

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)
Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 13, 2013**



GNC Co-Chairperson Susan Taaffe convened the **January 2013** GNC meeting at the Central Public Library beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants and presentations by guest speakers.

Guest speakers:

Dabney Sanders, Project Manager for the **Downtown Greenway**, presented a detailed status update on the Downtown Greenway project, a public-private partnership to create a walking/running/biking trail surrounding downtown Greensboro. The trail will pass through 12 neighborhoods and is anticipated to become an urban amenity to spur health, wellness and economic development. Total cost is anticipated to be \$26 million. Several trail sections are complete. Amenities already along the path are solar powered trash compactors, bike racks, benches/seating, informational signage, eco-gardens to collect storm water, and public art. Downtown Greenway project completion is anticipated by 2018. For details visit www.downtowngreenway.org or contact Sanders at 336.387.8353 or dsanders@actiongreensboro.org.

Richard Koritz of the **NC Letter Carriers Association** asked GNC members to contact the U.S. Postmaster to reinstate expanded postal service hours at the 4 Season's Town Center (mall) Post Office. That post office provides passport services and formerly offered extended hours, helpful for business customers. The speaker requested signatures on a petition distributed to attendees. Signed petitions can be faxed to 336-617-3160.

Nominations for GNC annual elections:

GNC members are asked to self-nominate for several GNC positions to be voted on at our February meeting. Positions for nomination include East Co-Chair, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, Council District 2 Representative, Council District 4 Representative, and Council At Large Liaison. Send nominations to Donna Newton [Donna Newton bdnewt@yahoo.com](mailto:bdnewt@yahoo.com) or 336-202-4309 or [Susan Taaffe susantaaffe1@gmail.com](mailto:susantaaffe1@gmail.com) or 336-297-0306.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Jack Zimmerman reports GNC checking and savings accounts combined total \$646.34. He provided a 2012 year end printed report to all attendees. The GNC is a 501c3 tax exempt organization and accepts donations. GNC member neighborhoods are eligible to join and use Greensboro Municipal Credit Union services.

Membership - All participants please **sign in** when attending GNC meetings to ensure GNC voting eligibility.

Issues & Bylaws –**Michael Pendergraft** reports this committee does not support the current draft of the Post-RUCO review team. Proposal specifics are available from Michael Pendergraft at mrp_mlp@bellsouth.net.

Announcements -

Various upcoming event announcements were shared including for the Renaissance Cooperative Committee, the Fund for Democratic Committees, City Council's work toward an improved tree ordinance, and League of Women Voters meetings. Laura Jackson requests volunteers to promptly help organize a 2nd GNC Summit for the spring of **2013**.

Our next GNC meeting is **Thursday, February 14, 2013, 7-9 p.m. at the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, 330 South Greene Street**. The topic is N.C. Insurance Exchanges under the new U.S. Health Reform Act. Park in the back lot and enter through the rear handicap ramp door.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, January 16, 2013.