

North of Montana Association Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2012
Franklin Elementary School

Minutes -- Draft

1. The June NOMA meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. A quorum of the board was present: Attending were: Danilo Bach, Patricia Bauer, Victor Fresco, Albin Gielicz, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, and Evelyn Lauchenauer. Doris Sosin, Mary Jo Stenger.

2. Tricia Crane from the Northeast Neighbors Association introduced Scott McGee and Suzie Kim, SM Police Department Resource Officers who discussed the situation of heightened crime in the northeastern part of the city.

3. Albin Gielicz introduced two other guest speakers:

Caron Block requested a letter be written from NOMA to express our concern that the future use of the building occupied by the Brentwood Art Center at 26th Street and Montana may be incompatible with the neighborhood.

Motion: NOMA write a letter to Zoning Administration expressing our concern that the future use of the building currently occupied by the Brentwood Art Center at 26th Street and Montana may be incompatible with the neighborhood which included Franklin elementary school by Doris Sosin and seconded by Albin Gielicz.

RESOLVED: NOMA will write a letter to Zoning Commission Administration to ask that the request for a continuance be upheld so that there would be time for community input.

David Martin, Santa Monica City Planning Department briefly discussed each of the 21 building projects that are currently in the entitlement process or under construction in the City of Santa Monica. Two key projects are:

The Expo Light Rail, coming to Santa Monica in 2015 or 16, will have 3 stations in the city: Bergamot Station, 17th Street and Colorado, and downtown at 4th Street and Colorado.

LUCE which guides the growth and development of new and existing land use the city for the next 20 years, focusing on development near transit and along major transit corridors.

4. Updates and Announcements:

Unleash the Beach is pushing for a dog beach in Santa Monica. The beach is a state beach so this is not something that can be decided by the City.

5. Minutes: the Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.

6. Reports:

Treasurer: NOMA has approximately \$6,700 in the One West Bank account. We have not opened a second account as yet.

Membership Subcommittee: We have yet to establish this committee and will not take it up during this meeting due to time constraints. The City of Santa Monica neighborhood

associations mailing brought us about 50 new members and \$1,925. Some people paid more than the \$30 asked for membership.

7. Old Business:

NOMA Logo: it is time to replace the original NOMA logo with the most compelling one of five new renderings.

Motion: The new NOMA logo will be the one with the palm and home in the O of NOMA by Danilo Bach and seconded by Victor Fresco. Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: the new NOMA logo is the one with the palm and home in the O of NOMA. Colors inside the O will be used when cost is not an issue.

Fourth of July Parade: The theme of this year's parade is "Science and Technology".

Motion: NOMA will help sponsor the Fourth of July Parade with a donation of \$300. Motion by Albin Gielicz, seconded by Danilo Bach. There aren't enough volunteers to make a float.

RESOLVED: NOMA will help sponsor the Fourth of July Parade with a donation of \$300.

Main Santa Monica US Post Office Closure: NOMA will send a letter to our US Senators and our US Congressman indicating NOMA wants to save it.

Annual Meeting: Albin will call the first day the calendar is available to try to reserve the Martin Luther King Room at the main branch of the SM public library for our Annual Meeting on September 6, 2012. Once a room is secured, we can make plans for speakers, a raffle, food and whatever else we decide we want.

Office of Vice Chair: Evelyn Lauchenauer and Pat Bauer will share the duties of Vice Chair.

8. New Business

Should NOMA join the SM Chamber of Commerce? We will consider this next time.

Should we suggest NOMA members be asked to join the CERT Program Training to become Block Captains for disasters and emergencies? The training is held three Saturdays in August and three Saturdays in October.

9. Next meeting will be held on July 5, 2012 at 7 PM at the Montana Branch Library.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Carol Landsberg, Secretary