

## **OLD FS 62 AD HOC COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

**Co-Chairs: Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger**

DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

LOCATION: BUNDY 123, Santa Monica College Bundy Campus

This meeting chaired by Rachel Swanger

1. Call to Order: 7:10

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting were not available and approval was postponed to the next meeting

3. Sharon Commins agreed to record minutes

4. Introductions & Public Announcements/Comments:

5. Old Business

a. Review of PARK[ING] DAY plans, participation, and activities. There was general discussion about responsibilities for PARK[ING] DAY. Sharon indicated she would put a push button on Google Maps, Maggie said she would take care of recruiting neighborhood artists and touching base with the Solar Power people, Evy, Jon and Roy also agreed to help organize.

6. Reports on recent legislative actions. Sharon reported that the Palms Neighborhood Council had voted unanimously at their last meeting to support the use of Old FS 62 as a Community Center.

7. New Business:

a. Sharon reported on the meeting Council member Bill Rosendahl had on September 1, 2009 with the mayor. The upshot of the meeting was that the mayor told the councilmember that he could tell his constituents that they have "6-12 months to see what they can do with the property" and that he will not try to auction it off while we do so.

b. Next Steps: Sharon Commins laid out a flow chart for what is tentatively being called the Old FS 62 Community Center Project:

i. The key elements of this plan are:

1. Obtaining permissions and access to the building and the site

2. Creating plans, designs and estimates

3. Creating a fundraising plan

4. Organizing the restoration

5. Deciding on a structure for governance and operations

ii. It was agreed that we need to pursue an agreement with the city to give us permission to use the property. Sharon indicated that she would talk with the MVCC, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), and others to gain insight into what needs to happen. Len said he would talk with the legal representative in the General Services Department. The group agreed that we should not proceed with grant writing and other fundraising until we had some formal authority to use the property. All those named above agreed to report back at the next meeting.

iii. It was agreed, however, that we could begin to think about fundraising prior to receiving this approval. The group decided we would raise funds in the name of the Historic Fire Station 62 Community Center. Rachel said she would serve as the point person for organizing the fundraising task force and would enlist Judy Deutsch and others in this effort. Sharon spoke about the option of either forming a 501C-3 (non-profit organization) ourselves with a Board of Directors, bylaws, etc. or partnering with an organization like Community Partners. Sharon, Roy, and others agreed to attend a 2-day planning workshop at Community Partners in October and report back to the group about that option. Len said he would explore other options. In addition, as part of the PR Campaign, Evy agreed to establish a Blog for the Historic FS62 Community Center and Len said he would establish a Facebook group for us.

iv. Debra, Tony and Roy agreed to serve on the Restoration Task Force. Debra asked Len to obtain all of the drawings for the building –the set that had been used to obtain the original building permit so that the Task Force could understand the structure of the building. This is critical if we are going to ask architects and structural engineers to assess what will be required for rehabilitation.

v. It was agreed that the Governance and Operation Task Force could be formed at a later date.

8. Public Comment: There was no public comment

9. Future Agenda Items: It was agreed that all would report back on their progress at the next meeting.

10. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.