

**Midtown: The Garden District  
Regular Business Meeting  
April 20, 2004  
John B. Wright Elementary School Cafeteria**

Brad Holland called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Treasurer David Kha presented the monthly treasurer's report.

Cash on hand	Deposit	Expenses	Balance
2527.65	256.3	42.48	2741.47

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Wright School

Ida Plotkin spoke in Principal Lisa Langford's absence. The goals of the school, student achievement, monies allocated and their use were all outlined. Members of the community were asked to support the goals of the school and a call was put out for volunteers.

Library Learning Center

Anna Marie Patti gave us a progress update. Bidding on contractors will start soon. A committee will work on ideas for suggestions for outside art. Members supported Brad's suggestion that the library be named Martha Cooper Library.

Botanical Gardens

Nancy Laney, executive director of the gardens, assured the community that the amended plan to add two more lots for educational purposes, will remain as residential zoning. This is a positive change for our community, a change that is amenable to most neighbors. Brad made an impassioned speech in support of the Botanical Gardens as a place that has a most positive influence for our community. Members voted unanimously in support of amending the area plan for the gardens.

Other News

David Kha and Howard Ward volunteered to take over the job of printing, collating, and tabbing our newsletter that is mailed out by the Department of Neighborhood Resources. This job was done by Carrie Rondeau for seven years. Thanks, Carrie.

The suicide lane on Grant was abolished by a 7-0 vote by the City Council.

One of our neighbors, Nicole Smith spoke about her role in helping to keep our neighborhood safe from drugs and other negative influences. She stressed the importance of being involved in what is going on, being watchful and taking an assertive stand with officials in order to get things done.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Rebecca Lee, coordinator for the International Exchange Program, spoke of the need for host families for exchange students and the benefits for all involved. She can be reached at 579-2700 if you are interested or know someone who might host a student.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 7 pm, pot luck 6:30**

Ida Plotkin, secretary