

HISTORIC FS 62 AD HOC COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Co-Chairs: Sharon Cummins and Rachel Swanger

DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2009

LOCATION: St Andrews Lutheran Church, 11555 National Blvd.

This meeting chaired by Rachel Swanger

1. Call to Order: 7:12
2. Approval of Minutes:
3. Sharon Cummins agreed to record minutes
4. Introductions & Public Announcements/Comments:
 - a. Sarah Oswald mentioned that she had a friend who was a chef who regularly hosted underground dinners in art galleries and people's homes. She asked if the Historic FS 62 would be available for such types of events. There was general discussion about this. Sharon mentioned that while we don't yet have permission to use the facility we were keeping a list of all uses people were interested in as it is intended as a facility that can be used for community purposes.
5. Reports on Recent Legislative Action:
 - a. It was announced that the change in name from Old FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee to Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee was approved by the BOD of the MVCC. It was agreed that we would use this name going forward.
6. New Business
 - a. Structural Plans: Sharon announced that it had cost \$165 for copies of the plans and that we will need to collect donations to cover this. Members of the Committee looked over the plans and it was agreed that Sharon would deliver sets of the plans to Debra, Tony and Roy and ask them to look them over in preparation for arranging a tour with an architect and structural engineer who can give us estimates of what it might cost to rehabilitate.
 - b. Len's email was read in which he suggested we talk with representatives of the Infrastructure Academy. Sharon and Rachel agreed to follow up.
 - c. Sharon provided an update on her flow chart and pointed out that MV Historical Society had been added.
 - d. Sharon also mentioned that Kurt Steindler said he would help us with filing the paperwork necessary for setting up a 501C-3, non-profit organization. He suggested writing a mission statement which included restoration and management of the building. He said he would do the paperwork gratis, but that we would have to come up with the filing fees.
 - e. Sharon spoke about developing a strategy for a pledge drive and donations. All agreed this would be dependent upon the results of the inspection and that we will have to coordinate with each other so that we do not duplicate requests. It was suggested that we should aim to have 100 pledges from each zone. Questions were raised about how much MVCC might be able to contribute. It was noted that MVCC has a budget of about \$100,000 but we would have to put in a request for funds based upon our needs. There was also discussion about how far we wanted to go with the renovation/restoration. It was mentioned that only the outside matters for historic preservation and that we don't want to spend too much money, therefore we don't need to be 100% authentic. Returning to the idea of a pledge drive, Sharon said we needed to tap a person in each zone and give them 100 forms with the goal of getting 600 pledges by January. Sarah agreed she would publicize this in her blog with the hopes of finding someone to gather pledges for Zone 5. There was a call for volunteers for Zones 6 and 1-4 but none were identified at the meeting. It was agreed that we should seek donations of goods and services with an emphasis on getting "green" companies involved. This could be an excellent chance to have a demonstration project for commercial buildings. Maggie said she would ask David Hertz about his involvement.

f. Next Steps were discussed (Sharon you had a list can you please add?)

7. Public Comment: Sarah asked if any members of the committee had experience writing press releases. She suggested that it's important to do so whenever there's a "newsworthy" event to keep the buzz going. All agreed this is important.
8. Future Agenda Items: Report on tour of the building; Facebook; Blogspot
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at St. Andrews on December 16 at 7 pm.