Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

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Meeting Reports - March 2020
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Treasurer's report –

Checking: $37,166.24 (- 1924.34 for tote bags)
Savings: $5004.27

WTNA reusable bags – Our reusable grocery/tote bags have been ordered and are soon ready to distribute to Wagener Terrace. We will need to print a newsletter and brochure first, but we will be putting these in each bag and then dropping one bag off at every home in Wagener Terrace. It will be easy, non-interactive work that involves hanging a bag on a doorknob or leaving on the stoop for an assigned section of the neighborhood. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact us at the above email address.

Community crime forum report – Many neighbors, including your WTNA president, Amanda Gurski, and vice president, Petar Lemajic, attended the community forum with the Charleston Police Department on February 19, which was hosted by Councilman Jason Sakran. Lt. Jenkins and Capt. Thompson engaged in a great conversation with everyone that had comments or questions. It was emphasized that the police need the community's help in reporting crimes and other suspicious activity as soon as it happens to better assist them in protecting us all.

Citadel/Dunnemann walk through report - Attendees: Sharon Strong, Anna McAllister, Jeanie Knowlton, Janet Watts (all from Dunnemann Ave.), joined by Citadel staff (Jeff Lamberson (VP of Facilities), John Dorrian (VP for Communications), and Kathleen Dille (Resident Architect)), along with staff from design firm Ayers Saint Gross (Aaryne Elias (space usage analyst) and Mike McGrain (landscape architect)).
Attendees met at the Starbucks on the Citadel campus. The Citadel's plan is to take down the chain link fence behind the Starbucks and replace it with something more Charleston-style and welcoming, with a gate to the park, a terrace, and lighting. The Citadel would like to connect more with the surrounding communities (including Westedge, MUSC, etc.). They walked from the Starbucks up 10th Ave. and west on Dunnemann Ave to just beyond Wagener Ave. The tall apartment building opposite 9th Ave has 16 3-bedroom apartments reserved for faculty/staff and will be pulled down eventually, but there are no immediate plans for

demolition. The five 50+ year old duplexes ("Wilson units," named for the street on the Citadel side) will be demolished as part of the new Master Plan and likely be replaced with a series of 2- to 3-bedroom family units, maybe a garage at ground level followed by 2 stories; there may be several units attached to one another and then a green space in between, kind of like how it is now. The two north-south oriented staff housing units (located just past Wagener Ave.) are said to be in pretty good shape and will stay for now. In the long term, they may extend sports fields farther toward the river, since it won't matter if the fields flood periodically. They're still looking at flood mitigation options and mentioned a wall that might be built to help control that issue. They intend to have a first draft of the Master Plan by the summer, and the final version by the fall.

- Many thanks to Sharon for such a detailed report of the plans for the Citadel properties that affect Wagener Terrace!

Nominating committee formation – If you not interested and/or not eligible to serve on the WTNA board, but are interested in vetting candidates to slate those four that you feel are best suited, please contact Amanda at the email above to be added to the nominating committee. If you've attended a good number of meetings in the past fiscal year (since July) and are a paying member, you're qualified. If you've not paid for this current fiscal year, we can get that rectified with our treasurer, Gail Thomas, at the next meeting. Our nominating committee chair is Alston Middleton, and there will be future plans to meet and discuss candidates prior to the announcement of the slate and call for any other potential candidates at the May meeting. The vote will then follow at the June meeting.

WTNA board elections – Are you interested in being on the Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association board of directors? This is a two year term, and has requirements for semi-regular attendance at meetings. Additionally there are usually two board meetings a year to make decisions and guide the overall membership of WTNA. To find out if you are eligible to run and to be considered by the nominating committee to be slated for the election, please contact us at the email above. Additionally, please find the bylaws that describe this role and requirements in more detail on our website under >> resources >> minutes.

Yard of the Month – March 2020 winner is Rita Baldwin at 193 Sans Souci Street. Congratulations!

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