

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)  
Meeting Notes  
Thursday, February 8, 2018**

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

**Guest speakers:**

**Jennifer Delacourt**, NC Regional Coordinator of [Active Routes to School](#) reminded us that 50 years ago 50% of school children walked or biked to school. Yet by 2009 only 13% of children did so. Monday through Friday, 14% of routine morning rush hour traffic is parents and young drivers driving to school instead of walking or biking. Meanwhile NC is the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest in childhood obesity with 31% of NC children overweight or obese! [Active Routes to School](#) educates and encourages parents and students to increase safe and healthy walking/biking to and from school. Visit <http://www.WalkBikeToSchool.org>. March 21, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. is the [NC Safe Routes to School Conference](#) at the Koury Convention Center. Contact Jennifer Delacourt at [jennifer.delacourt@wakegov.com](mailto:jennifer.delacourt@wakegov.com) or 919-610-5760.

**Daniel Amstutz**, Greensboro Transportation Authority (GTA) Transportation Planner, encourages family participation in **Bike Month** in May, **Bide Rodeos** in local elementary schools, and “**Wheels on the Greenway**” community biking experiences. Greensboro has many new sidewalk building projects. [Safe Kids Guilford](#) teaches bicycle safety to local school children. For City bicycle and pedestrian information visit <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/transportation/gdot-divisions/planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian> or e-mail [daniel.amstutz@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:daniel.amstutz@greensboro-nc.gov) or 336-373-4368.

**Gray Johnston**, GTA Transit Planning Apprentice, 336-373-6848, introduced [Mobility Greensboro 2040](#), Greensboro’s long-range transportation plan. It encourages city bus improvements such as shorter bus routes, more frequent bus routes, cross town connector buses, and building additional bus mini-hub-depots throughout town, plus facilities for more bike racks, shared electric cars, etc. Mid-March 2018, all will be invited to the GTA J. Douglas Galyon Transportation Depot -- 236-C E. Washington St. in downtown Greensboro -- to meet and discuss future transportation enhancements with transportation planners. Increased mobility opportunities improve quality of life in any city.

**Committee Reports:**

**Elections:** East Co-Chairperson **Linda Bennett** reviewed 2018 GNC nominees for re-election and invited additional nominees. Motions were made and seconded, then passed with unanimous election of 2-year terms for Western Greensboro Co-Chairperson **Susan Taaffe**, Treasurer **Matt Thomas**, Issues & Bylaws Chairperson **Marsh Prause**, Membership Chairperson **Gerry Alfano**, and City Council District District 1 Liaison **Julie Crowder** and District 5 Liaison **Trudy Atkins**. Positions remain open for future nomination and election of a GNC Secretary, Communications Chair, Social Chair, and District 3 Liaison. No other committees reported.

Discussions continued about how to increase GNC attendance and participation.

The next meeting of the GNC is **Saturday, March 9, 2018, 9-11 a.m.** at the Greensboro Central Public Library. Guest speaker **Shawna Tiller**, City Planning and Project Development Division Manager, will share information about [Plan to Play](#), the City of Greensboro’s Park Master Plan to increase and improve city parks for the next 20 years.

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, February 10, 2018.