

OLD FS 62 AD HOC COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

Co Chairs: Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger

DATE: WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2009

LOCATION: BUNDY 123, Santa Monica College Bundy Campus

TIME: 7:00-9:00 PM approximately

This meeting chaired by Rachel Swanger

1. Call to Order: 7:10 PM
2. Approval of minutes: approved as presented
3. Assign volunteer to take minutes and circulate sign in sheet: Sharon Commins
4. Introductions & Public Announcements/Comments
5. Old Business--continued from May meeting;
 - a. MAYORS DAY CLEANUP DEBRIEFING
 - i. graffiti and tagging an ongoing problem; taggers have been caught by neighbors on the east side of Centinela
 - ii. call 311
 - b. NEXT STEPS discussion
 - i. Effort to get permissions to access the property regularly under way
 - ii. Set up Committee meeting with Councilman Rosendahl in September; Len Nguyen to check on available dates
 - iii. Continued pressure from Senior Empowerment Congress CD11 to sell the property was related
 1. Unequivocally opposes saving the station and is pressing the CD11 office—and the Councilmember--very hard for a quick sale in a down real estate market [possibly two months?] "because of the financial pressures on the City"
 - a. It was noted that, the structural deficit is so great, the sale of Old FS 62 would not make any difference in the future financial viability of the City
 - b. IF the genuine concern is to help close a budget deficit, it makes no fiscal sense to sell in a depressed real estate market—poor stewardship of a public asset
 - c. A buyer would be confronted with significant regional opposition
 - d. Old FS 43 [Palms] auction history illustrates market decline. It has no neighborhood opposition and a straight R3-1 zone classification surrounded by R3-1 zone...no entitlement issues
 - i. Listed for a minimum bid of \$1,200,000 December of 2008. Winning bidder backed out, leaving their \$10,000 non refundable deposit behind. Backup offers withdrew.
 1. Relisted at a minimum bid of \$960,000 on July 20, 2009; NOT ONE SINGLE bid.
 2. It was noted that, in 7 months plus of Old FS 62 Committee meetings duly noticed and open to the public, the Co-Chairs have received exactly 3 emails supporting teardown of the station
 - c. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION MOTION re uses Old FS 62
 - i. The Old FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee recommended the following updated policy motion to be forwarded to the MVCC BOD for consideration at its regular August 11, 2009 meeting:
 1. *"The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors strongly recommends the retention and rehabilitation of the site and existing structure at 3631 Centinela, Los Angeles 90066 [known as Old Fire Station 62] for the purpose of establishing a Cert [Community Emergency Response and Training], Solar and multiple use Community Center"*
 - a. NOTE: based on the original 2007 MVCC motion on future use of the fire station, from the Education, Arts and Culture Committee:
 - i. *POLICY MOTION: "Curt Steindler moved that The Mar Vista Community Council Board strongly recommends the establishment of a Multipurpose Community Center at the old site of Fire Station 62". The motion passed.*
6. Public Comment: Invite the CERT battalion Chief to a meeting
7. Future Agenda Items:
8. Adjourn: 9 PM