



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2012, 7- 9 pm
Montana Branch Library

1. The August meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was present. Attending were: Albin Gielicz, Danillo Bach, Patricia Bauer, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer and Victor Fresco. Mary Jo Stenger and Doris Sosin were absent.
2. Albin Gielicz introduced our guest speakers from the City of Santa Monica:
Beth Rolandson, Principal Transportation Planner (310) 458-8298
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Sam Morrissey, City Traffic Engineer (310) 458-8955
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Judi Masuda, Transportation Demand Program Manager (310) 458-2241
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Suzie Kim, Santa Monica Police Department discussed the Santa Monica Police Department celebration of America's National Night Out Against Crime to be held Tuesday August 7, 2012 in the Civic Center parking lot from 6- 8 PM. There will be food trucks, a rock climbing wall, entertainment, and safety information. There have been two attempted auto burglaries in our area. Alert neighbors called police and the burglars were apprehended.
3. Minutes: the Minutes for the July 3, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written.
4. Verizon Tower: There have been complaints about the site for another Verizon cell tower at San Vicente and 7th Street and one of the NOMA neighbors has circulated a petition against it collecting over 50 signatures. The City is awaiting a report from Mr. de Vinck, the Supervising Civil Engineer for the City of SM. The towers are in the right-of-way so it is not a City jurisdiction. Currently, there are already at least 7 wireless tower facility sites in the NOMA area with applications for 3 more- one of which is the 7th and San Vicente site. The NOMA resident petitioners are concerned about health hazards. NOMA will not take a position on this issue.
5. Reports:

Treasurer: NOMA has 103 new members and about \$8,000 in our account. We have expenses of \$650 for the outside CPA to reinstate us with the IRS and we have to pay the IRS an unknown amount.

Montana Art Walk: NOMA had a table on the corner of Montana and 10th Street on Saturday. We got a few new names and addresses, and one new member as a result of this outreach. A great number of people who came by weren't from our area. The cookies were the main attraction for the passersby.

Neighborhood Meetings

Neighborhood Council:

- The CERT people did not make their presentation.
- Changes to the neighborhood newsletters mailed out by the City in 2013.
 - Return addresses will be to the PO Boxes for each neighborhood group rather than to City Hall.
- There are approximately 3,600 residents in downtown SM and some want to be recognized as a separate group. They will need 50 people to attend a meeting to do so.
- Main Post Office: write to express our opposition to its closing.
- Kevin McKeown stated that besides the ethical problems of letting vulnerable senior homeowners be evicted for development through discretionary action of the City Council, the Village Trailer Park

decision will have possible implications citywide. A precedent here would mark the first time in half a century that Santa Monica removed residential zoning protection for a neighborhood, and allowed displacement of homeowners.

- Forums for City Council candidates are already set by some groups:
 - "Squirm Night"- Oct 15 at 6 PM at the Main Library sponsored by the Daily Press
 - The Candidate Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of SM at 7 PM at the Main Library
 - Candidate Forum focused on SM Airport Issues- Sept 13 at 6 PM 3200 Ocean Park Blvd sponsored by CRAAP.
 - "Hometown Forum" Oct 10 at 7 PM at Main Library sponsored by the Santa Monica Mirror
 - Neighborhood groups can help the election process most by creating in depth questions for the candidates at these forums.
 - Lincoln Blvd: the work you will see being done on Lincoln South of the freeway is not the revitalization. It is needed street repair.
 - We need a site specific area plan.
6. Old Business: Updating the Bylaws: Now that NOMA has been reactivated, the Bylaws set at inception in the 90's, can be modified to take into account the needs of our residents' at this time. We began going through the revisions Pat has suggested one sentence at a time with input from members. NOMA's email list is not to be used for campaigns, but it can be used to send out information regarding candidate forums. NOMA cannot take a position on candidates- only issues.
7. New Business: none discussed
8. Next meeting set for September 10, 2012 at 7 PM in the Martin Luther King room at the Main Library. Diana Gordon from Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC) will be our speaker.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Carol Landsberg, Secretary