

## 4-5-2012 Greater Glenwood Neighborhood Association meeting

Glenwood Recreation Center, 2010 Coliseum Blvd, Greensboro, NC

### **Officers Present:**

Nancy Lenk, vice president  
Becky Kates, secretary  
Lynn Johnson, treasurer (meeting facilitator)

### **Officers Not Present:**

Mitzi Griffin, president (out sick)

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

### **Police report** – [Officer Paul Smith, Glenwood’s Community Resource Officer]

Review of last month: 42 incidents in February.

Today’s report: a little over a month – 5 weeks in March (since last meeting) – 56 reported incidents.

Researched the incident that was asked about at the last meeting (Oak St. incident.) It was an active robbery in progress.

Residents should notice a larger police presence including police officers on bicycles in the neighborhood.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### **Community Garden @ Steelman Park** – [Cara Madoni]

Most garden plots have been rented. One plot is available due to someone deciding to give up their plot. Garden workday next Saturday in Steelman Park, 9am-11am.

Is the water turned on? It should be – Cara will check on it.

Looking for seed donations for families who can’t afford the seeds.

#### **Treasury Report** – [Lynn Johnson]

Credit union account has been opened with a savings and checking account. The old bank account is still open until we can sort everything out. Anyone in the neighborhood can go and open a Greensboro Municipal Credit Union account.

\$3029.00 in the account. Break out of committee totals.

Looking for anyone with recommendations for a free checking software so she doesn’t have to use the complicated spreadsheet.

#### **UNCG Alumni Association landscaping project** – [Ling Sue Withers]

Work day on March 24<sup>th</sup> – planted trees and shrubs and seeded grass in the rain. 15-20 alums showed up. Next work day will be April 21<sup>st</sup> to plant flowers and landscaping plants.

#### **Grove St. People’s Market** – [Becky Kates]

First People's Marker is on Saturday! 9am-12pm. Looking for vendors. Becky has vendors wanted fliers for anyone interested.

**Website** – ggnanc.com

The old website still comes up in search.

**UNCG construction update** – [Barry Kitley]

Everything still on schedule for Spring 2013. (Maybe to be occupied for fall.)

Q about stormwater drainage – storm two weeks ago overwhelmed the drainage for the site. The design standard has been increased to accommodate the higher volume of rainwater.

Barry will take the Q's and e-mail answers to Becky to distribute.

**Participatory Budgeting** – [Shawnee, Vincent, Eliza]

Presentation about participatory budgeting (PB for short.) Open democratic process where community members get to decide how a portion of the city budget is spent. Group would like 1% of the city budget to be PB. Each district would decide their own PB projects, and a portion would be for city-wide PB projects.

Building trust between residents and government. Direct democratic process.

Presenters have postcards that citizens can fill out and send to the mayor if they would like to bring PB to Greensboro.

Existing money (1% of it) will be dedicated to the PB process. No matter how large or small the city budget is.

Q - How do people know what things cost? City staff would be involved to advise residents.

There are 1200 communities in the world that have a PB process. Chicago (1 ward) & NYC (4 districts) are the only cities in the US who are doing it.

**Nominations for the May Election** – [Alice Ashman]

Elections will take place next meeting

President: Mitzi Griffin and Fahiyim Hanna

Vice-president: Becky Kates

Secretary: Justiann Ard

Treasurer: Lynn Johnson (Steven Hyatt also was nominated, but he has not been to enough recent meetings to qualify.)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kay - Early voting begins April 18<sup>th</sup> for the May 8<sup>th</sup> primary elections. People who are not yet registered can register and vote on the same day during early voting.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20pm