



## Minutes

**Monday, September 10, 2012**

**Martin Luther King Auditorium, Main Library**

1. The September NOMA meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were: Albin Gielicz, Danillo Bach, Patricia Bauer, Victor Fresco, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer and Mary Jo Stenger. Absent was Doris Sosin.
2. The Minutes for August 2, 2012 were approved as written by unanimous vote.
3. Albin Gielicz introduced guest speaker for Part 3 of NOMA's series on "Development in Santa Monica" Diana Gordon of Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC). Using the slide show presented at the June meeting of NOMA by David Martin (SM Planning Department), Diana discussed the continuing flow of applications for development that exceed zoning restrictions- more of them in the pipeline now than in the last 30 years combined. She described SMCLC's view of Good Governance as the ability of residents/community groups to demand greater accountability, fairness, and responsiveness from the city officials, employees, and service providers. Residents have a responsibility to be engaged in and monitor government actions in the zoning and Development Agreements planning process so that superior projects that meet true community needs/values get approved and developed. The three basic principles of Good Governance in City Planning identified by SMCLC are: Participation, Transparency and Accountability.
  - Participation: providing citizens with equal access to decision makers and at key meetings and incorporating their ideas into decisions; providing citizens a means by which they can challenge government explanations or actions.
  - Transparency: providing citizens with the free flow of relevant information to understand decisions and policies.
  - Accountability: providing a means by which citizens can monitor and hold public officials responsible for their conduct as our representatives for: obeying the rules (such as the LUCE), serving the interests of the public in an efficient, fair and reasonable manner, and making decisions with integrity- not tainted by conflicts of interest such as with developers and/or having hidden agendas.
4. Albin Gielicz introduced two more guest speakers Ted Winterer and Elizabeth Stearns who discussed the School Board Measure that will be on our ballot in November- Excellent Schools (ES). Public education in California is facing severe underfunding. This Measure will address technology, safety, and help recondition our aging facilities. The academic focus of the Measure is STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The class of 2012 is the 100<sup>th</sup> class to graduate from SAMO High that means it has buildings that are 100 years old and not safe.
5. Reports:
  - Treasurer: NOMA has a balance of about \$8,400 in our account. This month NOMA had expenses of \$200.
  - Bylaws: we will present the work we have done on our Bylaws next month.
  - Closure of Main Post Office: Many individuals and city organizations have challenged the decision to close it on procedural grounds and Henry Waxman has also asked for reconsideration.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2012 at the Montana Branch Public Library.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Carol Landsberg, Secretary