

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)
Meeting Notes
Thursday, August 14, 2014**



GNC Co-Chairperson **Susan Taaffe** convened the **August 2014** GNC meeting at the Central Public Library beginning with a review of voting guidelines and our traditional introduction of all participants followed by presentations by a guest speaker.

Guest speaker:

Ellen Whitlock, Executive Director of Senior Resources of Guilford reviewed a plethora of services locally available to **all persons in Guilford County age 60 and over**, regardless of income, as well as resources for caretakers of senior populations. Senior Resources of Guilford serves our diverse community of seniors and their families by advocating and providing supportive services to enhance independence, health, and quality of life.

Contact **SeniorLine at 336-333-6981 in Greensboro/Guilford County or at 336-884-6981 in High Point/Jamestown**. Callers are directed to specialized assistance including: housing resources, adult day care and respite services, in-home evaluation by social workers, transportation to/from medical appointments, home delivered meals, food assistance and nutrition information, noontime meals at nine Guilford County sites, free legal services, home repair programs, health/dental resources, depression screening, daily phone check-in, Medicare insurance and prescription drug plans guidance, assistance for caregivers of seniors, and classes for citizenship and English as a Second Language (ESL). Speakers for other organization's meetings are available..

Senior Resources of Guilford facilities currently host over 100 senior adults/day, feed over 375 seniors daily, and service over 6,000 calls/year. Funding is from the federal Older Americans Act as well as the local United Way and others. Services are provided by 19 full-time staff, 38 total employees, and over 1,200 volunteers of all ages. Whitlock encourages GNC members to **contact your state and federal legislators** to urge additional financial support to meet the growing needs of the coming "boom" of senior populations.

www.Senior-Resources-Guilford.org

Committee Reports:

Membership –Sadie Blue visited several neighborhood festivities on National Night Out Against Crime. GNC members please update your neighborhood leadership contact information to Sadie Blue at spoyldsadie@yahoo.com or 336-988-5009.

Issues and Bylaws – Marsh Prause marsh.prause@smithmoorelaw.com indicated this committee continues work reviewing GNC bylaws. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at College Park Baptist Church.

Announcements/News:

College Hill Neighborhood leaders presented their latest neighborhood planning document to the City Planning Board. Receiving little support by that Board, GNC members are asked to **contact Planning Board and City Council members** before mid-September to express support of College Hill's neighborhood plan, a major goal of which is to encourage increased homeowner occupancy in this multi-college student-intensive community.

A proposed City ordinance to increase costs for City response to **home security system false alarms** does not appear to have strong City Council support. Discussion also arose about **financial incentives** proposed by developers for site preparations in east Greensboro. GNC members are encouraged to attend City Council meetings and learn more about City Council decision-making.

Jodi Stanley, City of Greensboro Community Relations Specialist, announced a local program to help senior populations with simple home improvements such as installing wheelchair ramps, promoting independent living, as well as an opportunity to attend an October 2014 event concerning **elder abuse and exploitation**.

Lindley Park neighbors have experienced door-to-door scams of people falsely identifying themselves as ADT home security sales. If approached, call the **Police at 911 or 373-2222** and also alert your neighbors of this scam.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, August 15, 2014.