

Grant Committee Report

By John Schweizer

I am going to talk about this year's 2019 grant program and where we would like it to go in the future:

The Grant Committee's Mission is to support town initiatives and organizations that enhance our Greensboro Community (within the limits of the GA's operational budget).

The Grants Committee considers three basic criteria when awarding our grants:

1. Is the organization Greensboro based?
2. Or does it supply a necessary services to our community.
3. Does it have insufficient fund raising capabilities.

This spring we received 18 worthy applications totaling about \$20,000. (That amount is equal to the GA total annual budget). Based on our criteria and financial resources, today we are awarding 13 grants totaling \$12,500. I will not go through the list of grant recipients at this time. But, I do have copies of the details to hand out after the meeting for those who are interested.

Now..... I would like to get on the soap box and talk for just a minute about where we would like GA grant program to go in the future.

The Greensboro community has a long bucket list of social and physical needs that go unaddressed each year due to a lack of resources and financial partners. Examples are:

- The lack of safe sidewalks and walking paths along our paved streets.
- The failing structure of the library building
- Inadequate and decaying housing in Greensboro Bend.
- The obsolete Caspian dam that causes annual lake shore ice and high water damage.

Our annual \$12,500 grant program is a nice thought but really only a token drop in the bucket when we look at the bigger Greensboro community picture.

So, the Grants committee is hopeful in the not too distant future with contributions from the FFG, it can start addressing projects and opportunities of a greater scope and impact on our community. With that I turn it over to Becky.