

Community Budget Meetings Notes by Session

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Saturday, 3/7/09 District 1 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More sidewalks/evaluation towards more sidewalks • Prioritize who gets sidewalks first • Activities for young people (teens & young adults) • Update building in Arlington Park • More public meetings during budget process so residents will not feel out of the loop • Better representation needed from the community and district representative, including Council At-Large • More frequent public meetings held for longer hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate services to eliminate or combine reproducing services • All residents are not affected by every service • Funding (“our taxes”) for Coliseum should be reviewed. Can those funds be used elsewhere? Private enterprise should take over the Coliseum • Social services and public housing not geared towards needs of men • When asked if residents had to choose loose leaf collection or bulk item pickup, these residents would keep bulk item pickup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase affordable housing • Enforcement of “Posted” properties and “No Trespassing” signs • Continue public meetings • Support public safety issues, specifically Police support • Neighborhood planning needed between neighborhoods and City staff • Smaller meetings need to be held at a neighborhood level so that residents may understand issues • Sanitation Department needs to do a better job, i.e. not throwing can down so litter falls out
Saturday, 3/7/09 District 1 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure development in southeast Greensboro including business development to create jobs • Larger children’s day care center • After school tutorials 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Day Center • Support Meals on Wheels (Guilford County) • Sweep the street in southeast Greensboro more often
Saturday, 3/7/09 District 1 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southeast Greensboro does not feel they get same standards of service as other communities; all services should be equal; i.e., Warnersville has the smallest physical building with a large number of children • Quality of life should be equal, such as shopping, grocery stores, etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate recreational facilities and bring them up to date

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence around Union cemetery owned by City of Greensboro Process and evaluate placement of stoplights (including a right turn signal in some locations) • Big difference in the eastern and western portion of the City. Need for basic necessities in eastern portion. • Identify locations for business • Better resource center – for example, call to find about carbon monoxide or other questions • Engage young people to be involved in community 		
Saturday, 3/7/09 District 1 Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer free or discounted water barrels • Support expanding day shelter(s) for homeless – sustained effort (including counseling, doctor/alcohol rehabilitation) • Assist senior with cost of public transportation (subsidize or make free) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study consolidation of services with County, e.g. transit • What can City & County do cooperatively – expand to region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide F route 12A (expand hours if possible) • Housing inspections and code enforcement • Library services (intensify focus and awareness); esp. neighborhood and community focus
Saturday, 3/7/09 District 1 Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more recreation for youth in summer (swimming pools); expand, enlarge outdated centers (Warnersville) • Free tutorial services for youth • Provide information about economic stimulus packages to communities • Improved, easier-to-access website • Mentoring programs for youth 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job services support in libraries • Tax breaks for elderly (Homestead, Circuit breakers) • Culture, history, art, music and everything that supports our schools • Fire services consistent with growth – keep quality • Senior and disabled programs (Meals on Wheels, CAPS)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs (counseling) for entire family • Provide more ways to expand community knowledge of our laws and services (RUCO) • Computers at libraries (if warranted) • Leadership in <u>vision</u> – what is this moment in history about? • Way to hear voices of neighborhoods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep police on street (bike patrol, foot patrol) <p>QUESTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stormwater? - Requirements for disability accessibility? - Status of expanding Library hours?
Thursday, 3/12/09 District 2 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 30 minute intervals to GTA routes (nighttime) • Transportation for elderly to visit relatives in hospitals, nursing homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate services to see what is not needed • Acquire property more carefully- High Point Road buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike patrols • Arts and recreation
Thursday, 3/12/09 District 2 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crosswalks in NE Greensboro, Bessemer, Summit/dangerous for pedestrians • More cultural arts programs for kids in NE Greensboro • Surveillance for dumping in NE Greensboro • Sidewalks needed in NE Woodmere Park • Lighting in Walmart area, dark wooded areas • Use vacant land for playgrounds • Offer summer camps/youth programs free of charge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buying new buildings, reuse old buildings • Charging Greensboro residents to dump trash at landfill • Raising property taxes • Proposing new bonds until existing is spent • Discontinue reversible lanes on High Point Road • Neglecting NE Greensboro, RE: Street paving! Compared to other parts of town • Stop current collection cycle (one time a week) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand bus service (routes needed where people do not have transportation) • Basic services: water & sewer, public safety, etc. • Parks and Recreation leisure services, programs dealing w/youth • Library as private services, get more expensive • Library hours • Street improvements • Maintain city staff levels, even if it means moving staff around to continue services • Expand volunteer opportunities – summer youth programs, camps, etc. • Police patrols in neighborhoods

