

## MINUTES OF NOMA MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

Montana Branch Library

6:30-7:00 - SOCIAL

7:04 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Board members and quorum present: Danilo Bach, Phillis Dudick, Todd James, Victor Fresco, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Jim Williams, and Derek Devermont; members absent: Ann Greenspun, Jeff Gordon., Jeff Brecht, Sonya Sultan, Steve Lissik, Nancy Coleman; vice-chair Bach presiding in absence of vacationing chair.

- 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 1 MEETING (motion by Evelyn, seconded by Victor)
- 2 TREASURER'S REPORT (VICTOR) - \$11,700 currently with no outstanding bills.
- 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS: COAST festival, Sept. 15; Coastal Clean-Up Day Sept. 21 with Heal the Bay or SM Conservancy; member Bob Posek on City Council meeting Sept. 21 and agenda item on R-1 modifications.
- 4 LANDMARKING OF HISTORICAL PROPERTIES IN SM – Landmarks commissioner Ruth Shari informed members of new first-ever informational brochure now available, though in limited supply. Role and importance of city's historic property inventory also noted. Copies of brochure were distributed, including a few for NOMA Board.
- 5 NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME AND SAFETY REPORT – Suzie Lockwood, our Beat 4 Resource Officer was joined by Officer Stefanie Tovar who is helping with our neighborhood during Officer Peter Lashley's medical leave. Report on recent daylight residential burglary on 10<sup>th</sup> St. Lesson to keep burglar alarm on at all times, if home so equipped (and this home was), even when going out for brief errands. Also mentioned two car break-ins. Member Leslie Butchko requested answers to questions about the lack of urgency, interest and follow-through shown by the department when she reported the recent theft of her bicycle from her garage. An apology was offered if that was the case. NRO Lockwood also cautioned against allowing crimes of opportunity (unlocked and window open). Reminded us of SMPD's standing offer of free home security check for homeowners; contact her to schedule (suzie.lockwood@smgov.net).
- 6 CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HOME-SHARE REGULATIONS – Code Supervisor Armando Rangel and Administrative Assistant Denise Smith. Discussion of situation at 710 Adelaide Place of residence (a city landmark, no less) and its operation effectively as a hostel, its violations presented, and what to do about this and similar challenges to the stability of our city's residential (R-1) neighborhoods. Smith says solving abuses of

home-share is like whack-a-mole. A corrective ordinance to be presented at Sept. 10 City Council meeting and resident comment is sought; the ordinance to be available on city's website (smgov.net) tomorrow. Discussion of other kinds of home rental (owner required on premises and no rental advertising of it allowed) continued with Smith and Rangel and among members, and in spirited q&a, opinions were expressed on desirability of home-share to homeowners and on what is required and allowed under the current ordinance.

- 7 TWITTER – Board member Evelyn Lauchenauer announces that NOMA is now on Twitter: @SMNOMA90402 and with Board member Jeff Brecht's help tweeting, it is up and running. Participate now for NOMA communications and news.
- 8 PUBLIC COMMENT – Laurie Delgado from EthicsMedia re the problem of elder abuse and the need to know of the state's Elder Abuse Law and the added provisions of SB1191. "The Guardians" is a film about the issue and Ms Delgado expresses a wish to show its trailer during Public Comment at our next meeting
- 9 ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Evelyn, second by Victor; adjournment at 8:31 pm.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT THE MONTANA BRANCH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM AND WILL FEATURE A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT PROPOSED ON CITY PROPERTY AT ARIZONA AVENUE AND 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> STREETS KNOWN AS "THE PLAZA AT SANTA MONICA."