

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)
Meeting Notes
Saturday, July 12, 2014



GNC Co-Chairperson **Linda Bennett** convened the **July 2014** GNC meeting at the Central Public Library beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants followed by presentations by guest speakers.

Guest speakers:

City Police Lieutenant Chris Davis presented “**Implementing Neighborhood Orienting Policing: Aligning Geography, Officers, & Workload to Serve You Better**”. Our City police are implementing a blend of techniques to better address local crime and safety using local crime statistics, flexible reallocation of police staff, and stronger connections with local community resources. <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=4489>

Their first request is that **neighbors PLEASE ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE to report incidents, including suspicious behaviors**. Your calls help identify crime patterns that can be proactively addressed. Using reported information, police can better allocate police resources and partner with existing community resources – schools, courts, public health, public housing, local government, churches, and neighborhoods -- to facilitate more positive outcomes. Police assigned to and accountable to specific geographic regions can better identify local patterns and respond combining best practices and current technologies. Greensboro crime rates are their lowest since 1979 but can be even lower with on-going training and cultural awareness. Anticipate full implementation by Q1 2015..

Four (4) city geographic divisions each will be subdivided into 3 police zones – for a total of 12 zones – across which police staff will be allocated. 7 minutes is the current average police response time. Local police officer’s typically are on duty 4 days at a time.

Every neighborhood leader, please contact your City of Greensboro Community Resource officer to establish communication with the Lieutenant assigned to your neighborhood. 336-373-2636 or <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1897>.

Also remember that **Law Enforcement Against Pills (LEAP)** provides one (1) pharmaceutical medications drop-off box at each of four (4) City Police substations. Please **do not dispose of medicines in sinks, toilets, or garbage** because these contaminate our water supply.

Lydia McIntyre, of the **Metropolitan Department of Transportation Planning** invites everyone to a public meeting, **July 22, 4-7 p.m. at the Benjamin Branch Public Library**. The meeting helps improve a 30-year plan for local public land use, transportation (cars, bicycles, walking, bus, etc.) to assess a local transportation needs analysis required for federal transportation funds. Criteria for transportation infrastructure enhancement involve analysis of travel time, costs, congestion, ergonomics, safety, accessibility, and multimodal components. Public comments are invited through August 18, 2014. Visit www.quammpo.org or contact Lydia McIntyre at 336-373-3117 or lydia.mcintyre@greensboro-nc.gov

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Jack Zimmerman 336-375-1280 jackdzim@triad.rr.com reports the GNC 6-month 2014 income was \$382.13 with \$228 expense for a total savings and checking balance of \$762.84. Donations to the GNC are welcomed.

Membership –Sadie Blue offers to visit with any GNC neighborhood leaders. Contact Sadie Blue at spoyldsadie@yahoo.com or 336-988-5009.

Issues and Bylaws – Marsh Prause marsh.prause@smithmoorelaw.com indicated this committee continues work to improve GNC bylaws and to stay abreast of City infill development issues as well as a City overhaul of the City Comprehensive Plan. Committee meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at College Park Baptist Church.

Announcements:

- **Tuesday, August 5** is National Night Out Against Crime with neighborhood's hosing celebrations throughout Greensboro. Register your neighborhood events by contacting City Police Department Community Relations at 336-373-2636 or <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1926>
- **Saturday, August 9**, Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro offer a Fish Fry meal, \$7/person.
- To have your neighborhood featured in a News & Record newspaper article, contact Margaret Moffett-Banks margaret.banks@news-record.com
- \$15-\$25 dog and cat spay/neuter/vaccinate services are available to all Guilford County residents who receive WIC or Food Stamps or Medicaid or are within 300% of Federal Minimum Income levels. Once all pets are spayed/neutered, you may be eligible for free pet food for a year! Contact Project B.A.R.K. at <http://projectbark.org/> or 336-965-1059. Free dog houses also are available.
- The Greensboro **Police Citizens Advisory Council** meets monthly to learn about activities in each Police Division. Contact 336-373-2636 or <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1906>.
- Next GNC meeting is **Thursday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.** at the Central Public Library. Guest speaker will be Ellen Whitlock, Director of Senior Resources of Guilford.

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