

NOMA December 6, 2018, Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm. Present and providing a quorum: Jane Koehler, Danilo Bach, Jeff Gordon, Nancy Coleman, Jim Williams, Caryn Marshall and Evelyn Lauchenauer.
2. Chair's Announcements (Nancy Coleman): The EIR for the city-proposed project at 4th and 5th downtown is now available; comments are encouraged. 11th Street Historic District is before the Landmarks Commission next Monday night. There will be a hearing on the cell phone tower planned at 728 Montana Ave. Water-neutrality public hearing is coming up to inform contractors and builders. A Tier 2 development permit for the City Yards is to be considered at the next Planning Commission meeting.
3. Member announcement from Ann Hoover on no-burn day alerts. AQMD index reading under 50 is good; more is not. N95 face masks should be used on unhealthy days. The problem in our residential area is pollutants from smoke from wood-burning fireplaces and external barbecues. Wood-burning fireplaces are no longer allowed in new construction. Go to www.aqmd.gov for daily alerts and more information.
4. Minutes of NOMA Nov. 1 meeting approved, Danilo moving and Evelyn seconding.
5. Member announcement from Derek Devermont of SM Democratic Club toy drive at Albright restaurant on pier, Jan. 15, 2019; and of Jan. 27th Calif. Democratic Party district delegation election.
6. SM's Urban Canopy, Grace Phillips, Urban Task Force chair. Announcement of recent save of a mature sycamore on private lot at 1122 California Ave. is encouraging but an exception, since her pressing concern is with diminishing tree canopy in residential areas of city due to drought, disease, and tree removals for new construction on private lots. UTF report and power-point presentation available at NOMA website at www.smnoma.gov. Would a city ordinance concerning mature trees on private lots be a solution? If so, action will have to come from neighborhoods and residents.
7. Garrett Wong from the SM Office of Sustainability on Clean Power coming soon to the city and what residents should know about it. The Clean Power Alliance is a new agency of local governments which will be replacing Southern California Edison as our energy provider (see cleanpoweralliance.org). CPA is the largest community aggregation in the state, and Council member Kevin McKeown is the city's representative on it. SM's goal is to be 100% carbon-neutral. It's anticipated that a resident's Clean Power bill will be about 9% greater than SCE's is now. Notice will go out from CPA in Feb. 2019 with various options for customers: 100% Green Power, staying with SCE, or a given percentage combination of the two. Wind farms will be procurement sources for energy. Currently, off-peak hours of energy use are from 4-9 pm.
8. Adjournment at 8:37 pm, moved by Evelyn, seconded by Danilo.

Please note that NOMA's next meeting will not be the first Thursday of the month as it usually is, but the second – January 10, 2019 – when Board elections will be held.

Minutes submitted by Danilo Bach.