

The Garden District
Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association Notes April 25, 2007

Our last meeting of The Garden District Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association was Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. held at the Rising High Bakery.

Guests for the evening included Sharon Brennan, Josh Martin and Michael Maher, from the City of Charleston; Cynthia Jenkins from the Preservation Society; and David Slade from the Post and Courier.

The main topic of discussion for the evening was the proposed changes to the Federal Building Block. The representatives from the City were here to present a Draft that represents the possible uses and forms. The Draft did not conform to the development vision that Mazyck-Wraggborough and the City of Charleston has held for the past 6 years. There is also request for a height overlay change. The present zoning allows 55/30 on front of the General Business lot but it drops to 50/30 about mid-way. The city has proposed changing the zoning to 55/30 for the entire General Business area making it possible to have no limit on the number of stories for a building or parking garage on the site (staying within the maximum height allowed.) At present, only three stories would be allowed.

After the City representatives left, there was discussion on the proposals. Our City Councilman, Robert Mitchell, stated that there was a lot being withheld from Council Members. It was decided to form a group to study the Federal Building, to determine questions and concerns to present to the city.