



Minutes – Annual Meeting Saturday, January 24, 2015

Social- 2-2:30; Meeting 2:30-5 PM

Aero Theater

- A. The January 24, 2015 Annual Meeting of the NOMA Board was called to order at 2:40 PM. A quorum was present. Attending were all current Board members: Danilo Bach, Nancy Coleman, Victor Fresco, Albin Gielicz, Jeff Gordon, Todd James, Jane Koehler, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Caryn Marshall, and Meyera Robbins.
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as written: Victor Fresco- moved; Jeff Gordon- seconded.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Victor Fresco. In 2014 we took in \$8,000 and spent \$7,000. The current balance is about \$4,500.
- D. SM Civic Working Group Task Force.-Status Report. Nina Fresco- Chair: The SM Civic Auditorium was built by Welton Becket - opened in 1958. It was the site of Academy Awards, Stairway to the Stars, SM Symphony. Had to be closed in June 2013 due to funding issues - needed to rehab the facility- deferred maintenance on technical aspects. City wasn't a professional venue operator and the Civic it began to run at a deficit.
What to do now?
Hired Urban Land Institute- retain the Auditorium, but very expensive to restore.
City formed Task Force to:
- study possible uses for the Civic and the land around it
 - present details for public comment and review
 - generate the next steps with resident input
- Generate the next steps: a working group – extensive research as to cost, creative ideas. Interactive software program to experiment with ideas, models, costs and ways of funding. **PUBLIC WORKSHOP- JANUARY 31 and FEBRUARY 1 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM both days.** This is on line, too: Go to **santamonicacivic.org** to access this program, create options on input.
- E. Crime and Safety Report: Officer, Marilyn Amiache: Residential burglaries continue as “crimes of opportunity” .IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING is the best protection a neighborhood can have- watch for strangers and call if they look suspicious. You must lock windows, doors, and side gates- and cars- even if it is hot. Homes under construction are also being burglarized- worker's tools and materials are being taken as well as things left in the structure. There's also window smashers. Also, men posing as magazine salesmen are checking to see if people are home, then try doors if there's no answer. Permits are required for this kind of solicitation, but the best practice is to call out through the door that you are not interested. There was one burglary with entrance through a “doggie door”.

Bikes: there is a bike ordinance in place now. Bikes are to follow the vehicle code. They are not permitted on sidewalks.

If there's a specific area where chronic vehicle or bike violations occur, notify her Marilyn.amiache@smgov.net or Scott.McGee@smgov.net or his cell is 424 200 0685

F. Jennifer Simmons: Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

The City has called a Stage 2 Water Shortage which calls for a mandatory reduction of 2013 water usage by 20% or penalties. Water barrels will be on sale on Saturday, Jan 31, 2015 with rebates. There are on-line resources for residents.

There is also a Survey of water usage residents can have conducted. Go to gov.net/water Rebates up to \$5,000 for changing out your lawn- Artificial turf is not included in the rebate program. If you want to do this, get application on the web site and take photos before you start the project. If you see water violations, contact code violations at 310 458-4984 with the type of violation, photo, address, time, and date. Water hoses with a shut off can be used any time. If you see a violation, call Joe Trujillo, Manager, Code Enforcement 310 458-4984 ex 5367.

It is possible there will be more rebates in March. For information go to:

<http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/water.aspx>:http://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/OSE/Categories/Water/Drought_Response_and_Water_Self-Sufficiency_Residential.pdf

Other resources are:

<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. Council members and residents in NOMA serving the City: Danilo Bach

Sue Himmelrich- City Council member as of the last election. Her door is always open.

Call, email sue.himmelrich@smgov.net If you have an issue you care about, research it and come to her. Says we should wait to build until after the EXPO arrives to see the consequences. She wants to see adaptive reuse for affordable housing.

Gleam Davis- City Council member- did not attend. She was out of town.

H. Commissioners serving the City who are residents of NOMA: Danilo Bach

Margaret Bach- Chair, Landmarks Commission

Phil Brock- Chair, Recreation and Parks Commission

Virginia Coles- Personnel Board

Albin Gielicz- Recreation and Parks Commissioner and Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Gerda Newbold- Planning Commissioner

RoseMary Regalbuto- Convention and Business Bureau

Michael Soloff- Housing Commissioner

Alan Toy- Recreation and Parks Commissioner

I. Election: Danilo Bach Monitored by The SM League of Women Voters: Parliamentarian, Barbara Inatsugu and Joanne Levitt. Seven candidates were elected: six for 2-year terms Danilo Bach, Jeff Gordon, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer, and Caryn Marshall. Nancy Coleman, appointed to the Board on December 14, 2014, was elected for a 1-year term. Danilo Bach read the Bylaws governing Election of Board

Members. He explained Green cards for Yes; Red cards for No – to be found in the membership packets given out at the door. Vote: Unanimous vote for the slate.

- J. Resident concerns/priorities to take to the City Council and for NOMA to explore: Evelyn Lauchenauer: Questions and comments were gathered from cards written by members at the meeting:
1. Water conservation, allotted amounts, penalties, new project requirements and 100,000 visitors/day using the water. What happened to the 68 gal per person? If there's a water shortage, then why consider any development? How can the City achieve stated goal of water self-sufficiency by 2020 with the total water usage going up?
 2. CA Incline closure traffic: NOMA Feb 5 meeting will highlight this issue. Engineer of project will speak. Q & A.
 3. Bike Share Program: untested for-profit company has SM contract. Logistics, cost, placement of racks, insurance, helmets to be decided. Walk-around to see placements- sign up in lobby today to attend walk around or go on line to share thoughts. Web site is:
<http://smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Programs/Santa-Monica-Bike-Share/>
 4. What is the status of the courtyard, garden apartments District?
 5. Suggestion for a sign at Adelaide and 7th to keep the intersection clear so residents living on Adelaide can get out.
 6. Why select narrow streets for the bike routes; too difficult to share lanes.
 7. Interaction with the SM Police- accountability – an independent method of review.
 8. Big Blue Bus service to connect Montana and San Vicente and the rest of the NOMA neighborhood.
- K. The year past issues: Danilo Bach: The last election brought about a change in the City. NOMA needs your input now about the livability of the City- a serious concern. The rise of Residocracy has made an impact. The Zoning Code Update includes many changes that are not what residents want. NOMA residents need to email and attend Planning Commission and City Council meetings to let their voices be heard. Issues of Montana Ave, the overlay districts to preserve the courtyard garden apartments, fire department staffing, 419-423 Ocean landmark are a few of the areas of continuing concern. We have fun, too: 4th of July Parade- join us.
- L. Search for the new City Manager. Danilo Bach: City Manager Rod Gould has retired. Elaine Polachek is the City's Interim Manager during the search. We have until Monday Jan 26 to give input at the City web site smgov.net or call Lisa Mills- 949 678-9919. Suggested questions for candidates may be submitted before the City Council considers candidates in February.
- M. Public Comment: Civic Center Workshop next weekend, Smart, Make Music Day, fire Department, Disabled Advocacy Group- meet with LA Mayor regarding condition of sidewalks and streets.
- N. Announcements: Danilo Bach:
January 28- Homeless count- 10:30 PM until 2:30 AM- St Monica's is the start point.
Jan 31- Feb 1 mornings- Civic Auditorium Workshop- 9:30- to 1:30 SM Civic East Room

February 5- next NOMA meeting- Montana Branch Library- California Incline closure, Residocracy, water.

O. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM, after which the 1959 movie "Where the Mountains Meet the Sea" was shown.

Carol Landsberg, Secretary

Join us for the next NOMA Meeting- our next meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2015!