

The Garden District
Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association Notes March 16, 2009

Our March meeting of The Garden District Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association was Monday March 16, 2009 at the Rising High Bakery.

The meeting started with a presentation by Jim Martin, of the Charleston Parks Conservancy and Park Angels. Park Angels is a new non-profit organization that will work with the City of Charleston to bring the levels of our parks up. They are currently working on several projects including Colonial Lake, Cannon and Allen Park. Jim discussed the upcoming meeting to discuss renovations to Wragg Square Park. They will be drawing up conceptual plans for the park and have scheduled an open meeting March 21st from 10 AM to 12 PM at Wragg Square Park. Everyone is encouraged to attend "Pride in Our Parks: Wragg Square" to leave your ideas and visions.

Next on the agenda was a heartfelt appeal from Lanneau Siegling, the Executive Director, Boys & Girls clubs of the Trident Area, for our neighborhood to become involved with the Shaw Unit at 22 Mary Street. It was decided to have groups of neighbors make visits to Shaw to become better acquainted with the facility and how we may best help.

Our President, Vangie Rainsford, reported on a recent meeting with Mayor Riley where she learned that the Citadel Square Baptist Church Property will not become part of the Federal Building project due to an impasse over the price of the property. Plans are moving forward for the development, and Vangie again stressed that we will maintain our DR1F and DR2F zoning in the neighborhood.

The last discussion centered on the closing of the Boat House Restaurant and the possible loss during the day of the 41 parking places. The city is going to be looking into how to handle these types of situations in the future.

There were complaints about trucks cutting through on chapel St and the non-functioning light at Elizabeth and Calhoun.

Next month's meeting will be held on April 27 and will be followed by a neighborhood party.