



## Monterey Community Center

*A project of*  
Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House, Inc.  
PO Box 302, Monterey, MA 01245

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### *Quarterly Report to Monterey Select Board*

#### **Construction**

Architect Steve McAlister completed the drawings and specifications for the building, including the SIP panels, windows, lighting, electrical layout, etc. We have purchased the SIP panels (structural insulated wall panels) and windows, which have been delivered to the site. Eric Pedersen Construction has completed the preparation of the building for installing the panels, which is scheduled to begin Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Unless bad weather gets in the way, the panels should largely be up and installed in two or three days, and then we will apply building wrap.

Once the walls are up, windows will be installed, and with temporary doors in place we'll be closed in for winter. As funds allow, we will proceed with electricity, heating system and foam insulation during the winter months.

We have appreciated, and benefited from, the conscientious plowing and sanding provided by the Monterey Highway Department for our wintertime construction crews and materials deliveries.

#### **Fundraising: Capital Campaign**

We have received 90% of the grant money from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Cultural Facilities Grant of \$40,000. We used this money to pay for structural steel, SIP panels, architect fees and carpentry labor. The remaining \$4,000 will be transferred to us shortly when MassDevelopment reviews the final forms we have submitted.

We prepared a fundraising mailing which went out at the beginning of December, and the response has been heartening. The mailing included our new brochure as well as a letter describing the "buy a window" campaign, tiers of donation amounts for different named features, and a matching fund offer for a limited time. We easily met the matching funds amount by the deadline, and by the end of December all 27 windows had been purchased. The total donated in December is over \$20,000 plus the match grant of \$8,000.

We have applied for a grant from the Feigenbaum Foundation, which focuses on nonprofits in Berkshire County, and we have entered a preliminary application with the Highland Street Foundation. We should hear something from both foundations in January. In addition we are interviewing two different grant research companies to determine if we want to hire either one to assist us in our search for appropriate grant funding.

Our best estimates indicate that we will need another \$70-90,000 to complete the renovation and open the Community Center doors, which we still hope to accomplish in 2015.