



Minutes

Regular Meeting Thursday, October 4, 2012, 7- 9 pm Montana Branch Library

1. The October meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. A quorum was present. Attending were: Albin Gielicz, Danillo Bach, Patricia Bauer, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Victor Fresco, Doris Sosin, and Mary Jo Stenger. No one was absent.
2. Minutes: the Minutes for the September 10, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written.
3. Albin Gielicz introduced our guests; Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks Suzie Kim, Crime Prevention Coordinator, and Scott McGee, our Neighborhood Resource Officer. Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, our guest speaker, discussed changes coming to the SMPD. The footprint of the City is changing and the SMPD must change to accommodate it. Development and the light rail will be bringing an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 people into the City. It's estimated 38% increase in tourism in the coming years and the SMPD is planning to respond with smart and thoughtful programs. There are 454 people in the department- 53% of them are civilians and 216 are police officers with approximately 60 of them patrol officers. Some of the changes that have been made:
 - a. The number of Neighborhood Resource Officers has been reduced from 6 to 4
 - b. The number of Homeless Liaison Officers has been reduced from 6 to 4.
 - c. A Crime Impact Team has been created with 8 officers assigned.
 - d. Right now officers work a 3-day 12 hour schedule. This will change to a 4-day, 10 hour a day schedule in January 2013.

Crime- there has been an increase in property crime- much is opportunistic. This increase has been driven, in part, by the decisions regarding prison realignment at the state level which is putting more inmates back on the streets.

Response time is one way residents measure the efficiency and effectiveness of the department.

SM rents helicopters when there is a known need, but sometimes crime happens and neighboring agencies that have a helicopter nearby will come over to help. There used to be about 10,000 homeless in SM, but now, due to effective social service and reintegrate with family programs there are approximately 3,500. If problems with homeless persons, it is important to contact the department.

4. Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: We took in \$210 in membership dues and our expenses were \$578.41 (NOMA banner- \$144.21; DreamMedia website services were \$259.20 and Squirm night sponsorship was \$175.) We have 175 memberships now.
- Neighborhood Council :
 - Lincoln Blvd- There are 3 things happening along Lincoln Blvd. SM now has control over all of Lincoln Blvd. South of the freeway will be repaved, a travel lane for busses during peak traffic times will be added and there will be new street-scaping. There will be community outreach before the plan for the Blvd is developed.
 - Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) - SM does not have a trip tax fee in place for trips generated by the additional traffic that comes from development projects. This is being considered as a way to raise funds to implement ways to mitigate this extra traffic. If such a tax is implemented, there should be a significant rock-solid fee. And this fee should carry with it the stipulation that it is to be reevaluated or indexed on a regular basis and adjusted as mitigation of traffic becomes more expensive.
 - Wilmington- City Council member Kevin McKeown attends to give input from the Council. The NC is an informal group comprised of several people from each of the 8 neighborhood groups who meet once a month to discuss mutual concerns. Since it is not a formal entity, it is inadvisable for the NC to take a stand on issues. It was considering asking the factions of the Wilmington Board to settle their differences, but not enough organizations had considered the issue. The disputed situation within Wilmington has had a negative effect on the City's relationship with all the neighborhood groups.
 - Transparency Project - headed by Mary Marlow, it was organized to track the flow of money coming into and out of the campaigns of individual candidates in our local election. Each neighborhood group might consider putting a link to the Project reports on our web sites so our residents have easy access to this information. We can also direct our residents to a blog in the SM Patch detailing funding for Councilmember campaigns.
- Urban Forest Task Force: is a body of 7 members headed by Walt Warriner (310) 458-8974 or walter.warriner@smgov.net. It is an advisory body that advises SM Staff about our urban forest: capital projects, street tree species selection, refinements to the Heritage Tree educational program, funding/grant funding, LUCE implementation and evaluating Master Plan progress reports for the urban forest project. Trees are one of our greatest sources of environmental health in the City. There is currently one vacancy. Contact Mr. Warriner if you are interested of go to www.smgov.net/portals/urbanforest/content.aspx?id=16692 . People can also sign up at the web site to receive emails about the urban forest.
- House of Rock: this is a landmarked house formally owned by Kathryn Grayson that was bought and renovated so that it could regularly host big events- some for charity. 47 Neighbors went to the CC meeting and asked the Council to stop the large, noisy gatherings that constituted a safety hazard on the narrow street because fire and police vehicles could not get through. Council voted 7-0 to put an ordinance in place. There was some concern that the ordinance would block other gatherings.

- Sustainability: Santa Monica has an Office of Sustainability and the Environment. It is responsible for developing and implementing policy initiatives that promote local environmental, economic, and social sustainability and integrating resource management, conservation, and sustainability practices with ongoing City operations. They are also regulatory- includes collection of hazardous materials and waste site cleanup, consumer awareness, ozone-depleting compounds, water conserving plumbing fixtures, urban runoff management, leaf blowers, plastic bags and non-recyclable food service containers.

Also, it runs of the Solar Santa Monica program, offers water efficiency programs to residents and businesses, provides assistance for all aspects of green building, and provides sustainability training to residents, students and businesses. It manages the Household and Small Business Hazardous Waste program for the safe recycling and disposal of hazardous wastes.

As for a sustainability grade- Santa Monica received a “B” for performance and an “:A” for effort.

5. Old Business:

- NOMA Bylaws: after further discussion of the third draft of the new Bylaws, the Board concluded that they give us the means by which our goal of being a vibrant and vital organization, advocating on behalf of our community issues and needs. Pat Bauer moved that we accept the third draft of the new bylaws as the official NOMA Bylaws and Doris Sosin seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous consent. Thank you Pat.

RESOLVED: The NOMA Board of Directors has adopted the Bylaws as amended.

- The Squirm Night Candidate Forum sponsored by the Daily Press. All the neighborhood groups have been asked to participate in Squirm Night Candidate Forum sponsored by the Daily Press. Sponsorship allows us to have our NOMA Banner and membership materials at the Forum. Passed by unanimous consent.
RESOLVED VIA EMAIL: NOMA will pay \$175 to be an official sponsor of the Daily Press Squirm Night scheduled for October 15 at the Main library.

6. NOMA Annual Meeting: it will be a 3-hour meeting on a Thursday in January, but not January 3 because it is too close to the holidays. We will have our election of Board members, speakers, and refreshments. We need to establish a Nominating Committee this month.

7. Change of status of Interim Chair: Albin Gielicz has done a wonderful job as NOMA Interim Chair and should become our Chair. Thank you Albin.

Motion: Mary Jo Stenger moved that Albin Gielicz become the Chair on NOMA. Seconded by Dori Sosin and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLVED: ALBIN GIELICZ is elected CHAIR of NOMA by unanimous vote.

8. Squirm Night Questions: Will do via email- lack of time
9. CERT Training update: Tabled until next meeting due to lack of time
10. Future Agenda Items: Will do via email- lack of time
11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

Carol Landsberg, Secretary