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## GRAND OPENING OF GADSDENBORO PARK

*Charleston, SC* – On Saturday, May 16, 2015, Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and members of City Council dedicated the city's newest park, Gadsdenboro Park. After the dedication, the community was invited to listen to live music and participate in a number of games and activities. Pick-up games of lacrosse, bocci ball, corn hole and disc golf showcased the distinct features of the park.

Gadsdenboro Park is approximately five acres of public space in a portion of the block formed by Calhoun, Laurens, Washington and Concord Streets. The center of the park is a lawn for programmed activities such as soccer, football, and lacrosse. The perimeter has outdoor 'rooms' which include two playgrounds, a bocce ball court, four built-in chess tables, pergolas to be outfitted for bench swings, a bluestone amphitheater, a formal lawn appropriate for hosting events and a fountain which features a sculpture, *Ascension* by Douwe Blumberg.

The concept for the design was the result of a series of public design workshops. The workshops were originally facilitated by the group Projects for Public Spaces, which helped design Bryant Park in New York City.

The Construction Contractor was AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc. The Landscape Architect and lead consultant was Cole Jenest and Stone. Other consultants used were ADC Engineering, Civil Engineer; LS3P Associates, Architect; S&ME, Soil Consultant; WPC Terracon, Environmental consultant; and Collins Engineers, Structural Engineer.

Mayor Riley said, "It is a City's responsibility to provide its residents with beautiful public spaces. When we dedicate a new park, it becomes part of the public realm and is a gift to everyone. Today, Gadsdenboro Park proudly joins the ranks of the City's impressive network of wonderful public spaces to be enjoyed by many for generations to come."

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