

# Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)

## Meeting Notes

### Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

#### Guest speakers:

**Shawna Tiller**, City Planning and Project Development Division Manager, shared information about the City of Greensboro Parks & Recreation (P&R) Department's current efforts developing a new Master Plan -- named [Plan to Play](#) -- intended to increase and improve our city parks for the next 20 years. They ask all neighbors to share improvements we'd like to see in local parks, recreation centers, and publicly-owned facilities. Consider our 100+ neighborhood parks, small and large public parks, libraries, cemeteries, 90-miles of trails and greenways, and even 2,000+ acres of undeveloped city-owned land. Please visit [Plan to Play](#) online, review P&R's current operations, engage in on-line conversations, and complete an online survey to offer your recommendations, priorities, and strategies for meeting the changing recreation needs of Greensboro for 20 years to come.

#### Committee Reports:

**Issues & Bylaws – Marsh Prause** led discussion of an initial GNC-developed [Neighborhood Quality-of-Life assessment tool](#) which aims to help measure and prioritize factors that can support any neighborhood's quality of life – considering environmental, physical design, mobility, social, psychological, economical, and political factors. GNC participants shared impressions. Please invite neighbors to the April 12, 7-9 p.m. GNC meeting to engage in additional discussion about potential improvements and uses of this assessment tool.

<http://greensboroneighborhoodcongress.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/NeighborhoodQualityOfLifeFactors.pdf>

**Treasurer – Linda Bennett** reports the GNC has \$265.72 in a checking account.

**GNC Elections** – The GNC April 12 meeting will include elections for GNC Treasurer, District 3 Liaison, and Communications Chairperson. Self-nominations are encouraged.

**Membership – Gerry Alfano** requests all participants always sign in at GNC meetings.

#### Announcements:

- March **Women's History Month** events at Greensboro's Public Libraries include presentations on the book "Radium Girls", a woman's view of Hollywood by actress Karen Ceesay, poetry readings, and "Shortcuts to the Corner Office: What they don't tell you about making it in Corporate America". All 8 Greensboro Public Library facilities can reserve group meeting spaces. The public library maintains a full calendar of entertaining and educational events at <http://library.greensboro-nc.gov/services/calendar>.
- **March 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m.** engage in a **West Gate City Boulevard Design Charette** at 842-B West Gate City Blvd. to envision the West Gate City corridor as a thriving development with excellent walking and bicycling facilities to connect UNCG and the Glenwood neighborhood to the coliseum and downtown.
- **March 23-29** [Deep Roots Co-Op Market](#) offers events celebrating the co-op's 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.
- **April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.** the Dunleath Neighborhood invites everyone to "[Meet Peet](#)" Renaday, voice actor, at the Community Theater of Greensboro.
- **April 24, 2018** is the next [Building Stronger Neighborhoods](#) (BSN) grant workshop. BSN grant applications are due May 15, 2018. Sadie Blue, BSN Neighborhood Consultant with the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG) offers individual help with neighborhood development and engagement. <mailto:BSNGrants@gmail.com> and 336.355.8650

The next GNC meeting is **Thursday, April 12, 2018, 7-9 p.m.** at the Greensboro Central Public Library.

Visit [www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org](http://www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org) for information about the GNC, including notes from previous GNC monthly meetings. Respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, 3/12/2018.