

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)
Meeting Notes
Thursday, June 14, 2012



GNC Co-Chairperson Susan Taaffe convened the June GNC meeting at the Greensboro Central Public Library beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants and a presentation by a guest speaker.

Guest speakers:

Mayor Robbie Perkins described several achievements including reinstating City Council “Speakers from the Floor” to the beginning of the meeting and retaining a moment of silence, continuing attempts to bring additional jobs to Greensboro, and working with surrounding cities and towns toward mutually beneficial goals. His stated priorities are jobs, infrastructure building, and public safety. Re: jobs – Perkins supports airport expansions and nanoscience research through joint projects of NC A&T and UNCG. Re: infrastructure -- Greenville, SC is Perkins primary model for downtown redevelopment. He supports a new road proposed from Lee Street running north toward a potential Research Park in northeast Greensboro, a proposed new downtown Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the on-going Downtown Greenway project. Greensboro’s infrastructure currently provides a good water supply, good sewer treatment, and access to five interstate highways. Re: public safety – our Police Department and active neighborhoods are keys to crime prevention. The City has applied for a federal grant for electronic bracelet monitoring for released criminals. The City has hired a lobbyist to seek federal money for various Greensboro projects. A Q&A session followed.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Peter Kauber invites recently joined neighborhood members to describe their neighborhoods. To update your neighborhood’s representatives or to help make five phone calls per month to encourage GNC meeting attendance, please contact Peter Kauber at 336-852-8791 or e-mail pkauber@triad.rr.com.

- **Sadie Blue of the Elwell Community** described their **You Only Live Once (YOLO)** event scheduled Friday, August 10 at Peeler Center to encourage positive choices for northeast Greensboro youth. Later this year they plan an event for senior citizens. They have requested a city sidewalk on Peterson Street for walking safety.
- **Fahiym, President of the Glenwood Neighborhood Association**, invites renters throughout Greensboro to join a **Greensboro Tenant Association (GTA)** to inform renters of their rights and responsibilities. Those interested provided him with contact information to receive further information and also may contact the GTA through Audrey Berlowitz at 245-1307.

Issues & Bylaws – Marsh Praus reported this committee has asked the City to track all noise complaints to help determine how well the noise ordinance is working. The committee continues to investigate incentives to use underutilized buildings to potentially reduce commercial infiltration into residential neighborhoods. The former Rental Unit Certificate of Occupancy (RUCO) again will be discussed June 20th at the City Planning Department.

Announcements –

- Laura Jackson reminded us of Greensboro’s Better Buildings Program.
- John Barts-Plunge announced the Nealtown Neighborhood Association hosts their Block Party June 16.
- Next GNC meeting is **Saturday, July 14, 2012, 9-11:00 a.m.** in the Nussbaum Room of the Central Library.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, June 19, 2012.