

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)
Meeting Notes
Saturday, May 12, 2018



GNC Co-Chairperson **Linda Bennett** convened the **May 2018** GNC meeting at the Greensboro Public Library, beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants.

Guest speakers:

Leonard Lawson, Information Systems Manager working with the [Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro](#) (CFGG), spoke about the importance of collecting, evaluating, and using census data along with other public data available from our city, to help neighborhoods understand their own characteristics. One example shared is of Margaret Gordon, an Oakland, CA woman concerned about local asthma rates 10x the national average and lower than normal life expectancy rates. She initiated a **West Oakland Environmental Indicators** project using publicly available data to convince her City to re-route diesel truck routes away from her neighborhood and use cleaner fuels at nearby shipping ports. Within a decade, neighborhood air quality improved and local asthma incidence reduced significantly, after which property values climbed. Later in 2018, Lawson offers to visit neighborhood Board meetings upon request, and gradually expects to make helpful local neighborhood data publicly available online as a **CFGG Community Indicators Project**.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Betty Watson reports GNC funds include \$491.95 in checking, \$261.60 in savings, for a total of \$753.55 as of April 30, 2018. The **Sunset Hills Neighborhood** made a generous \$200 donation to the GNC on 4/13/2018.

Membership: Gerry Alfano reminds everyone to sign in at every GNC monthly meeting.

Announcements:

- **Dunleith Neighborhood** invites everyone to their 2nd annual **Porchfest**, Saturday, June 9, Noon to 5 p.m., featuring ~35 bands and artists, food trucks, t-shirts for sale, all with free entry.
- **Lindley Park Neighborhood** is experiencing an increase in participation by young people as their neighborhood leaders work to embrace change.
- **Sunset Hills Neighborhood** gained a new stoplight at the Kemp & Friendly intersection, thanks to many neighbors calling GDOT with that request. They also seek a pedestrian crossing at the Elam/Friendly intersection and are consistently conveying that request to GDOT.

The next meeting of the GNC is **Thursday, June 14, 7-9 p.m.** at the Greensboro Central Public Library. Participants will again discuss the GNC's proposed **Neighborhood Quality of Life tool**.

Visit 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, May 25, 2018.