

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of March 1, 2018 Minutes

- A. Approved upon quorum.

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. \$13,434 current balance announced by vice-chair Danilo Bach, presiding

IV. Announcements from the Board

- A. Support for R1 interim zoning ordinance
- B. \$200 donation to SaMoHi Grad Night
- C. Endorsed signature gathering campaign for term limits
- D. Danilo filling in for Nancy Coleman as tonight's chair, as she is away on vacation
- E. Monday night is Landmark Commission's meeting at which NOMA's application for designation of 435 Georgina single-family home for landmark status will be considered.
Call to action - check Landmark Commission website and write them a letter.
 - 1. Owners of the home (former residence of Dr. Stern) do not seem to oppose landmark status. Realtors have been open to it.
 - 2. Specimen Montezuma Cyprus tree also identified on property recently.

V. Crime and Safety Communications with the Neighborhood

- A. Public Safety Communications Supervisor and 911 Dispatcher Meagan Nagy, and SM Emergency Management Chief Resilience Officer Lindsay Barker presenting.
 - 1. 3.5 yrs ago consolidated police & fire dispatch into a single 911 resource. OEM is the hub for these calls.
 - a) Last year (2017) 350,000 calls processed & 76,000 were to 911
 - b) Dispatchers send help while asking pertinent questions of caller
 - c) Text capability to 911 now active. Launched December 2017.
 - (1) Simply text to 911 and provide an address
 - (2) Phone calls are preferred
 - 2. When calling 911 from a cell phone, ask if you have been connected with Santa Monica. Land line calls do not require this step
 - 3. OEM requests
 - a) Only call for true emergencies (e.g. not if there is a helicopter overhead -- for helicopter complaints a separate line to SM airport exists. Google it.)
 - b) Be willing to answer the OEM operator's questions
 - 4. How are calls prioritized?
 - a) Life over property

- b) Time sensitivity: happening v. happened hours ago
- 5. What warrants a police response?
 - a) All reports warrant a police response or community service officer. Time before response varies.
- 6. Bird Scooter Complaints - [General anger expressed toward Bird scooters]
 - a) If obstructing public right of way, the scooter can potentially be impounded
 - b) Reckless driving – authorities may send someone. Not wearing a helmet - will not send someone.
- 7. **Emergency Communications / Notifications** (flyer with full details available at meeting's registration table)
 - a) Social Media: SM Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor, all to be used in notifying
 - (1) Primarily twitter and Facebook
 - b) SM Alerts
 - (1) Public receives via email or text message. Sign up online to receive.
 - (2) Only sent out for significant event which warrants public action (e.g. traffic accident, PD/FD activity)
 - c) WEA
 - (1) Federal program which LA County has historically not participated in. Similar to “Amber Alerts” which are typically received by phone. (Alerts, however, were sent for recent area wildfires.)
 - (2) Major events only
 - (3) Diagram on flyer provides guide on setup
 - d) In large scale emergencies (e.g. earthquake), build redundancies in communication streams by signing up for multiple services.

VI. Santa Monica PD

A. NOMA Crime and Safety Update - Officer Capri Redondo, Beat 4 Crime Prevention Officer Suzie Lockwood, and SMPD Operations Division Captain Robert Almada

- 1. Captain Almada
 - a) At prior meeting, he discussed Montana jewelry store robbery and subsequent car incident, and subject's escape. Capt. Almada promised a follow up, which follows:
 - (1) On Feb 28 @ 1605 Montana Ave. jewelry store. Perp used props to convince clerk of fake bomb, store clerk fled screaming, police are informed. Later, police are informed of a car crash. At the time they had not yet tied these events to one person.
 - (2) Separate reports from store clerk and traffic accident indicate the perp was involved in both incidents and fled on foot. Makeshift “bomb” was found. Perimeter set up by police from Georgina -> SV & 15th -> 16th streets.
 - (3) Report received of subject jumping suburban fences. Dropped backpack in a back yard. Makeshift bomb identified as fake.

- (4) Confirmed report of similar action by perp in Newport Beach
 - (a) Identified and a drug addict
 - (b) Now on the lam
- b) What is the SMPD bomb response protocol?
 - (1) Generally, help is from LAPD in downtown LA or SF Valley
 - (a) This delayed response did not compromise the end result; if anything, the small perimeter compromised the end result
- c) Why didn't officer chase the suspect through backyards at the time of the report?
 - (1) Risk is too high. It is unsafe for single officer
- d) How did the perp evade detection?
 - (1) He was likely outside of the small perimeter
 - (2) City is well staffed for canines, but they are not bloodhounds, so do not track by smell.
- e) Member complaint: During event, officers pulled a gun on a citizen driver and gave ambiguous order for identification
 - (1) Lesson: Consistency in officer instruction is important to PD
- f) What would the charges be if the perp were caught?
 - (1) 30 years for robbing a store with a fake bomb
- g) How many felonies per year in SM? Conviction rate?
 - (1) 130,000 radio calls
 - (2) 8,000 arrests
 - (3) 3,500 are felonies
- h) \$90M SMPD annual budget, rounded figure
 - (1) 25-30 officers in the field at any given time
 - (2) Plus uniformed civilian officers
 - (3) Recent rise in crime is regional – problem is greater than SM
- i) Will police share all information with the public
 - (1) No
 - (2) If there is an impact to public safety, yes
- j) 8-28-2016 Adelaide shooting [member displeasure at initial handling expressed]
 - (1) Initial thought was that someone came back from on-site party the night before and committed shooting.
 - (1) Shooting was unrelated to the party. It was a home invasion.
 - (2) Suspect is in custody. Case is resolved. Court process remains.
 - (3) If it occurred today:
 - (a) Information would be distributed during the investigation
- k) Burglary v. Robbery
 - (1) Burglary is theft with no personal interaction

