

NOMA Minutes Via Zoom

26 members in attendance

April 1, 2021

In the absence of Chair Nancy Coleman, the meeting was presided over by board member Danilo Bach.

Board members present:

Danilo Bach, Ann Greenspun, Jeff Brecht, Jim Williams, Jeff Gordon, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Sonja Sultan, Elizabeth Lerer and Robert Posek

Board members absent: Patrick Sarkissian, Nancy Coleman, Phyllis Dudick, Todd James, Victor Fresco and Steve Lissik

Discussion Items

There is an alert on the NOMA website regarding the April 27 city council meeting regarding the Carlthorp CUP. If you have comments, please send to city council.

Vaccination Tier

Now applicable for those 50 years of age and over.

The **311 Program** has begun.

This program is available for non-emergency city services and information within the city that are not police oriented. You may now be connected with a city administrator by dialing 311 or email at smgov/311. This information will be posted on our NOMA website.

Parklets

These are currently being utilized for city-wide dining. Should their use be extended? Will they be utilized on sidewalks, parking lots, streets, etc? If you have comments, please contact NOMA.

City Manager Survey

There is a survey available to all residents regarding the recruitment for a new City Manager. The discussion will be April 12 at noon via the internet.

SM Housing Plan

There is a **DRAFT** on the city website, regarding the **SM Housing Plan** including **RHNA** (Regional Needs Assessment) and it describes how housing needs should be met.

Coffee with a Cop

This is a weekly time available for NOMA members to ask questions with our local neighborhood police officer, Suzie Kim.

The times will be posted on the NOMA website.

SM Department of Transportation

Ed King, former director of the Big Blue Bus, now heads the new **Department of Transportation** for the city. There is a **Working Group** being established for the Big Blue Bus, the Mobility Team and Parking and Management. Council would like a sounding body and an advisory or stakeholder's group to inform, consult and address the city's concerns and aspirations. Suggestions as to who should be on the advisory group were considered, such as experience in urban planning, technology and energy concerns, different age groups, etc. Interfacing with other local groups and committees important!

A fare-less system is being considered in LA.

Mobility is defined as a suite of products, including everything transportation: SMO-DOT, walking, traffic, safe route-to-school programs, mobility on demand, etc.

Discussion of Roles and Responsibility of appointees:

Provide input on studies, recommend methods for feedback and issues, street design, bike lanes, function as liaison to city and city council, etc.

Committee should delineate areas of coverage, new initiatives, pilot programs, curbside chargers, micro-mobility, demand response, and other vehicles that are quicker than taking the bus. Members should interface with other boards, discuss shared concerns, areas of overlap. Should this be advisory? Topics to consider: street traffic, auto safety, dumpsters and dial-a-ride vs fixed-route service.

What size should the committee be?

Should people be asked or delegated? Who picks the people on the committee?

Evelyn Lauchenauer brought up needing more north to south routes. Susan Aminoff asked about connecting college students to the train.

Agenda Minutes from March Board meeting approved with no objection, by a quorum of board members present.

SB9 and SB 10

A small group of NOMA members met with Ben Allen and two of his aides via Zoom, he agrees with us on our many concerns, but is weighed down by Senate opinion and their support for SB 9 and SB10.

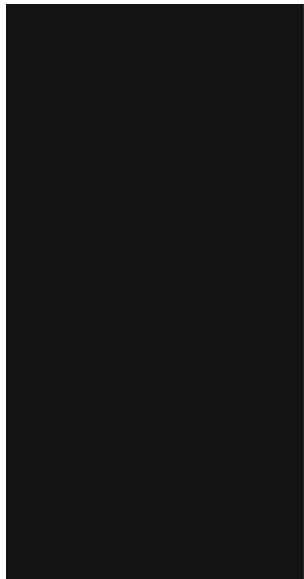
Office of Sustainability:

Drew Johnstone, from the Office of Sustainability, said their department lost 6 staff members due to the recession and budget cuts, they currently have 8 full-time staff.

There are 30 new **Green Businesses** certified. Many are advancing solutions to decreasing pollution, congestion and noise, zero emissions, delivery zones, etc.

Community Gardens:

There are 40 new efficient landscapes, rebate and garden tracing. **Climate Corps**, in SM Schools, has 185 students involved in community events as well as an annual poster contest.



We are up in new construction with 24 new EV chargers, 90 solar pv systems intake, and more citizens are documented using solar and they, in turn, are champions for others
A map showed electric vehicle chargers in the city. Rebates are available for multi-family buildings.

Future Plans: Include ending the use of gas and use electric or bio-fuel. Burning gas in homes is unhealthy for our lungs.

“Electrify Santa Monica” is the new motto. The city is providing rebates on electric water heaters and cooking elements.

To get more info, contact:

Drew.Johnstone@santamonca.gov

Seasonal peak demand is set by the PUC.

Lorene Von Klan spoke about **Climate Action**, a volunteer-run group organized since 2013 with 1800 people involved. They respond to neighborhood climate issues, need for electrification, etc. They meet 4 times/year with guest speakers, one meeting including a solar brunch. **Climate Corps**, an established youth group involved with hands-on projects, are often at public events. They help with planning and **Safe Route to Schools** programs as well as energy policies. Here is their website: www.climateactionssantamonica.org

Rebates are now available on home EV charges in Santa Monica.

There are 3 curbside chargers on Montana Ave.

Tesla will have a super-charging station on 14th and SM Blvd if approved by city council.

Phil Brock, City Council member, was scheduled to update NOMA members, but due to another speaker's time overrun, he had to leave.

The meeting was concluded at 8:45 PM.

Further Information on surveys and meetings mentioned above can be found at:

www.smnoma.org

Respectfully submitted, Ann Greenspun
NOMA Board member

