

NOMA May 3, 2018

I. Call to Order by Nancy Coleman

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Unanimous

III. Safe Routes to School: Kyle Kozar, Bike Coordinator, City of Santa Monica

A. Nancy Coleman asks, kids regularly using Birds in many areas of town, what is your take on this?

1. The city is grappling with Bird and new technologies. It takes time for the city to codify regulation for these new technologies.

B. Lime Bike - no corporate sponsor, is new electric

C. What is "Safe Routes to School?"

1. Encourages alternative modes of transportation to school

a) encourages active lifestyles & health. Cuts down childhood obesity.

b) Lessens congestion around schools

2. Multiple parts to the program

a) coordinating with schools in the district to encourage alternative modes of transport

b) observe infrastructure & processes

3. Infrastructure Pilot Project

a) Will Rogers, Roosevelt, JAMS, and Lincoln

b) Parent & student surveys, observing drop off areas

4. Walk Audit Recommendations

a) Reduce Speeds

b) Address Improper behavior

c) Make crossings more visible and safe

d) address inconsistent school zone signs

e) Majority of parents surveyed agree this will improve the situation

5. Roosevelt

a) Phase 1: Complete

(1) Curbside regulation adjustments

(2) Signage and Striping adjustments

(3) Curb Extension

b) Phase 2: Summer 2019

(1) School zone speed limits

(2) Longer loading zones

6. Lincoln

a) Phase 1: Complete

(1) Reduce speed limits

(2) update signage

b) Phase 2: Summer 2019

- (1) Extend curbs all around school
- 7. Curb extensions
 - a) Sidewalk is extended into the street increasing visibility & shortens crossing distance
 - b) The city is rolling this out
- 8. Timeline
 - a) Nov 2017 - selected design consultants
 - b) Dec 2017 - observe & study
 - c) April-Aug 2018 - construction design
 - d) Summer 2019 - tentative construction begin date
- 9. Nancy - Can we designate larger areas around schools for loading?
 - a) This is not in the plan, but Kyle agrees it is a good idea
- 10. What prompted this?
 - a) Kyle was not present at the program's inception, but student safety is a consistent refrain from parents. Congestion during loading times is a problem.
- 11. What about private schools?
 - a) They do not currently have these programs, but the city is working with them to address these issues. Currently focusing on signage. Jon Mir, Edison, and others are being considered for future funding & program implementation. Official word to come in June 2018.
- 12. New stop signs on Idaho south of Franklin, related to this program?
 - a) It is unrelated
- 13. I've been in Denmark and seen the "walking schoolbus." Can we do that here?
 - a) That is happening this week. It is largely up to the parents to be transformational in this way. Consistent leadership at the parent level is difficult to achieve.
- 14. What sort of cooperation does your initiative receive from traffic planning?
 - a) Kyle sits directly next to the traffic planning department. His team has a dedicated traffic engineering partner.
- 15. Do busses go around curb extensions?
 - a) Curb extensions are designed so that large vehicles like this can go around
 - b) Bike and traffic should not be impeded

IV. Park Planning for the Future: Shira Moch, Assistant Park Planner city of Santa Monica Park & Rec and colleague Melissa S. Feedback encouraged via email shira.moch@smgov.net

- A. What is the P&R Master plan update
 - 1. This is an update to the previous plan from 1997
 - 2. will provide framework for next 20yrs
 - 3. schedule
 - a) April 2018 - community outreach
 - b) July 2019 - draft plan ready for public review & comment
 - c) Aug 2019 - City council approves PRMP update (tentative)

4. Function - spacial & social connectivity
- B. How can we provide feedback
1. Online surveys - close June 30, 2018
 2. 8 pop up events across the city
 - a) 4 completed already and have been successful events
 - b) Capturing people's opinions at the parks that they are actively visiting
 3. 2 community workshops
 - a) August 25th - Civic Center East Wing
 - b) January 2019
 4. FLYER AVAILABLE WITH ALL DETAILS
- C. Member Feedback & Requests
1. Need publicly owned parks with hours that are posted
 - a) Colorado center is the model that they are following for public parks
 - b) Miliken building/park includes an open space into the design, but the city does not have power to enforce availability of this green space, it is a private area.
 - (1) City's aim is to make headway on this front
 - (2) City agrees that the Miliken park program has been a failure
 2. 4th & Wilshire and Ocean & Wilshire, will public have access to these open spaces?
 - a) Kyle Kozar - they will likely be restaurants with outdoor seating
 3. Majority of residents would like to see a park at 4th & Arizona, not a giant tower. Current program in Compton is repurposing local residential streets and parks to have more active and passive open spaces in neighborhoods. Goal is to have all homes within 5 miles of a public park.
 4. Jane Koehler- Master plan should have something about the public benefits that are very clear so that developers can not remove open spaces.
 5. There seems to be an adversarial relationship between public and city parks department. Tremendous level of anxiety & dissatisfaction from the community.
 - a) Parks department submits many proposals to city council and not all projects are given budget. The parks department needs the community voice to bolster their case.
 6. Will there be a park North of Montana?
 - a) The city has identified a lot on San Vicente that could be a candidate. It is privately owned.
 7. Could we open a parks trust fund so that we can capitalize on open lots?
 8. Contrarian view: One member has never felt that there is a lack of park space or enough open space. We do however, need to improve existing parks. What is the plan for the homeless population?
 - a) Has to be addressed in the plan. Taking inventory & determining action items comes first. Police department is a partner in finding a solution for homeless population.
 9. Overall, we need more funding for parks than office buildings