- (2) Robbery involves personal interaction
- l) How to avoid home burglary
 - (a) house well lit, maintained, & make it look like someone lives there
 - (b) PD offers a security check free of charge
- m) How to avoid cars being burgled
 - (1) Lock car doors and do not leave valuables in plain sight
- n) Bird Scooters - tickets issued v. trips taken
 - (1) Ticket to trip ratio is low, ~2% of trips
 - (2) SMPD prioritizes officers to protect people and property
 - (3) Tickets issued to highlight egregious incidents
- o) Crime of female graphic designer assaulted with kitchen knife in the night
 - (1) ~2 months ago, an apartment building next to SaMoHi, perp broke into apartment, demanded property of tenant at knifepoint, fight ensues, tenant is cut, perp losing the fight, perp flees, tenant beats perp badly and perp flees.
 - (2) Police followed significant blood trail in pursuit of perp. Perp boarded train towards LA and evaded police.
 - (3) Perp apprehended after requesting help at a hospital
- p) Packages being stolen "Porch Pirates"
 - (1) Report if evidence found
- q) Gang activity: increase or decrease in school areas?
 - (1) Currently in a lull
- r) Captain's Contact Information
 - (1) robert.almada@smgov.net
 - (2) contact and he will respond
- 2. Beat 4 Officer Capri Redondo
 - a) March Crime Statistics North of Montana
 - (1) Residential Burglaries: 5 - all forced entry (7 in March last year)
 - (a) These homes did not have alarms or security cameras, 1 occurred in nighttime (600 block of 15th) and that one's unusual and concerning
 - (b) Importance of home alarms, setting an alarm perimeter (i.e. doors & windows)
 - (c) How many alarmed homes are broken into? Effectiveness of metal screen doors?
 - i) Doors with small windows are preferred by criminals as they are easier/quieter to break open
 - ii) Double deadbolt prevents break-ins (key lock inside and out)
 - iii) Major streets less prone to this type of crime
 - (d) Knock-knock burglaries
 - i) Often multi-person teams
 - b) Personal home security survey offered free of charge – contact SMPD

- c) Contact information offered (and business card)
 - (1) capri.redondo@smgov.net
- 3. Police community outreach
 - a) Community Police Academy - Spring class going on now, another will be available in the fall
 - (1) Wednesdays from 6-9PM
 - b) National Night Out and Coffee with a Cop programs
 - (1) Coffee with the chief will be offered in the future
 - (a) New police chief begins in May

VII. City of Santa Monica Compensation Study - Jim Williams

- A. City Council appointed a citizens advisory committee
 - 1. Also, a sub-committee specific to city compensation
 - a) Jim Williams was involved regarding compensation and retirement issues. A consultant was also involved.
 - b) Cities of Anaheim, Glendale, Torrance, & others as comparable cities were selected for comparisons
 - c) April 17th: final report will be provided to the City by the consultant.
 - d) Key Findings
 - (1) Average SM management compensation was highest in peer group
 - (2) Average individual non-mgmt compensation
 - (a) 40% of SM employees were below peer cities, 60% were below
 - (3) Similar to peer cities, unfunded pension liability remains high (\$485M)
 - (a) City manager aware of and working on this issue
 - (b) Jim's opinion: he questions whether the majority of city council is really willing to deal with this now
 - (4) During 2008, Santa Monica operated normally and did not reduce staffing; peer cities reduced staffing in this time.
 - (5) Large staff numbers are suitable due to high tourist population (~100k/day)
 - (6) In general, SM has higher workload, higher cost, and comparable productivity to peers
 - e) What was the effort made in ascertaining performance of management group?
 - (1) Jim offered to discuss after meeting due to time constraints
 - 2. Future citizens group follow-up will be required to ensure City Council takes action on these findings
 - 3. Danilo suggests "This the beginning of the process"

VIII. New Business Member

- A. Phil Arliss
 - 1. Runs Phil's Grills, a grill-cleaning service in Santa Monica
 - a) Full cleaning offered within 4 hours

- b) Cleaning increases grill life expectancy and looks better
 - c) \$80-\$120 per grill. Free quotes available
2. Contact information to be posted on NOMA website

IX. R1 Update - Interim Zoning Ordinance (IZO)

- A. Interim ordinance approved by City Council 2/13/18. Extended now until Nov 2019.
- B. Other R1 neighborhood groups such as Friends of Sunset Park also involved with IZO
- C. Old ordinance: 60% lot coverage
- D. Interim ordinance: 50% lot coverage remains for single-story home; for two-story home, max. 50% total on sliding scale, max 20% on second-story; max. height reduced in NOMA to 28ft (what it was before recent zoning change and what it is throughout rest of R1); maximum aggregate of 400 sq. ft. for second-floor decks and balconies; ADUs excluded from parcel coverage
- E. Next steps: plenty of time to work on this. City will schedule outreach groups with residents and architects to get input. Call to action -> attend these outreach meetings and make your voice heard to protect neighborhood against ill-considered mansionization.

(Minutes submitted by Jeffrey Brecht)

X. Next Meeting May 3, 2018

NOMA Board Quorum
Danilo Bach - Vice-Chair - Present
Phillis Dudick - Present
Jeff Brecht - Present
Jeff Gordon - Present
Caryn Marshall - Present
Jim Williams - present
Sonya Sultan - present
Steve Lissik - present