

# Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC) Meeting Notes Thursday, August 9, 2018

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GNC Co-Chairpersons **Linda Bennett and Susan Taaffe** convened the **August 2018** GNC meeting at the Greensboro Public Library, beginning with our traditional introduction of all participants.

## Guest Speakers:

**Bishop San Juan Timmons** presented Part 1 of a two-part learning session -- **Community Leadership Development**. Leadership was defined as guiding and helping **others move toward** goals. Clarify “why” visions and goals are chosen to meet a group’s needs. Define “how” goals will be measured. True leaders are committed, caring, have clarity of purpose, communicate laterally, vertically, and repeatedly, are willing to adapt to frequent change, and willing to be challenged. Community is a “people business”, not a project. Leaders never sacrifice people for a project. Remember to strengthen team commitment by celebrating successes!  
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**Russ Clegg**, City of Greensboro Planner, presented our opportunity to envision Greensboro’s future development by visiting <https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/planning/planit-gso> where we learn about Greensboro’s Comprehensive Plan, city statistics, trends, a National Association of Realtors report analyzing neighborhood and commuting preferences, and videos about city development trends. Influences on Greensboro’s future growth include: placemaking, demographics, an aging infrastructure, transportation, technologies, disparity, economic trends, and the transformation of retail services. Our City seeks planning input from individuals, neighborhoods, and developers. Clegg offers to speak about City of Greensboro planning to any neighborhood or civic group.  
[Russ.Clegg@Greensboro-NC.gov](mailto:Russ.Clegg@Greensboro-NC.gov) or 336-373-2211

## Committee Reports:

**Treasurer: Betty Watson** reports GNC funds include \$647.20 in checking, \$261.71 in savings, for a total of \$908.91 as of June 30, 2018. There was no July 2018 GNC meeting.

## Announcements:

- Several GNC neighborhoods held **National Night Out Against Crime** social events on August 7.
- The [Renaissance Community Co-Op](#) and [Greater Glenwood neighborhood](#) hosted discussions about The Correct Priority Society Model (CPS-Model) which proposes that donating 8-14 hours weekly labor in your community can provide for the basic needs of others in your community, regardless of your social standing, income, ability, or skill-set. Visit <https://fahiymHanna.com/CPS-model>.
- Thursday Farmer’s Markets are available in the [Greater Glenwood](#) neighborhood.
- Saturday, October 6, is the annual [Women’s Resource Center’s “Men Can Cook”](#) event.
- The [Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro \(CFGG\)](#) invites community input about CFGG fundraising initiatives. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3GGWZG>
- Saturday, September 15, is [Senior Resources of Guilford “Operation Touch”](#) for senior citizens (age 60+).

Our next GNC meeting is **Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9-11 a.m.** at the Greensboro Central Public Library, Nussbaum Room. **Sadie Blue**, [Building Stronger Neighborhoods](#) Neighborhood Consultant, presents Part 2 of **Community Leadership Development**. Topics include *effective leading, effective communication, conflict resolution, teamwork, succession planning, and leaving a legacy for your neighborhood*. Please invite neighborhood your Board members and leadership-minded neighborhood youth to attend this **free leadership development training**.

Visit [www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org](http://www.GreensboroNeighborhoodCongress.org) for information about the GNC, where you can always read notes from previous GNC monthly meetings. Respectfully submitted by Ann Stringfield of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, August 13, 2018.