

# **Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association**

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 25, 2021

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

Ferris Kaplan, President, called to order the membership meeting of the Mazyck-Wraggborough Neighborhood Association at 6:36pm on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held via Zoom.

### **II. President's Welcome**

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

Minutes for last month's meeting (September 28, 2021) were approved.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Provided by Bill Goodale, Treasurer: We currently have \$4307 in our account.

### **IV. City Council Candidates open questions: Robert Mitchell and Tim Weber**

Introductions for each candidate were read from *The Charleston City Paper* by Ferris.

The following questions were answered by both candidates:

- a) What do you see as the issues confronting our district and how would you prioritize them? Robert, what will you do differently this year than last?
- b) From a resident's perspective, it seems like not a lot gets done or the city moves too slowly. How will you break through the bureaucracy?
- c) The trend seems to be to ignore city rules and regulations and ask for forgiveness and approval later. Specifically, the Dewberry rooftop bar, the schoolyard fence on John Street, the stucco exterior of the building at East Bay and Charlotte, trucks on Chapel Street, and many more issues. What would you do to ensure enforcement of rules that ensure livability for our

neighborhood residents so that the rule-breakers see that there are consequences?

- d) Is there anything that can be done to address vacant houses that are allowed to deteriorate? And are there city funds and/or grants available to help owners maintain their houses?
- e) What is your plan to reduce crime in the neighborhood? What can be done?
- f) Homelessness has long been an issue on the peninsula. Is it a policing or a public health responsibility? What ideas do you have for reducing it and offering assistance to the folks that need it?
- g) What are your plans for traffic reduction? There was a great public transit walking plan proposed under the previous administration. Where is that and what are your views on it?
- h) What is your vision for the peninsula in terms of mixed use with residential business, and hotels. How far are we from that now and how do we get to your vision?

## **V. Old business**

- a) 21 Charlotte updates from Fred Willis: City issued COs without asking the TRC to do their inspection. When the horizontal property regime was filed, 3 of the required parking spaces were abandoned, among other issues. The engineer of record was asked to resubmit his site plan. This will be reviewed on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b) East Bay apartments: no update
- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian wall update: Ferris attended a meeting with Mayor Tecklenburg, city employees, and the Preservation Society. The sidewalk could be blocked off for years even though the work may only take a few months. A nonprofit will have to apply for grants to get the work done (a few hundred thousand dollars). They are working with the Clemson researchers to do a radar survey of the ground to make sure there are no graves near the wall.
- d) 42 Charlotte St update: The new owner is resubmitting plans to the BAR this Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. They have been denied several times. His proposal and plans are posted online as part of the BAR agenda.

- e) The Dewberry update from Lisa Thomas: The SC Court of Appeals ruled on the decision that was made by the circuit court. They have ruled in the City's favor, which supports the neighborhood's concerns about the fact that The Dewberry built a rooftop bar without the proper approvals. The Dewberry now has the ability to appeal this ruling to the Supreme Court.

## **VI. New business**

- a) Mary Street apartments update by Fred Willis: The Historic Charleston Foundation is taking a neutral position because they feel like they're getting a better result than what had previously been proposed.
- b) 1 Henrietta & 3 Henrietta update by Erin Witty: She and Adam will present their renovation plans to the BAR on October 28<sup>th</sup>. They are working with architect Eddie Fava, who focuses on historic preservation. An adjacent property, 3 Elizabeth, has been deemed "demolition by neglect." The owner recently hired construction company from Charlotte who started to remove the piazza with no permits or BAR approval, so a stop work order was issued.
- c) CofC wants the neighborhood to know they are hosting "Chanukah in the Square" in Marion Square from 4-6pm on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- d) MWNA dues paid by residents now will be applied to 2022.
- e) Our next MWNA meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and will be held via Zoom.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Ferris Kaplan, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cameron Elliott. Subject to approval.