City of Greensboro FY 15-16 Participatory Budgeting Process

Process Overview

1. **Idea Collection:** Neighborhood Assemblies and Pop-up events were held throughout late October and into December 2015. At these meetings, community members generated and proposed initial project ideas to improve their communities.

   - Results: 1,098 residents engaged, 675 ideas generated on-line and at 25 events.

2. **Budget Proposals:** December 2015 to March 2016. Volunteer budget delegates worked with staff to develop initial ideas into full project proposals. Budget delegate committees included: Arts & Culture, Safety & Environment, Parks & Recreation, Streets, Sidewalks & Transportation and Special Projects.

   - Results: 40 Volunteer budget delegates and facilitators, 28 committee meetings, 2 staff meetings, 1 open house, 10-15 staff reviewers, 75 initial project proposals.

3. **Community Expos:** March. Budget delegates presented project proposals back to the community during project expos. At each expo, residents learned what project proposals they would vote on and what the cost of each proposal was.

   - Results: 200 residents attended 10 expo events; 46 projects for the ballot.

4. **Community Voting:** April. Residents of each district voted on their favorite projects in their respective Council districts. After voting, projects in each district were ranked by order of highest number of votes to lowest and $100,000 per district was allocated based on each district’s list.

   - Results: 1,100 voters, 10 locations, 26 winning projects.

Winning projects were submitted to the City Manager’s Office for inclusion in the FY 2016-17 recommended budget, which was approved by City Council in June.

5. **Implementation:** May and beyond. City staff will keep residents informed of projects via quarterly update meetings with results posted on-line.
Winning Projects

All districts: Bus Tracking Application

Projects by district:

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- The Participatory Budgeting Project: [www.participatorybudgeting.org](http://www.participatorybudgeting.org)
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