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Thursday, 3/12/09 District 2 Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking to be more efficient • Deficit - so can't start new projects • Aggressive on collections, fines/fees • Be careful at incentives • Making incentive folks payback • Link incentives to performance, like job creations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications, pay for it yourself • Amount of money spent on Coliseum, discontinue or cutback • Slow down development of Canada Dry and S. Elm • Sidewalks/except for safety issue • Anything that will raise taxes • Delay Keely Park/Nealtown Road extension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring back affordable housing program "Gali" (Greensboro Affordable Loan Initiative) • Health and safety – Public safety • Heath Street Park Program (keep park up to date) • Parks & Recreation services <p>QUESTIONS:</p>
Thursday, 3/12/09 District 2 Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business assistance – training/outreach • Summer youth jobs/crime prevention • More quality parks in African American communities, jogging/bike lanes • Bike Patrols in neighborhoods • Economic development to boost economy • Looking at smaller efficient business especially for Sunday/low volume. RE shuttle buses • Add more senior centers • Funding to public education • City (license) tag to raise funds • Look at City employees salaries and benefits (possible cuts?) • Council to do what they are supposed to do, not spend money to search for someone else and pay 40k- use manger we have in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut back Sunday bus service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Block grant-pie chart funding/stimulus? - What are block grants? - Stats regarding public transportation % - Coliseum make a profit? - Change in water billing = higher costs? - Going back to ¼ save money? - What is hotel/motel occupancy tax? - How are incentives handled? - How are incentive projects picked? - High speed rail plans? - What is Nussbaum fund? - Is Bardolph Center a City facility? - Are there more than 1 Senior center? - What is Water Resources/General Fund?

