

MINUTES – NOMA MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Reception 6:30 pm Meeting 7 pm

Montana Branch Library

1. The February 2, 2017 meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present. Attending Board Members were: Chair Danilo Bach, Vice Chair Nancy Coleman, Phillis Dudick, Jeff Gordon, Todd James, Jane Koehler, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Steve Lissik, Caryn Marshall, Sonya Sultan. Absent: Victor Fresco.
2. Professor Bill Selby of Santa Monica College provided a brief introduction to the science of Climate Change and Sustainability. He started off by saying leave your politics at the door. Climate change isn't the only problem we have. Entire forests are gone. He does a very simple, not complicated explanation. The problem is what happens next.

Long range radiation. Without greenhouse gasses earth would freeze over. The earth is mainly heated from bottom up. Greenhouse gases are a great regulator. This is not controversial to scientists. We are up to 400 parts/million now.

The 12 warmest years ever recorded were 1880 and 2016. NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, www.NOAA.gov is a good reference source for a climate summary. It is not a surprise to have a year or two of a cold spell. Focus on global trends, not local trends. He says no one knows how it will affect Southern California. Nature is determining how to distribute the heat. We need to stop burning fossil fuel. If we could suck the CO₂ and Methane out of the atmosphere then we've got something". Selby says. Ecosystems cannot keep up. Around the world refugee problems are due to severe climate changes such as drought.

Sonya Sultan commented "We need to change the path we are on or within the century most of the ecosystems will die. It is affecting all of us right now" Selby says.

- Santa Monica's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) presented a Power Point presentation lead by Delia Tyrrell and Samantha Rosenbaum, Civic Spark Fellow with the SM Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Garrett Wong, Sr. Sustainability Analyst who sat in the audience and was available to answer questions. A copy of this Power Point presentation "Santa Monica and Climate Action and Adaptation will be posted on NOMA website: smnoma.org

Strategies presented were:

Clean Energy

Low-carbon Mobility using GoSaMo

Zero Waste – ie Repair Cafes
Low Carbon and Local Food
Sustainable Water Management
Community and Environmental Health
Smart City Innovation

Jim Williams said “The city should look internally at the number of vehicles not in use. Dalia said we will soon get more renewable sources. We don’t get an opportunity very much to speak to the city. City Employees get to park for free and drive on their own while the Big Blue Bus along Montana Avenue has been cut. Statistics show it is not working. Jeff Gordon says.

Professor Selby says there is an environmental task force in Santa Monica that meets once a month. It is called Task Force on the Environment and meets the third Monday of the month, usually, at Virginia Park at 7 pm. A contact person is Shannon Parry Shannon.parry@smgov.net.

- Gina Garcia, Co-Executive Director & Community/Residential Greening Program Director spoke about her role with the City of Santa Monica and the options Santa Monica residents and small businesses have within the city. There is a contest and a movie on February 22, 2017 that is free to all Santa Monica residents and a minimal fee to nonresidents called “Love Thy Nature” An award-winning film narrated by Liam Neeson, showing 7 pm at the Aero Theatre.
- Albin Gielicz, a current member of CASM, Climate Action Santa Monica said that Professor Bill Selby and others attend these meetings to educate people about climate change. It is an opportunity to get involved on a grass-roots level. They are working on a forum regarding sharing of residential and commercial energy (electricity primarily) to renewable sources such as wind and solar leading to better pricing. Other cities around the country are doing this. Anyone can come to the CASM meeting. Everyone is a volunteer. Sign up at www.climateactionsantamonica.org.
- Albin Gielicz co-creator of *Super Sustainables*, a musical book for children announced the publication will be April 22, 2017 on Earth Day at the Los Angeles Book Festival. A post card was distributed with details of the event open to the public.
- Approval of January 27, 2017 minutes of the NOMA Annual Meeting moved by Nancy Coleman and seconded by Sonya Saltan, unanimously approved as written.
- Treasurer’s Report – Presented by Danilo Bach in Victor Fresco’s absence. Bank account balance: 10,992 after \$2,700 of deposits of membership renewals. The annual meeting cost a bit over \$2,000.
- The board discussed making a monetary contribution to the Transparency Project. Mary Marlow of the Transparency Project served as Inspector of the Election at the January 21, 2017 Annual Meeting. Jane Koehler moved to give \$100. Todd James seconded it.

- NOMA newsletter was mailed by the City. Most residents got theirs on the day of the NOMA annual meeting. Two dozen copies remain to distribute at future NOMA meetings.
- The City services building appeal came up before the council. The petitioner was David Gardner, a private citizen in the Ocean Park neighborhood. NOMA was asked if they would make a contribution of up to \$100 for the cost of the filing? NEN and FOSP have done so. Caryn Marshall motioned for NOMA to contribute up to \$100. Todd James seconded it up to an amount to defray Gardner's costs.
- It was announced that the State of the City event is Monday February 6th.
- We have two weeks to submit what should go into the EIR for the scoping of the 4th and Arizona project. Consider alternatives to the project. One is to do nothing. If you have something to propose please let us know. Possibly a public park. In that case; what type of park? Consider the hard scape and soft scape. Sonya Sultan said why not an EIR on the other alternatives such as impact on light, air and shade? Why not compare the 29-foot project? If enough public input, then people can comment during the scoping period. The maximum is 84 ft. Jane Koehler said the Metropolitan Pacific Real Estate Group asked for the EIR. Something that needs to be stopped now and letters need to be written by February 16. NOMA has not taken a stand on this as of yet. If members choose to write a letter then be sure to send a copy to the city council and not just to Rachael Kwok.
- Election of NOMA Board of Directors positions for 2017 were chosen. Danilo Bach moved to vote. Any apposed? No, none. Jane Koehler seconded the motion. The new Board of Directors are: Nancy Coleman, Chair, Danilo Bach, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Victor Fresco, Secretary position will stay open until we decide or divide the position into two separate positions; Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.
- Nancy Coleman motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Evelyn Lauchenauer. Meeting ended 8:45 pm.

The next NOMA meeting is March 2, 2017 at the Montana Branch Library.