

# Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)

## Meeting Notes

### Saturday, January 13, 2018

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GNC Co-Chairperson **Susan Taaffe** convened the **January 2018** GNC meeting at the Greensboro Public Library, beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants.

#### **Guest speaker:**

**Ann Stringfield**, GNC member from the Fisher Park neighborhood, demonstrated the GNC's own website which offers online access to GNC Bylaws, Strategic Plan, future meeting dates, notes from previous meetings, links to neighborhood grant opportunities, links to helpful neighborhood resources online, and GNC contact information.

Two especially informative GNC website resource links are:

1- [City Of Greensboro Police Community Resource Officers \(CROs\)](#) listed by neighborhood name and  
2- [City-Data.com](#), a free online database presenting your neighborhood's demographics -- age, gender, income, ethnicity, housing costs, etc. -- which can help each neighborhood better understand their own composition. She then demonstrated a variety of social media formats neighborhoods use, led discussion about pros and cons of each format within a neighborhood and societal context, and invited attendees to share their name and phone so other GNC members may help you create your neighborhood website, Facebook site, Nextdoor site, e-mail list, print newsletter, or whatever media you consider valuable for your neighborhood.

Stringfield encourages all neighbors to subscribe to our [City of Greensboro biweekly e-newsletter](#), and to ensure neighbors know how to [contact their own Police CROs](#). At the very least, provide your neighbors with print newsletters, neighborhood leaders contact information, meeting and event dates, directions to access your neighborhood's primary social e-media, and provide copies of printed neighborhood communications to City Council, your County Commissioner, Police Community Resource Officers, and to nearby neighborhoods' leaders. An outline of this presentation is available at <http://greensboroneighborhoodcongress.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/SocialMediaExamplesForGNC.pdf>

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Elections:** [Susan Taaffe](#) reminded participants that 2018 GNC elections will be held at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for 2-year terms for a Western Greensboro Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Issues & Bylaws Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and City Council District Liaisons for districts 1, 3, and 5. Executive Board meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

**Treasurer** – GNC's long-time Treasurer volunteer Jack Zimmerman passed away in November 2018. We sincerely miss his dedication and service. GNC leaders will obtain GNC financial records from Mary Lou Zimmerman. The GNC Treasurer's position is open for GNC Feb 8<sup>th</sup> elections. Susan Taaffe reported the GNC has \$931.59 total as of November 30, 2017. December holiday dinner costs were ~\$400.

**Membership** – [Gerry Alfano](#) asks to be alerted if former GNC participants or visitors on our monthly sign-in list are no longer actively participating.

**Issues & Bylaws** – [Mike Pendergraft](#) advised that this committee continues their work toward a neighborhood assessment tool.

## Announcements:

- **Old L. Richardson** neighborhood members will participate in Greensboro's Martin Luther King parade, Monday, January 15. They've arranged a van for their wheel-chair-bound neighbors' active participation.
- **Sunset Hills neighborhood** is working with Greensboro's Department of Transportation to better manage speeding traffic. The City now has 5 traffic enforcement officers who perform their work on motorcycle.
- **Cottage Grove Community** anticipates significant renovation in upcoming years. Also, they were awarded a City Participatory Budgeting (PB) award for new park playground equipment.
- The **Renaissance Community Co-op (RCC)** grocery offers free flu vaccines and health assessments after Monday's MLK parade.

The next meeting of the GNC is **Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7-9 p.m.** at the Greensboro Central Public Library. GNC annual elections are on the agenda -- for 2-year terms for a Western Greensboro Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Issues & Bylaws Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and City Council District Liaisons for districts 1, 3, and 5 -- so please attend!

Visit [www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org](http://www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org) for information about the GNC, where you can always read notes from previous GNC monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, January 16, 2018.