

**North of Montana Association  
Thursday, March 1, 2012, Montana Branch Library  
Minutes**

1. The March NOMA meeting was called to order at 6:45PM. Albin Gielicz, Interim Chairman, began the meeting by introducing board members present - Victor Fresco, Treasurer and Doris Sosin, Emeritus.

Doris introduced two members of the audience, Jim Williams?, former City Manager and Kevin McKeown, City Council member.

The Chair reviewed the agenda, house rules and announced that the February minutes will be posted on [www.smnoma.org](http://www.smnoma.org).

2. Miramar Redevelopment Project, Presentation by MSD Capital
  - Alan Epstein from MSD Capital presented the Miramar Redevelopment project, touching on key points of interest the community. He spoke for 25 minutes.
    - Current Situation
    - Parking
    - Size/massing
    - Affordable housing
    - Open space
    - Congruence with the LUCE

Miramar Redevelopment Project Opponents, Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC)

- Susan Scarafia and Diana Gordon expressed their concerns about the size of the project and how it will impact the neighborhood. They spoke for 25 minutes.
- They stressed that they understand and support the redevelopment of the hotel, but want it to be more human scale and a better transition into the residential neighborhoods

Then each side had about 7 minutes of rebuttal, followed by 15 minutes of questions from the audience.

3. Updates and Announcements
  - February minutes – to be posted on [smnoma.org](http://smnoma.org)
  - Treasurer's Report – Victor asked about the effectiveness of 'flyering' the neighborhood
    - The board voted unanimously to elect Victor Fresco as Treasurer, and to authorize him to have check signing privileges on the NOMA One West account, as well as remove the names from the account of former NOMA chairs Terri Ott and Elizabeth Riel.
  - Neighborhood Council – Albin explained about the upcoming changes in structure and standing
  - Website – Albin gave an update on the work being done to [smnoma.org](http://smnoma.org)
  - 2012 City Newsletter – Albin announced that NOMA was the first to submit their copy to the City and thanks for Pat Bauer and Evelyn Lauchenauer for their contributions.
  - Next Meetings – the group decided to have NOMA meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library . The next meeting is Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

  
Albin Gielicz, Interim Chairman