

Old FS 62 AD HOC COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Co-Chairs: Sharon Cummins and Rachel Swanger

DATE: Wednesday, August 19, 2009

LOCATION: Old FS 62 back parking lot

This meeting was chaired by Sharon Cummins

1. Call to order: 7:10 PM
2. Sharon asked for approval of minutes/amendments from July 30 special meeting, Rachel so moved, seconded by Evy. No amendments.
3. Introductions and public announcements:
 - a. Len inquired about graffiti on Windward side of building.
 - b. Debra Merrill suggested that we speak with John Dinsmore regarding his efforts to work with taggers, and involvement with community arts. Evy had invited Dinsmore to September meeting but he is not available. Sharon and Rachel suggested we hold a special meeting on that issue alone.
 - c. Evy announced she has uploaded her slideshow to a blog:
<http://marvistamaverick.blogspot.com/>
4. Old Business
 - a. Parking Day LA
 - i. Sharon explained that there is a website with guidance and past participants.
<http://parkingdayla.com/> (note 7/30/09 minutes)
 - ii. Discussion of location- in front of fire station. Len will look into opening parking lot gate. Optimum time suggested is 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.– peak traffic hours, with noted traffic safety concerns. Suggested that flyers be handed out during neighborhood block party (Sept. 12). Sharon suggested we make a motion for the Mar Vista Community Council to be represented at Ad Hoc Committee FS 62 Parking Day participation. Roy made the motion. Rachel seconded. Will request full Board approval. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Suggestions for possible activities to illustrate Community Center uses:
 1. Art show (with neighborhood artists work on display). Roy suggested he would invite local celebrity artist Robbie Conal.
 2. Carl would organize a CERT display.
 3. Mar Vista Solar
 4. Mar Vista Green Committee (Maggie will contact Shari Akers and Jeannie)
 5. LADWP participation. (Bobi to call Winifred Yancy.
5. General discussion of New Fire Station 62 and lack of community participation. Carl has spoken with two Chiefs about getting the firemen into the community. It was noted that 85% of calls to this fire station are ems calls and the majority are elderly.
6. General discussion of Councilman Rosendahl's suggestion that he had 2 citizens interested in developing FS62. Bobi recounted that Bill had asked that the Ad Hoc Committee meet with the people. The Councilman's office was reminded that we have scheduled monthly meetings are open to the public.
7. Sharon announced that FS 62 would be on the Marina Del Rey and Palms NC agendas. She would like support in giving other PLUM Committee and Neighborhood Councils that Mar Vista has ample low income housing units. Len said that the Councilman has heard the Ad Hoc Committee's statistics and information regarding neighborhood low income housing.
8. Ken and Rachel attended an earthquake preparedness meeting, and money available through various grants. He will follow up and try to learn how to navigate various grants and deadlines. Len said that he would help to get more information.
9. Roy discussed getting LA Times Business writer, Ron White, interested in a story about old FS 62. Len suggested we invite him to Parking Day.
10. Carl explained intricacies of turning Old FS 62 into a Cert Center. The Ad Hoc Committee

would be served by working with FS 59 and Westchester 5. Carl also explained the realities of the Los Angeles Cert facilities in Sherman Oaks at FS 88 headquarters. He suggested we apply first for a Container and donations to fill with necessary disaster preparedness equipment (shovels, etc.). Suggested that MVCC has the funds to purchase a container. A first step was recommended by Carl to invite the Battalion Chief in Sherman Oaks to a meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee needs to develop proposal of need – for example if the Sepulveda Pass is closed down, how would equipment from FS88 get to West Side? There are 3 main divisions, and 2 are on opposite side of hill from FS 88. It was also noted by Carl that old FS62 is tsunami proof. Ken volunteered to work with Carl on this proposal.

11. Sharon requested if there was any other old business. The MVCC approved the FS62 Community Center motion unanimously. The Del Rey Plum Board approved saving the station unanimously. Sharon was working to get it on the Palms for the following week. Then she would submit to Venice and as many other Community Councils as necessary.
12. The Mar Vista Historical Society is going to survey Old FS 62 as part of their historical landmarks listings.
13. Sharon brought up concern about grant proposals. Technically, the Ad Hoc Committee doesn't have right to do anything with the property, including solicit money. Len suggested that our ability to indicate that we had 'pledges' of funding would help plead our case 'downtown'. For example, ask 10 people if they would be willing to donate if...i.e. "contingency pledges". Sharon suggested that this complicated process would be in need of further discussion and we need to adjourn.
14. The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be September 16. When we meet again at Old FS 62, we will need to bring lights.

Roy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Motion was seconded by Carl.