

NOMA meeting Minutes 3/4/21 Via Zoom

The monthly NOMA meeting began at 7:03 pm, by Chair, Nancy Coleman. 32 members in attendance. Board Members included: Danilo Bach, Ann Greenspun, Jeff Brecht, Jeff Gordon, Victor Fresco, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Jim Williams, Robert Posek, Patrick Sarkissian, Elizabeth Lerer, Phillis Dudick. Absent: Todd James, Sonya Sultan, and Steve Lissik.

Announcements:

- *The Carlthorp School CUP issues will be heard at City Council meeting March 29.
- *Nancy requested to please take the city transportation survey, no matter what mode you use.
- *There are two lanes marked for bikers, on Ocean Ave, south of San Vicente, and it has increased car traffic/back up at the CA Incline. It was suggested this matter should be brought to city officials (City Manager) and talk to residents before permanent ground markers instituted.

Treasurer's Report:

Victor Fresco reported there is \$13,200 in the NOMA account.

Susan Cline, Acting City Manager:

Ms. Cline oversees vaccinations, city re-opening and budget process, coordinated departments, and EDD.

Vaccine: over 17,000 received vaccine in SM (first dose), Covid cases: 4,359, deaths 150. 80 million vaccinated in US. New tier, underlying health issues age 16 and up, starts March 15. Apply to Myturn.CA.gov or VaccinateLACounty.com

Question: Will SM be a vaccination site? No, our vaccination rate is high (20%), East LA (10%) and vaccine supply too variable.

Tiers mandated by state, county supersede city tier. Long Beach, 500,000 population, has its own health department as does Pasadena. It would be too expensive for our city to afford its own, we contract with LA. The tier system is slowly being implemented.

She will update us regarding stats on homeless vaccinations.

Sue Himmelrich, City Mayor

We pay money to county, includes health department, we've had contract since 1986.

Sue's goals are: affordable housing, transparency and progressive ideas that are fiscally responsible.

Re-do of boards and commissions: She would like robust boards and commissions with economic, age, and ethnic diversity. Government should not be an insider game. A real democracy, can't be real estate developers who don't live here. We are sorely lacking in different voices and independent people.

May 31 incident in SM, report update, perhaps in April.

Question: Restore neighborhood newsletter communications, at least once/year, from neighborhood groups to residents, PENDING: city council to vote by June 30.

Code enforcement questions: the mayor gets comments on both sides of issues, hard to get involved since it is the role of the city, not city council. There are 13 bargaining groups (unions) in the city.

City Manager search update: Lamont Ewell looking for possible candidates, a brochure mentions we are looking for someone with experience with government and unions. The city manager hires the police chief, perhaps completing by May.

Suzie Lockwood: NRO, Police Department

Presented an update on **Part 1 crimes** in March. Theft of many auto parts, especially catalytic converters, (takes only 60 seconds to remove), their value is in precious metals, esp. rhodium (\$2500/oz), gold and platinum. Police sponsored Etch and Catch event sold out in March. It will take place at Firestone on Lincoln Blvd. Etch and fluorescent spray is used to deter stealing converters. Better protection is a shield or cage. Santa Monica residents get a discount.

Some other incidents: some criminals ask for directions, and say they can't hear, ask you to come closer, then snatch jewelry.

Suzie and Elizabeth from **Wilmont** working on positive changes at **Reed Park**.

Pepper spray: Susie suggested to try a small amount on yourself to make sure you are not allergic before using it. Also, **carry a whistle**, criminals don't want attention drawn to themselves.

Some people didn't see their crimes listed on Part 1 crimes, Suzie will follow up and report.

Others thought their crimes weren't reported. She said to ask officers to report. Any issues follow up with her at www.suzie.lockwood@smgov.net.

Nancy: upcoming SB9 and SB10 Bills

See notes on NOMA website for devastating effects on R1 neighborhoods.

There is NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING mentioned in these bills. Market rate values may increase, inflation in land values. These proposals will fall on cities to fund, they decrease greenery, parking, space, and underlying social entities. **This overrides local zoning.** This is required in job and transportation rich communities, which most of Santa Monica is in. The potential result is up to as many as 10 units/lot in R1 neighborhoods. **This proposal overrides all local zoning.**

Concerned neighbors are encouraged to write to our legislative representatives and also in the legislative portal. Instructions will be posted on the NOMA website. It is encouraged to have groups meet with our appointed legislators: Senator Ben Allen and Assembly member Richard Bloom. An initiative to overturn is prohibitively expensive.

It was suggested that NOMA print and send out flyers with SB 9 and SB10 information. With about 5200 residents and a data base of 460, it was suggested to print flyers and utilize technology to get the word out to our residents. There was an initial estimate the cost would be about \$500 to print and \$775 to deliver flyers via Walking Man to houses. The motion to approve printing and delivery was made by Danilo Bach and seconded by Victor Fresco. The vote was approved by eight board members. No dissensions heard.

Meeting ended at 9:06 pm.

Submitted by Ann Greenspun, NOMA board member