

NOMA Member Meeting
August 2, 2018

- I. Board members in attendance: Nancy, Danilo, Evelyn, Jeff B, Jeff G, Jane, Sonya, Todd, Phillis, and Jim.
- II. Call to order by Nancy
- III. Welcome to NOMA
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Come join us for National Night Out in Ken Genser Square
 1. Next Tuesday 530pm-8pm
 - B. Vision Zero Meeting
 1. Monday the 6th in SMI training room in 4th Street garage across from city hall
 - C. Master Plan presentation by Parks and Recreation August 25th 9am-12pm in the Civic Auditorium
- V. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2018
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Local Coastal Plan: Liz Bar-EI, Senior Planner & Jing Yeo, Planning Manager
 - A. Coastal Commission (California Coastal Act of 1976) has had control over the coast throughout California. South part of town Lincoln to the ocean. North part of town 4th Street to the ocean.
 1. Originally required a Local Coastal Plan, Santa Monica does not have a certified one to this day.
 - B. Current proposal would give Santa Monica the ability to make decisions independent of the Coastal Commission.
 1. Coastal Development Project would be reviewed by:
 - a) LUP - Land Use Plan
 - b) IP - Implementation Plan
 2. Policy will be based on:
 - a) Public access to the beach, environmental protection, response to anticipated sea level rise, protection of unique resources and views, a plan that incorporates the city's progressive policies
 - (1) Question from Nancy - how does this policy address the erosion of the bluffs relating to development and erosion? Answer: Bluff stabilization is something that has been in place for decades. A variety of strategies have been implemented. Local Coastal Plan includes requirements for new developments.
 - (2) Question from a member - When you get a permit to build, do you have to conduct an analysis that reviews impact to the bluffs? Answer: Yes. In hazard areas, there are additional requirements.
 - b) Provide Access: Focus on multi-modal mobility for increased access. Proposes policies consistent with current land use policies. (e.g. Current downtown building does not require additional parking, this plan will not either).
 - c) Coastal Recreation: Priority to provide recreational opportunities. Ensures that temporary events do not close off the beach to the public. Encourages lower cost accommodations to make the area accessible at various socioeconomic levels. The city will explore ways to have lower cost accommodations. Home-sharing prohibition is included, but the city will explore allowing it?

- (1) Question from Phillis - Is home-sharing the same as Airbnb? Answer: No. The owner has to be in the unit while it is being rented.
- d) Coastal Hazards/ Sea Level Rise: Monitor over time. Minimize beach erosion is the priority. Restrictions on new development in SLR hazard areas. Sea level rise is not going to damage Santa Monica as much as other areas (e.g. Venice, Malibu).
- (1) Question from member - Do we have policies about adding sand? Answer: Yes. We are already trying strategies like sand dunes.
- e) Environmental Quality/Protection: Avoiding disturbing endangered species' habitats. Native landscaping is required - avoid invasive species. Require best management practices for construction & new development to avoid polluting the ocean.
- f) Scenic and Visual Resources: Scenic corridors & vantage points incorporated into LUP. New development will be compatible with existing visual character. Require landscaping and avoid walls that impact scenic views. Minimize light pollution.
- g) Cultural Resources: Consideration for archeological and paleontological resources. Consulting Native American tribal groups. Special consideration to cultural landscapes of Palisades Park and City Hall to maintain their features, including palm trees that are considered invasive.
- h) New Developments: Establishes districts compatible with City General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Specific land use standards as appropriate to ensure access to coastal and recreational resources for all. There is no public vote in this matter.
- (1) Question from member - What are the development plans? Answer: The plan is not introducing anything new in terms of development.
- (2) Question from member - Is development discretion moving from CCC to LUP? Why is the city seeking more control? Answer: Nothing will change until the city has an Implementation Plan. LUP is like a general plan. IP is like a zoning ordinance.
- (3) Comment from Sonya - I am concerned that the city will no longer have the protection requirements for beach development. Response: The city will be held to standards that the coastal commission approves. Coastal protection will still be in effect.
- (4) Question from Richard - The coastal commission's positions are ambiguous. The governor has added pressure to increase development. The coastal commission is the final line of defense in coastal development. Do we really want to reduce these protections? Answer: There will be a public hearing in October.
- (5) Question from Nancy - The Shore Hotel in lieu payment which skirts the rules indicates that Santa Monica will not uphold the rules. Why should we accept that the city will do the right thing? Answer: Let's not focus on the Shore Hotel issue.
- (6) Question from Jeff - Does this give the city more control over development? Answer: It streamlines the permit process. The coastal commission approves our guidelines then the city approves permits based on these guidelines.
- (7) Question from member - It seems that these codes are not being enforced, how do we plan to enforce these rules? Answer unknown.

- (8) Comment from member - We are expressing concern with the city's plans and you (the city) are not receptive to our concerns. You should be receptive to these concerns. Response: I apologize if I have been confrontational. I have tried to explain the details of this policy.
- (9) Comment from Jule - If you could put in writing what can and can not be done under this policy, that would be helpful. For example, how is this plan, in its current iteration, going to affect us. Seconded by Nancy.
- (10) Question from Phillis - Thank you for coming. Is there something built into this plan that allows for resident input? Answer: There are two areas of concern: policy development and projects. Policy changes have public hearings. Projects have public hearings. The decisions are made in public hearings. This includes certification by the Coastal Commission.

VIII. What Should NOMA be Doing in the Future?

- A. Jule - Term limits are important. Please sign petition
 - B. Phillis - NOMA Outreach
 - 1. Jeff Brecht and Phillis are spearheading an outreach program which aims to connect with the community in new and different ways.
 - a) Member Question/Comment - Is there anything that we can do to combat the disinformation spreading about city policies? Is there a resident's PR opportunity? We should have a group that investigates facts.
 - b) Nancy - NOMA as an organization may not endorse candidates
 - 2. Also, thanks to those who attended and planned Make Music Days - Danilo, Margaret, Jeff B, Evelyn, Jule, Steve, Musicians, and many more. Please come join us next year!
 - C. How can we find mechanisms to give residents a greater voice?
 - 1. Neighborhood council? NOMA candidate meeting?
 - a) Do we have volunteers to take on particular issues? A NOMA resident expert could allow us to be more informed as a whole.
- IX. Member question - Why has our polling place shifted from Carlthorp to the Canyon?
- 1. Answer from Nancy - Carlthorp will not host this year's midterm election. Public facilities are more likely to be used. The county registrar of voters will have the most recent information. Citizens should call the registrar to give their suggestions.
- X. Member question - what concerns everyone about what we heard about the LCP tonight?
- A. Why do we want to get rid of greater oversight?
 - 1. Answer from Todd - It is a better deal for residents. It gives local insight into proposals. It removes a large burden from home owners and business owners.
- XI. Member comment - Links to applicable info (e.g. public hearing websites) would be helpful in NOMA communications and calls to action.