

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)
Meeting Notes
Saturday, June 15, 2019**



GNC Co-Chairperson **Susan Taaffe** convened the **June 2019** GNC meeting at the Greensboro Public Library, beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants.

Guest Speaker:

Jodie Stanley, City of Greensboro Education and Outreach Coordinator in the **Human Relations Department**, presented an outstanding overview of Greensboro's **extensive assistance to persons seeking equal access to education, employment, housing, and crisis intervention**. Doing so promotes **diversity, equity, inclusion, mutual understanding, respect and fair treatment** of all Greensboro residents without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or familial status. This department serves as a "hub", guiding individuals through disputes of landlord/tenant relations, discrimination, fair housing, expungement of certain criminal records to assist reentry into society and the workforce, crisis de-escalation, and mental health assistance. All City staff have online access to language interpreters through www.LanguageLine.com as needed to communicate with non-English speakers. Contact our City **Human Relations** staff at 300 West Washington Street, 336-373-2038 or <https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/human-relations>.

When calling our City of Greensboro 336-373-CITY, you are most effective if your own communications are factual, rather than inflammatory or prejudicial. We all are encouraged to practice cultural humility and cultural sensitivity. Stanley's extremely helpful presentation is available via GoogleDrive at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eXy-B1wA15tN8PuTyblVPpHR_ligJJ6-/view

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Betty Watson reports the GNC has \$262.42 in savings, \$805.94 in checking, for a total of \$1,068.35 as of May 31, 2019. That total will decrease by \$351.15 as Ann Stringfield is reimbursed for her pre-payment to renew GNC's www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org 3-year domain name and website hosting contract with GoDaddy, not due again until March 2022. Ann donates her GNC website design and maintenance services.

Issues & Bylaws: Marsh Prause reports this committee continues discussions with the City about regulations: 1) for Short Term Rentals (AirB&B/VRBO/Tourist Homes and 2) for improved upkeep of commercial buildings.

Announcements:

- **Betty Watson** reported success of an **Old L. Richardson Neighborhood** resident's field trip to the Greensboro Natural Science Center, exposing neighborhood residents to City amenities, encouraging them to promote amenities to city visitors. City Parks & Recreation provided bus transportation. Funding was through a [Building Stronger Neighborhoods](#) grant from the [Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro](#).
- **Mindy Zackery** reported success of **Dunleath Neighborhood's 2019 "Porchfest"** celebration. She also noted that the City again declined responsibility for old storm drains, blocked-off decades ago when Yanceyville Street was widened, which now cause significant water problems in historic neighborhood home foundations.
- **Marsh Prause** reported the **Westerwood** neighborhood recently celebrated their 100th anniversary, including tours of several neighborhood home's gardens.

- **Sadie Blue** reported that a city-wide **Greensboro Neighborhood Summit** is planned for **2020** at the Greensboro Coliseum. Presentations will familiarize neighbors with multiple City services and resources. Also, Blue encourages GNC neighborhood leaders to share their neighborhood's events on the **Building Stronger Neighborhoods** Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BSNofGSO/>. Blue also challenges attendees to bring one or more neighbors to all upcoming GNC meetings.
- **Susan Taaffe** asks GNC members to **recommend speakers** for future GNC meetings.

GNC's August meeting is a
Greensboro Neighborhood Congress Social!
participants, supporters, and their guests.
Saturday, August 10th, 4pm until 7pm
David Caldwell Historic Center
3211 W. Cornwallis Drive.

This location is near Greensboro's Bicentennial Garden.

www.greensboro-nc.gov/davidcaldwell

This casual event will include pizza and ice cream and comfortable spaces indoors and out to commune with our fellow neighbors in a non-meeting setting.

We'll have some vegan and gluten free options.

Please let us know if you have additional dietary needs we can accommodate.

**Bring your family and a neighbor who might want to know more about the
 Greensboro Neighborhood Congress.**

Questions? Call Susan Taaffe at 336-404-6748.

The autumn GNC meeting will be **Saturday, October 12, 9-11 a.m.**, in the Nussbaum Room of the Greensboro Central Library.

Visit www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org for information about the GNC, where you can always read notes from previous GNC monthly meetings.

GNC notes were respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, July 15, 2019.