

6:30-7:00 Social

7:00 Call to Order

Board Attendance: Nancy, Danilo, Evelyn, Ann, Phillis, Steve, Jeff B, Sonya, Jeff G

Board Absent: Victor, Derek, Todd, Jim

Member Attendance: 20

- I. Acceptance of May 2nd Meeting Minutes
  - A. Unanimously approved.
- II. Treasurers Report
  - A. \$12,200 balance with no outstanding bills.
- III. Announcements
  - A. Newsletter will be in the mail on June 7th. It features a great article by Ann.
  - B. NOMA supported a Rainbow Garden appeal. City council rejected the appeal. It will be dependent on the neighbors and residents of the city to report any code violations to the city. The Architectural Review Board and The Traffic Management Department still have to approve the business.
    1. Member Comment: This appears to be a disaster. There has been no consideration of the neighborhood's interests.
      - a) Nancy Response: I encourage you to write to the city council.
    2. Member Comment: I was in attendance for The Rainbow Garden's presentation. They seemed to be committed to providing something of value to the city. What is it that we are concerned with?
      - a) Member Response: Watch their video on their website. They plan to stay open late for activities not pertaining to the school.
      - b) Nancy Response: Their conditional use permit is for a children's school garden. It would not be appropriate for them to have programming outside of this permit.
  - C. The board of NOMA has voted to support the landmarking of 808 Woodacres. The issue is before The Landmarks Commission on Monday, June 10th. The Santa Monica Conservancy has filed the paperwork for historical review.
    1. Danilo Comment: This is the original home of historic LA architect John Parkinson. The property fills 5 of the 6 criteria for a historic building. The present owner would like to do whatever they like with the building. There is more information on the Santa Monica Conservancy website.
  - D. On Saturday morning, there will be a meeting at Reed Park to discuss safety along Wilshire Blvd.
    1. Nancy Comment: feedback about the safety along Wilshire can be added via the city's website.
  - E. The 4th Street historic district will also be considered during Monday's Landmarks Commission Meeting.
- IV. Make Music Day June 21st. Volunteers needed.
  - A. NOMA will hold our musical event in Palisades Park between San Vicente and Georgina. We ask that you invite your friends and neighbors. Many new and familiar bands will be featured. There will be refreshments and snacks.
  - B. We are looking for volunteers to help with various parts of the event between 4:00PM and 8:30PM.
  - C. Reminder emails will be sent to the members and friends of NOMA.
- V. Update on R1 Interim Zoning Ordinance

- A. The Land Use committee/ R1 Zoning Group continues to engage with the city in a variety of ways. The next step is that The Planning Commission will hold a meeting on June 19th. This affects the whole neighborhood. We appreciate your support.
- VI. A how-to demonstration from SM's Chief Resilience Officer Lindsey Call of "Mapping Your Neighborhood" to prepare for a natural or man-made disaster.
  - A. Introduction by Kit Dreyfus (spelling?)
  - B. Lindsey Call's Responsibilities:
    - 1. Training city staff on how to respond to disasters.
    - 2. Staffing the Twilight Concerts and The Marathon.
    - 3. Hosts a class for the community on emergency preparedness.
    - 4. Public Safety Communications: Police, Fire. "911" representatives report to Lindsey.
  - C. Emergency Preparedness
    - 1. How many have an emergency preparedness kit or training?
      - a) A very limited number of people responded in the affirmative.
    - 2. How can the individual prepare for a disaster?
      - a) First responders will be overwhelmed in the event of a disaster.
      - b) Neighbors will have to help one another.
      - c) A personal disaster kit is essential.
    - 3. The first hour after a disaster is the most crucial. Having a plan in place will make a significant difference (e.g. be aware of how to turn off your gas line, placing a fire extinguisher on the sidewalk in front of your home).
    - 4. CERT (Community Response Team) volunteers are being trained to help our communities. Volunteers are welcome and a class for NOMA could be provided.
      - a) This team includes a HAM radio network to better facilitate communications.
  - D. Nancy Question: Are there blocks where this has been done? Can we have an example of where this vision has been achieved?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: Yes. There have been blocks that have implemented this successfully. Typically, they already had an established community team such as a neighborhood watch.
  - E. Member Question: A typical NOMA block may have 30 houses. Is your vision to have individual block work as teams?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: The target is 20 homes in each group. It is difficult to coordinate these types of events on everyone's schedule, so I recommend splitting into two meetings.
  - F. Danilo Question: How will we know who the CERT volunteers are?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: There are two in they room. The Office of Emergency Management has a list of these individuals. Neighborhood gatherings should be coordinated through me.
  - G. Nancy Question: The 400 block of Euclid has a large block party every other year. Many people from surrounding areas attend. Could we use and event like this to discuss Safety?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: I appreciate brainstorming to find unique opportunities such as this one.
  - H. Ann Question: Is there a map of which neighborhoods are prepared?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: We do have this capability in the form of a map. It is currently blank. We have trained close to 550 individuals in our CERT program.
  - I. Member Question: What does the CERT program cover?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: Fire, Search & Rescue, Medical Triage, Active Shooter, Emergency Preparedness. The class is 18 hours long across three days.

- J. Member Question: do we know where the fault lines are?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: Three are known: One on Santa Monica Blvd, and two in the ocean.
  - K. Jeff B Question: Is there any chance that the pier concerts will return to their previous beach format?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: We hope to find a balance of fund and safety. The beach festival setting is unlikely to return.
  - L. Ann Statement: I experienced an earthquake simulation recently and it was very frightening.
    - 1. Lindsey Response: We have implemented early earthquake detection systems into the Main Santa Monica Library. This allows people enough time to take cover:
      - a) Under a desk holding one of the legs.
      - b) In bed, face down, with a pillow protecting your head.
  - M. Lindsey Statement: a 7-8 magnitude earthquake would cause damage similar to the recent disaster in Puerto Rico.
  - N. Danilo Question: Did the city change all of the gas meters?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: Some have these new meters and some do not.
  - O. Nancy Question: Are there digital alerts?
    - 1. Lindsey Response: There is an app called "Shake Alert LA." This is the same technology that we have implemented in the libraries. It is only functional in LA County. This technology is still in a pilot phase. In the future, this will become the new "fire alarm" in LA.
  - P. Lindsey Statement: If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask my team and I. Business cards were made available at the meeting.
- VII. A discussion with City Traffic Engineer Henry Servin of traffic safety issues in the neighborhood.
- A. Henry Servin is not present.
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. The next NOMA meeting will be held in August.