



Minutes - Regular Meeting Thursday, December 5, 2014

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

Main Library

- A. The December 4, 2014 Meeting of the NOMA Board was called to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was present. Attending Board members were: Danilo Bach, Victor Fresco, Albin Gielicz, Jeff Gordon, Todd James, Jane Koehler, Carol Landsberg, and Evelyn Lauchenauer. Meyera Robbins was absent.
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the November 6, 2014 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as written: Todd James- moved; Jeff Gordon- seconded.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Victor Fresco. Current Balance \$7,500 D&O Insurance- \$1,200.
- D. Board Action. Expand the Number of Board Members.

"Section VI.2. Number of Directors. The authorized number of Directors shall be no more than fifteen (15) and no fewer than nine (9) until changed by the Bylaws. The exact number shall be fixed from time to time, as needed, by the Board. Upon creation of one or more new Board positions, the Board shall make interim appointments until the next annual or special membership meeting at which time elections for the Board of Directors are held."

MOTION: To expand the number of Board Members to eleven (11), as provided for in our Bylaws. Todd James moved- Victor Fresco Seconded. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: The appointment of member Caryn Marshall to one of the newly created Board seats, this appointment to extend to election at Annual Meeting on January 24, 2015. The other seat is vacant until a candidate is nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting. Victor Fresco moved; Todd James Seconded. Passed unanimously.

- E. Scott McGee: SM Police Department Neighborhood Resource Officer. There has been an increase in residential burglaries and "crimes of opportunity" .IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING is the best protection. If you have a monitoring service, don't call them. Call the SM Police Department! Things to remember:
- 1) Alarms aren't perfect but they can "harden" your home.
 2. Things placed in a safe are not safe. Don't leave valuables in them. Use a false wall in a closet or some other concealed place.
 3. If you have cameras, point one to the street and one to the alley. Alley is an important point of entry.
 4. French doors are easy targets- easy to break a pane and the alarm may not go off.
 5. Larger panes of glass are better – breaking them makes a big noise.
 6. Don't get contract workers off lists like Emily's List.

- F. Kim O'Cain, Sustainability Analyst, Office of Sustainability and the Environment. After 3 years of very little rain, more than half the state is in severe drought. As a result, the City has called a Stage 2 Water Shortage which calls for a mandatory reduction of

2013 water usage by 20% from every customer. Penalties will be applied- City Council meeting January 13, 2015. Santa Monica provides 11.8 million gallons of drinking water 365 days/year. 40% of this water is imported and 60% is provided by local ground water. The imported water comes from the Colorado River Aqueduct and the State Water Project Contract. SM serves water daily to 92,000 residents, 7,000 businesses, and 200,000 visitors. Customer type water usage is: single family residences=24%; multi-family residences = 43%; commercial use = 28%; landscape = 4% and recycled water = 1%. Typical water use in the home: shower= 16.8%; toilet= 26.7%; faucet = 15.7%; clothes washer= 21.7%; leaks= 13.7%; dishwasher= 1.4%; bath= 1.8%; other domestic= 2.2%. The average home in SM uses 22,440 gallons of water per 60 days with 50% for landscape. The average multi-family residence in SM uses 6,732 gallons per 60 days with 10% going for landscape.

The average indoor water use per person per day is 68 gallons.

General ways to save water: shower under 5 minutes save 23 gal, repair leaks- save 35gal, replace low-flow toilets with WaterSense toilets- save 14 gal, replace top-loading washing machines with Energy Star front loaders- save 31 gal, replace lawns with water-smartplants, drip irrigation and mulch- save 44 gal. The City is also conserving water.

Is you have questions about water conservation, ask Kim O’Cain at (310) 458-8459 or kim.ocain@smgov.net

Information about high-efficiency toilets can be found at:

<http://socalwatersmart.com/index.php/qualifyingproducts/hets/67>

Information about rebate programs can be found at:

<http://socalwatersmart.com/index.php/rebateinfo>

<http://www.smgov.net/departments/ose/rebates/rebates.aspx> Information about SoCal water smart programs, call 888 376-3314 or go to:

http://socalwatersmart.com/images/PDFs/scws_tearpad_current.pdf

- G. Dean Kubani: Director of SM Office of Sustainability and the Environment. The City is looking for no net new water requirements for new development. Development can use only the same amount as was used before in the old building. Penalties are not yet set up. They are being studied and will be presented at the Jan 13, 2015 City Council meeting. There will also be variances that residents can apply for if their circumstances are atypical and need to be customized.
- H. Gil Borboa: City of SM Water Resources Manager. There will be a rate adjustment option for residents. The City Council public hearing and vote on new rates will be held on February 24, 2015 for community input. The sale of water funds the water maintenance system so, as water usage drops, the revenue drops, too. This means water rates must go up to pay for the water maintenance system. The water rate increases will fund: 22% salaries; 24% buying water; 22% capital improvements. New wells, rebates and producing our own water will also come out of revenues. One acre foot +325,850 gallons or 1 football field 1 foot deep in water. Rate adjustment option they will support is 9% in 2015, and 13% in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The adjustments would be applied in January of each year. The 13% allows for full funding for self-sufficiency program goals, improved fund balance position, improved ability to respond to unforeseen conditions, and promotes future funding flexibility. If you have questions about water rates, ask Gil Borboa at (310) 458-8230 or Gil.borboa@smgov.net Web site: smgov.net/water or

http://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/OSE/Categories/Water/Drought_Response_and_Water_Self-Sufficiency_Residential.pdf

I. Reports:

1. Nomination Committee Report- Evelyn Lauchenauer: The election of officers will take place at the Annual meeting- January 24, 2015. Location- the Aero Theater. Let us know if you would like to be on a committee for this event. You will receive information about the candidates in the next few weeks.
2. Land Use Committee: Jane Koehler
 - a. Zoning Ordinance Update (ZOU) Redline review- Jane Koehler
The new Zoning Ordinance Regulations are very important and we need to be sure that our quality of life is maintained. There are numerous proposed changes that will erode what we currently enjoy- if we allow them to be made. Please consider attending the Planning Commission meetings and sending emails to voice your concern about the neighborhoods not being protected.
 - b. Palisades Park- Trainers. Albin Gielicz The year-long program limiting the Trainers in Palisades Park is considered a success. Complains have dropped and some adjustments have been made. Among other things are recommendations for the start of Saturday training sessions be moved from 6AM to 7AM.
 - c. 434 Ocean Ave – DEIR now in progress with release expected soon. NOMA letter opposing demolition submitted. Important, also, to protect the archetypal courtyard apartments on San Vicente from 7th Street to Ocean Ave. The City Council is looking in to an Historic District designation that can be used to protect this collection of garden apartments..

J. Announcements: Danilo Bach

- 1, December 7 – Santa Monica Symphony
2. December 23, SM Hotels program of discounts for residents' out-of-town guests.

K. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Carol Landsberg, Secretary

Join us for the next NOMA Meeting: the Annual Meeting - Saturday, January 24, 2015!