be higher than most cities in CA: for instance, Beverly Hills, Pasadena, and Santa Barbara have a Transfer Tax of \$0.55 per 1000 dollars.  
To see all the arguments for and against H, please go to this link at SMVOTE:

Measure H <http://smvote.org/BallotMeasures/detail.aspx?id=48638>

**Measure HH** is “advisory” only. This means that it is asking voters to *recommend* using the funds gained by H for affordable housing, but it is non-binding. Non-binding means that the funds actually can be used for any “lawful purpose” that serves the City’s needs. It does not designate the H funds for affordable housing only.

To see all the arguments for and against HH, please go to this link at SM VOTE:  
Measure HH <http://smvote.org/BallotMeasures/detail.aspx?id=48680>

F. Committee Reports: Jane Koehler

1. Land Use Committee:

- a. San Vicente neighborhood conservation overlay zone:
- b. Bergamot Station Art Center:
- c. Plaza at Santa Monica.

2. Executive Committee: Evelyn Lauchenauer

- a. Annual Meeting- Aero Theater- January 2015 afternoon date- to be announced

G. Announcements: Evelyn Lauchenauer

1. Candidate Forums:

- a. Oct 7, NOMA, NEN and Willmont Airport Initiatives Forum 7 PM Montana Branch Library
- b. Oct 8- NorthEast Neighbors- 7 PM Main Library Auditorium
- c. Oct 13- Candidate Forum Santa Monica Daily Press “Squirm Night” - 6 PM Broad Stage 1310 11<sup>th</sup> St
- c. Airport Initiatives Forum- Sponsored by NOM, NEN, and Willmont- Oct 7- Montana Branch Library- 7 PM
- d. Reminder- new law- 3 feet is the new safety zone between auto and bicycle.

H. Public Comment:

Thank you to NOMA Board for these helpful meetings.

Thank you to Meyera Robbins for the excellent refreshments.

12.) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

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Carol Landsberg, Secretary

Join us for the next NOMA Meeting: Thursday November 6, 2014 at the Montana Branch Library: Light refreshments/social at 6:30, Meeting begins at 7 PM