

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC) Meeting Notes
Saturday, November 8, 2014**



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

Storm Water. A video presentation described Greensboro's storm water, flood insurance, and water quality programs. This video will be available on the Greensboro City Website in a couple months. Several handouts were available. For this and more information, please visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/water Speakers presenting were:

LaVelle Donnell, City Water Education Program Coordinator 336-373-4601
Virginia Spillman, P.E., Stormwater Engineering Supervisor
Peter W. Schneider, Water Quality Supervisor 336-373-2737
Ade Idowu, Storm Water Operations 336-373-2619

Future Plans for Neighborhood Small Project Grants. City Councilwoman Nancy Hoffmann described plans to modify the City's Neighborhood Small Project Grants for 2015. In 2015 the \$100,000 in current budget will be used for setting up the mechanism and structure to implement Participatory Budgeting (PB) for the 2016/2017 budget. PB will allow neighborhoods in the five districts to come together in a deliberative process to determine priority projects up to \$100,000 in each district for inclusion in the city's budget.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report by Jack Zimmerman

Checking Account	\$224.30
GNC Saving Account	<u>\$609.23</u>
Total	\$833.53

Issues and Bylaws Committee Report by Marsh Prause

The Committee has been working on modifying and completing the GNC Bylaws and hopes to have them ready for GNC consideration in a couple months.

New Business

Co-Chair Linda Bennett raised the question of our declining attendance and requested each of the attendees to provide comments on the reasons for attendance reduction and any suggestions.

Brenda J. Barksdale of Oak Grove Erwin Community Watch raised a concern about slumlord actions that deteriorate community appearance and lifestyles. Discussion included the need for revised ordinances and more inspectors.

The final GNC meeting of 2014 will be the **GNC Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 pm** at the College Park Baptist Church located at 1601 Walker Avenue.

Respectfully submitted by Howard Taylor of North O'Henry Oaks Neighborhood on November 8, 2014.