

Minutes - Regular Meeting Thursday, December 3, 2015
Social- 6:30; Meeting 7-8:55 PM
Montana Branch Library

1. The December 3, 2015 meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. A quorum was present. Attending Board members were: Danilo Bach, Nancy Coleman, Victor Fresco, Jeff Gordon, Todd James, Jane Koehler, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Caryn Marshall, and Meyera Robbins. Albin Gielicz arrived late.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting. The Minutes were unanimously approved as written. Meyera Robbins - moved; Victor Fresco seconded.
3. Treasurers Report: Victor Fresco. We are holding at about \$6500.
4. Jory Wolf, chief information officer described the Santa Monica Connected: everything you need to know about the fiber-optic network infrastructure of Santa Monica. This network includes street parking meters, public garages, wi-fi, CityNet, the underpinnings of Silicon Beach. He handed out a flyer that included information about how to become more engaged and how to use the information tools. He suggested that residents use the City's website to find out more about these tools. The goal is to provide fiber-optic capabilities throughout Santa Monica. Mr. Wolf can be reached at jory.wolf@smgov.net.
5. The Downtown Specific Plan, from a resident's perspective was presented by Jodi Summers, a member of a working group from the Neighborhood Council. There were handouts available, and the email containing their comments will be distributed to our members .
6. Committee and Council reports:
 - a) Board elections and Jan. 30, 2016 annual meeting. Vice Chair, Evelyn Lauchenauer stated that NOMA Board elections would take place at the Annual meeting on January 30, 2016 at the Aero Theatre. The nominating committee has put together a group of interested NOMA members to run for the Board. (Notice will be given about the slate on the NOMA website before the end of the calendar year.)
 - b) Land Use Committee. Richard Dellamora made a presentation representing the work of the Housing Commission with regard to affordable housing. Housing Commissioner Michael Soloff was present and added some details. The Housing Commission will be providing a draft plan on affordable housing to the City Council by the beginning of 2016.
 - c) Membership. Caryn Marshall reported on a test mailing to solicit more members. Not enough new memberships have been received to yet cover the cost of the mailing.
 - d. NOMA and Council re. San Vicente Blvd. Courtyard Apartments Historic District (SVCAHD) and City Ethics Code. Danilo Bach reported that the NOMA Board had sent letters to the City Council supporting the creation of the SVCAHD and also

asking that the Council wait for the Special Investigators report before considering any change in the ethics standards for city employees.

e. Oaks Initiative news. Nancy Coleman reported that the Transparency Project had settled with Rod Gould regarding his work for a consulting organization upon leaving his employment with the City of Santa Monica. There were several consultant contracts to the same firm that were signed prior to his leaving the city. He agreed to resign from the firm, not work for them until 2017, and pay attorneys fees.

7. Announcements:

a) Some hotels in Santa Monica will have special rates for family members of residents during the holiday season.

b) There will be a week in January for Eat Well in Santa Monica where restaurants will provide healthy meals.

c) Metro Expo Line testing will continue. Watch how you negotiate the crossings around the tracks whether on foot, in a car, or on a bicycle.

8. Public Comment

Marc Minassian announced the start of a new magazine for the westside to cover an area including part of NOMA and an area contiguous to it starting in the spring of 2016. It will only go to the single family homes and is to be delivered on the 10th of the month.

9. Adjournment took place at 8:50

10. The Next NOMA Meeting is the Annual Meeting, January 30, 2016 at the Aero Theatre.

Nancy Coleman, Acting Secretary

Join us for the next NOMA Meeting: Thursday, January 30th for the NOMA Annual Meeting at the Aero Theatre. Light refreshments/social at 2:00, Meeting begins at 2:30 PM