

Minutes - Regular Meeting Thursday, November 5, 2015
Social- 6:30; Meeting 7-8:55 PM
Montana Branch Library

1. The November 5, 2015 meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. A quorum was present.
Attending Board members were: Danilo Bach, Nancy Coleman, Victor Fresco, Jeff Gordon, Todd James, Jane Koehler, Evelyn Lauchenauer, and Caryn Marshall. and Meyera Robbins. Albin Gielicz was absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the October 1, 2015 meeting. The Minutes were unanimously approved as written. Meyera Robbins - moved; Evelyn Lauchenauer – seconded.
3. Report: Victor Fresco. We are holding at about \$7,400.
4. Stacy Yamato-Jasmin, Tom Jasmin discussed the Expo Line's arrival. There will be gates at some of the Santa Monica street crossings and simply flashing lights at others. Pedestrians, those on bikes and those in cars need to heed the no left turn signs and the signals. The Expo will be going through several types of testing over the next several months which include running a full schedule of train cars on the lines throughout the day. There will be security cameras at every stop and on all train cars. The train will run from 5am to 1am Sunday through Thursday and 5am to 2 or 2:30 am Friday and Saturday. Along Colorado Ave. the train will run about 30 miles per hour. The regular fare will be \$1.75 and allow passengers to transfer between the train lines and the buses within a two-hour period. The material presented can be found on the website *metro.net/safety*.
5. Lt. Dan Hunske from the SMPD is in charge of safety in Santa Monica. He will be coordinating with the LA County Metro Sheriff who will have a sub-station in the 4th St. Terminal
6. The Esplanade and Incline Updates - Andrew Maximous, SM Traffic and Engineering answered questions about these two projects. The Esplanade is almost complete on the southern side of Colorado so traffic will be moved to the southern side so that work can continue. It is expected that work will be complete at the time of the opening of the Expo. The California Incline is a bit behind because of a decision to redo one of the pedestrian overpasses. Initially these were not going to be done at the same time but the City decided to do them together since a later modernization of the pedestrian overpass would shut down the Incline a later date causing an additional closure.
7. Council response to our request to review the Elizabeth Riel hiring/firing. In a unanimous vote, the City Council agreed to set up an independent review of this process. The issue is now- Who is the reviewer? The Council will chose an outside investigator at its November 10th.

8. Committee Reports:

NOMA E-newsletter- Evelyn Lauchenauer: NOMA will email our 2-page e-newsletter in the next few weeks to update members on what NOMA is doing. It will include remarks made by Rick Cole, new City Manager, at the September NOMA meeting and information on affordable housing.

1. Announcements: Danilo Bach

- a. 500 Broadway Development Agreement (Fred Segal site) Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) now on the City web site for review and comment until November 12, 2015
- b. Crime information event- Brentwood Country Club- Nov 11.
- c. The Landmarks Commission will be deciding whether to recommend to Council the designation of the San Vicente Courtyard Historic District.
- d. Volunteers were requested for the January NOMA Annual Meeting
- e. If any NOMA members would like to serve on the Board they were asked to identify themselves to a current board member.

2. Public Comment: NOMA member Jule Lamm: we need to have term limits for our City Council members and residents need to be able to vote for the Mayor directly. Jule circulated a sign-up sheet to get this movement started.

3. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Nancy Coleman, Acting Secretary

Join us for the next NOMA Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Montana Branch Library: Light refreshments/social at 6:30, Meeting begins at 7 PM