

# **Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association**

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 17, 2023

### **I. Call to order**

Ferris Kaplan, President, called to order the membership meeting of the Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 17th. The meeting was held at Charleston County Public Library.

### **II. Board Introductions**

The following board members were present: Ferris Kaplan (President), Erin Witty (Vice President), Bill Goodale (Treasurer), Cameron Elliott (Secretary), and Sharon Bruner (Membership Chair).

### **III. Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for the November 1st meeting were approved.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Provided by Bill Goodale, Treasurer: We currently have \$7,434 in our account after a \$1,000 check was given to the Garden Club.

### **V. Open business**

#### a) Committee Chair reports:

- i) Activism Committee via Joe Maas: It has now been a year that the Wragg Wall fountain has not been operating. They have sandblasted and painted, but the pump is not running. Becca Hopkins has put in many repair orders: 4 sections of the sidewalk on Chapel Street have been fixed, as well as the sidewalk in front of the microwave tower. A fire hydrant on Alexander has been fixed and marked. The committee was told that there is no money to install lighting in the Vangie Rainsford Park, but Dominion may be a resource for this. Many have asked about a speed hump on Judith. All residents on Judith would have to agree, then they will measure the traffic and speeds. Request for a dog park at Tiedemann was denied, but the committee does feel strongly about getting this approved in the future.
- ii) Developments Committee via Ferris Kaplan: Indigo Road is now considering 438 King as a site for a new restaurant- it may become a smaller scale

project—[UPDATE SINCE MEETING: Indigo Road is no longer involved]. Fred has sent a list of issues and violations to the BAR: there are multiple permanently affixed metal signs on houses, fiberglass storm doors, inappropriate columns, windows etc. The BAR is working on a pamphlet for home improvement requirements and guidelines for homeowners. Fred is requesting help from MWNAs members to monitor BAR/BZA websites, check permits, and speak as a representative of the neighborhood at meetings when necessary.

- iii) Parks & Gardens Committee via Vangie Rainsford: A date will come out soon for the next litter walk. The Susie Jackson Garden did not fare well in the cold snap. Vangie is meeting with the Charleston Parks Committee head to come up with a plan to re-plant. The dedication will be sometime in June.
- iv) Legal Matters Committee via Austin Elliott: No updates.
- v) Safety Committee via Denny O'Brien: The newly-formed committee met for the first time on January 5th. They are working on having a regular patrol person. Lieutenant Shylah Murray of the Charleston Police Department will join us at the March meeting to explain the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. Their first major project for this committee will be compiling an inventory with updated phone numbers for all houses.
- vi) Donations Committee via Margaret O'Brien: A \$1,000 check was issued to the Garden Club for their regenerative garden. John Paul Huguley has \$1,400 committed to start trimming trees on Charlotte. David Grant says they didn't plant the tree at Tiedemann Park but they will take care of it. They will plant trees for us in empty tree boxes (2 on Alexander and 3 on Elizabeth in the long box adjacent to the church).
- vii) Outreach Committee via Erin Witty: This committee has been reconfigured to focus on bringing our members together. After the March 21st meeting, we will gather at the Dewberry for socializing.

## **VI. New business**

- a) Guest speaker: Arielle Gerstein, Charleston County Sustainability Coordinator. There are now 5 food waste drop-off sites, the closest to our neighborhood being Corinne Jones Park. The Composting Program reduces landfill capacity which is important for our ecosystem. More information will be posted on the neighborhood association website.

- b) Guest speaker: Sr. Pastor Eric Manning, Mother Emanuel AME Church. The Emanuel Nine Memorial and Survivors Garden plans and timeline are posted on emanuelnine.org. Construction of the fellowship benches is forecasted to begin in June/July and will take about 12 months. Phase two, which is the construction of the survivors' garden, will depend on the fundraising of \$7 million. An additional \$3 million will be needed for restoration of the church. All updates to be posted on their website.
- c) New residents/members present: Rich and Jenny Rosenthal from 99 Alexander.
- d) Our newsletter goes out to 225 people. We have 65 houses as members which represents 114 residents. We have 7 committees with over 30 members serving.
- e) Elections for board members will take place in May. Term is 2 years.
- f) Police put out their message trailer on East Bay between Biergarten and the Post Office for 10 days in mid-December. Despite the sign to not use Chapel, trucks still are.
- g) CPD crime statistics are now available on our website on the "About Us" tab.
- h) The Parks Conservancy received a donation in our name for Tiedemann Park from Ryan Burns to thank us for allowing The Righteous Gemstones to film at King and Ann Streets.
- i) Vangie: The City removed 2 Laurel Oaks from Wragg Square and alleged that there are plans to take the remaining 9 trees down as well. The arborist on site said the trees can be saved. The McGee family will put together a plan to maintain the trees.
- j) Next meeting is March 21st, 2023.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Ferris Kaplan, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cameron Elliott.