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Monday, 3/9/09 District 3 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycle & trash same day a week service for both • Guilford County residents to pay for City Library services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste should go to bi-weekly, although some areas may have problems with aesthetics • Consider rolling blackouts at Libraries – open late, close early 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling & trash pick up • Parks & Recreation – a lot of areas for a variety of purposes
Monday, 3/9/09 District 3 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add more sidewalks and bike lanes • Encourage pedestrians/bike riders • Energy efficiency • Fines for not recycling or contaminating recycling • Re-open White Street Landfill • Privatizing Coliseum – stop supplemental funds • Conduct studies to combine City & County services such as Planning, Inspections • Work with other Cities to share information about saving money • Review shopping patterns for Greensboro residents and give incentives for “shop local” • Review effectiveness of 3 trucks in same areas, trash, recycling & yard waste • Review non-profit and charitable (human services agencies) donations • Why is \$2 million budget necessary in Planning (building permits are down) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries and P&R provide quality of life services (to grow and thrive) • Sidewalks and bike lanes • Support Downtown – economic engine attracting visitors; park and sidewalk improvements needed • Weekly trash pick-up in all neighborhoods • Keep Library access open for job seekers, internet access and NC Live research (heavy use by immigrant population) • Communication between inter-departments and with County staff • Check redundancy in services • Keep Pride in Performance Award for employee incentive ideas <p>QUESTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where does money from recycling go? - What are the general economics of recycling?
Monday, 3/9/09 District 3 Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is \$2 million budget necessary in Public Affairs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is “no property tax increase” realistic?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate cost effectiveness of ISO1 Fire rating Evaluate costs associated with Libraries and Parks & Recreation – do different services warrant increased costs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are other municipalities doing to save money?
Monday, 3/9/09 District 3 Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merging duplications with the County i.e. like Planning More services during summer for youth Don't delay Library for Lake Jeannette Road County needs to pay for City services, such as Libraries and P&R More senior information – make community more what we offer – facilities not getting out to public Let public know all we do – public relations opportunity Enlist volunteers more Change way of thinking Study on enterprise funds – are they pulling their own weight? Evaluated Put out what City does 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How much money spent on urban greenway? Too much money on roads Give up Coliseum Sidewalks on both sides of streets People don't know everything City offers Unnecessary real estate purchases (Coliseum purchase) Get rid of too many buildings Use current buildings Are we asking right? When big box comes to town Retrofit big box store 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase money to economic development Police live water health Job description of what a City could do Recycling – costs City less to recycling than haul to dump More education on recycling Recycle more products Utilize volunteers to do community recycling education Show public movies Water conservation Public transportation – it is a life line for some
Monday, 3/9/09 District 3 Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rail line to Raleigh Waste collection – look at ways to be more efficient to transport to other places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard question because we like services even though today it is the way it is Not pay for executive search firm when professionals exist internally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downtown revitalization i.e. S. elm Bring in more business (more jobs/manufacturing)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require recycling at all apartment complexes 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve bicycle trails/public roads-bike lanes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend local funds locally – not spent on talent; lose project to out of town, lose talent elsewhere • Use waste to create energy (in different way) • Transportation – want to see growth – why large buses when empty? Are we reviewing? • Some routes are overflowed and need to be increased • Outsourcing – provide training to keep talent local – build skill set here • Light rail • Think more about saving energy – energy efficient object & stores • How to attract more businesses – stay innovative – not be reactive/proactive • Some resources at universities could be utilized • Revisit ordinances in one area to see effect on another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 3% as not a lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop reinventing the wheel if someone else is doing economic development • Parks & Recreation – continue support of neighborhood groups • Prioritize the needs in the future • Recognize positive work Police do • Continue to get public input (public forums)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinvest in current community resources • Get in touch with Duke Energy and upgrade all the streetlights (prevent crime) • Synchronize all City traffic lights (save on gas) 		
Thursday 4/2/09 District 5 Combined Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine agency services that overlap • Include seniors in workforce on volunteer basis or lower fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignoring college students (offer year round internships) • Look at discontinuing \$1.5 - \$2 million transfer to Coliseum annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public safety funding, Water... infrastructure • Maintain street lights for pedestrian safety
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce solid waste to every 10 days or more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate use of emergency vehicle for non-emergencies (grocery store) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to monthly recycling • Bag Leaves • Look at consolidation of trips by City vehicles • Track all City vehicles with GPS - for planning purposes, tracking mileage • Increase police responsiveness to non-emergency situations • Increase awareness of criminal activity • Separate collections of solid waste and recycling • Neighborhood playgrounds all day @ summer parks program. Combine programs to and divide among other neighborhoods. • 4 day work week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop using Coliseum ushers and parking attendants, use non-profits • Paving streets unnecessarily • Greenway- What is it? Eliminate until real estate market rebounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&R (City arts, programs, etc.) • Continue long range planning for High Point/Lee Street Corridor
Thursday 4/23/09 District 4 Combined Group	<p>Change Water Resources Billing x4 Look at Water Resources rate increase</p> <p>Provide incentive to reduce waste Use outside vendors to reduce incentive costs for recycling Provide waste collection service to Sullivan's lake</p> <p>Involve citizens in prioritizing bonds Department cuts in funding should be balanced</p>	<p>Libraries were unfaily impacted by cuts Eliminate commercial solid waste fees</p>	<p>Keep Bob Morgan as City Manager Continue support of Rec. Centers Will City revenues be positively impacted by stimulus?</p> <p>Preserve Library services</p> <p>Continue to support public transportation</p> <p>Continue support of Greensboro Beautiful, maintain gardens, keep coordinator, fund at least 2 of 4</p> <p>Continue funding of Historical Museum Partnership</p>

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	<p>Neighborhood plan shouldn't be changed</p> <p>Collect taxes on Government properties</p> <p>Be more careful with business incentives</p> <p>More bilingual (spanish) City literature</p> <p>See artists in the community as small businesses</p> <p>Make it possible to read water usage</p> <p>Could public be involved in bond priorities</p> <p>How is Greensboro doing in business recruiting</p> <p>What long-term decisions can City make to make future stronger</p> <p>Aging-3rd most popular retirement state-make Greensboro "Senior Friendly" "A wonderful place to grow old"</p> <p>Bicyclist/car driver relationships need improvement</p> <p>Look at Library Advocacy Video</p> <p>Consider having book-mobile come to park activities</p> <p>Consider Future consequences of current savings efforts</p> <p>Is Reidsville water being bought by City Safe</p> <p>Project on Green Valley Employees appear to be idle</p>		