- a) Parks and rec objective is to make parks nice for Santa Monica residents
- 10. Medians in disrepair
 - a) Plans are in the works to replant them, likely not with grass
 - b) Medians on San Vicente between Ocean & 7th are within the Historic San Vicente District, they need to be kept up
- 11. How do you narrow scope of opinions to residents?
 - a) Surveys attempt to identify residents. The city is aware that some individuals try to fake resident opinions.
 - b) Some surveys do target tourists
- 12. KEY FOCAL POINT OF FEEDBACK SESSION Member feels that the city is geared toward tourists and not residents
 - a) Multiple members agree with this point
 - b) San Marino and Santa Barbara are good examples. Zero population growth requested.
 - c) Santa Monica receives more tourists than Puerto Rico. A focus on tourists helped to bankrupt Puerto Rico. The city needs to listen to its residents over its tourists.
- 13. Tomorrow's Mirror will address the fact that The City of Santa Monica is the largest land owner in Santa Monica. Member suggests looking at this vast real estate schedule to find future parks.
- 14. There are no children's play areas available North of Montana. Tongva or Douglas are the closest. This would be a great addition which would add a resource for children and cut down traffic.
- 15. How do school sites fit into the planning
 - a) Joint use agreements, school parks & sports fields are frequently available for public use
 - b) Permits are required and there is a charge
- 16. Beaches included?
 - a) Yes, bike paths are to be upgraded
 - b) Request to upgrade beach resources, towels, surfboards, etc.
- 17. Camera Obscura was originally meant as a senior center
 - a) Seniors complained about not wanting to go there due to travel and business of the area
- 18. FLYERS AVAILABLE WITH MORE DETAIL

V. Update on R1 & ADUs

- A. Aug 10th: city voted to extend the interim ordinance. Develops the final ordinance with help from the community. It is to be finalized at the end of 2019.
- B. April 18th: ADU size changed from 600 ->1200 square feet. City claims that this is a state requirement. That is not true. The state says maximum size of ADUs is 1200 square feet.
 - 1. Previous lot restriction was 61% lot coverage

2. Interim ordinance cuts this to 50%
 3. ADU change increases this to 63% lot coverage
 - a) This ADU size is large compared to other cities
 - b) May 22nd: the city will discuss this item again
- C. How to help?
1. Contact Nancy Coleman to get involved.

VI. Announcements

- A. Resiliency day flyers available to members - the city is organizing itself for emergency disaster preparedness. Ideally, there would be individuals in each community to champion this idea. Comes from the "office of the environment."
- B. Some NOMA members have become active with initiatives like this
- C. There are several neighborhood watches North of Montana. The police will not share the exact number or names.
 1. We should raise the issue that these neighborhood watch crews cannot be organized if we cannot communicate with them.
- D. Make Music Day is on June 21st in Palisades Park

VII. Adopt a Walk

- A. One mile loop that is permanently marked with distance and inspirational quotes. Not for 5k or marathon runners. It is for those trying to get exercise. They are working with the city to implement. First loop is from Reed down 7th to Idaho, up to Lincoln, and back to the park.
- B. Form passed around for members to sign up to receive updates.
- C. Email information will be distributed from info@nordicbody.com
- D. Adopt a walk is a health advocacy organization that will promote healthy communities starting in Santa Monica.

VIII. Zoey with Compassion Santa Monica

- A. Dec 13, 2011 the city adopted a policy on civility. 2014 city voted unanimously for a program to promote civility.
- B. Zoey is asking that each neighborhood begin to have conversations around this sub

IX. Next Meeting June 7th

X. NOMA Board Attendance

- A. Nancy Coleman - Chair
- B. Danilo Bach - Vice-Chair
- C. Evelyn Lauchenauer
- D. Jane Koehler
- E. Phillis Dudick
- F. Jeff Brecht
- G. Caryn Marshall
- H. Jim Williams
- I. Steve Lissik