

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress (GNC)  
Meeting Notes  
Saturday, September 8, 2018**

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

**Guest Speakers:**

**Sadie Blue**, consultant with [Building Stronger Neighborhoods](#) of the [Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro \(CFGG\)](#), presented Part II of **Leadership Development** techniques. Helpful “leadership nuggets” include: Leaders often need leadership training. Productive meetings require an agenda, with room for new business or concerns to be raised and acted upon in a reasonable time. Use multiple media outlets (e-mail, twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor) to engage audiences of diverse ages. Allow young persons to participate. Officers should undertake assigned tasks. Leaders are: willing to learn, lead don’t “boss”, mentor rather than quash, and enjoy developing leadership in others. Once no longer in charge, redirect concerns/questions to the new leader, empowering them. Sadie Blue offers to visit your neighborhood Board meeting. Contact <mailto:BSNGrants@gmail.com> or 336-355-8650. Anticipate a [CFGG](#) Leadership Summit in spring 2019.

**Quina Weber-Shirk**, **Guilford County Cooperative Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens**, offers free resources for any organization interested in initiating and maintaining a [community garden](#), including site visits and workshops. The City of Greensboro has guidelines for gardens on public land. Excess food harvested from community gardens are distributed at food pantries and schools throughout our County. Visit [guilfordextension.com](#) or contact [jjwebers@ncsu.edu](mailto:jjwebers@ncsu.edu) or 336-641-2400.

**Nicole Lidahl**, **Projects Coordinator** for [Bicycling in Greensboro \(BIG\)](#) shared that organization’s advocacy, education, and community engagement – helping transform the Greater Greensboro area into a community that embraces people who ride bicycles. Priorities are bicycle rider’s safety and transportation planning to improve bicycling on public roadways. Contact Lidahl to arrange a kid’s Bike Rodeo safety course, add bicycle racks, learn bicycle safety, and discuss bicycling grants. Electric scooter users should follow bicycling rules, use bicycle lanes, and wear helmets. Visit <https://bikegso.org>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** **Betty Watson’s** report indicate that GNC funds include \$649.00 in checking, \$261.77 in savings, for a total of \$910.77 as of August 2018.

**Membership:** **Gerry Alfano** reminded participants to sign in at monthly meetings.

**Issues & Bylaws:** **Mike Pendergraft** indicated this committee is following City sign ordinance changes and work is progressing on development of a Short Term Rental ordinance.

**Announcements:**

- **Sunset Hills** neighborhood is changing some of their park signage and a park’s name.
- **Dunleath** neighborhood received Historic Preservation Commission approval for long-planned future improvements to Summit Avenue.
- **Cone Health** along with key community partners across Alamance, Guilford and Rockingham counties continues to conduct and respond to [Community Health Needs Assessments](#).
- **Lindley Park** neighborhood’s annual meeting format welcomes parents who wish to bring their children, places chairs in a circle rather than audience style, and begins at 6 p.m. to include a simple dinner.

Our next GNC meeting is **Thursday, October 11, 2018, 7-9 p.m.** at the Greensboro Central Public Library, Nussbaum Room. City Water Resources Director **Steve Drew** will speak about Greensboro’s drinking water quality. 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, September 9, 2018.