



Florence-Firestone Community Plan Florence-Firestone Community Leaders Monthly Community Meeting January 14, 2015



OBJECTIVE

For the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) to engage stakeholders on key planning issues in the Florence-Firestone community, including the Draft Florence-Firestone Community Plan (Draft Plan) and Yard Sale Ordinance Update.

MEETING DESCRIPTION

On the evening of Wednesday, January 14, 2015, twenty-five (25) community members attended the Florence-Firestone Community Leaders (FFCL) meeting at Washington Park, 8908 Maie Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002. The monthly meeting provides a forum for residents, business owners, nonprofit service providers, community leaders, and County staff to discuss issues, programs, and services in Florence-Firestone. Draft Plan project manager Jonathan P. Bell attended on behalf of DRP.

SUMMARY

Meeting attendees included community leaders, residents, business owners, nonprofit service providers, staff from the Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, representatives from the Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce, and staff from County Public Library, Sheriff's Department, Parks and Recreation, and DRP.

Mr. Bell gave a status report on the Yard Sale Ordinance Update. Mr. Bell summarized the proceedings of the November 11th Regional Planning Commission hearing and reminded the group that this Countywide ordinance update began as a grassroots effort in Florence-Firestone. Mr. Bell reported that the *tentative* public hearing date for the Board of Supervisors to consider the ordinance is March 24, 2015. Community members were invited to write comment letters or testify at the public hearing. Mr. Bell answered questions about the ordinance and the concurrent effort by County Counsel to update County codes regulating illegal street vending. Zoning Enforcement flyers (English/Spanish) were distributed. Attendees were advised to report code violations to the County's 211 hotline.

Mr. Bell reported on the status of the Draft Plan. The most recent public draft was published in December 2012. Comments are welcome. The team is updating the draft plan, land use map, and community standards district, and preparing an environmental review. The Draft Plan will be presented at a forthcoming communitywide meeting slated for Spring 2015. Attendees received an 8x11 version of the Florence-Firestone Community Plan outreach poster. Mr. Bell also provided full size posters to the FFCL President and staff members of the Library branches in Florence-Firestone. The Florence and Graham libraries will display the Community Plan poster to support our outreach effort.

NEXT STEPS

- Prepare Board hearing package for Yard Sale Ordinance Update
- Continue work on Draft Plan
- Update project websites