

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Jill Flamm, presiding.

I Guest Speaker:

- Tim Lee, Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners
- Chairman Lee provided the State of the County Address
 - o Handouts and information can be acquired through Chairman Lee's office:
tlee@cobbcounty.org

II Committee Reports

- A. Programs, Roger Phelps presented: February's guest speaker will be Bill Higgins, Manager of Department of Storm Water Management.
- B. Adopt-a-Mile, Helga Hong presented: Adopt-a-mile trash pick up will be February 4th
- C. Meeting locations, presented by Jill Flamm: Next meeting will be February 29th at the East Cobb Library. The March meeting will also be at the library
- D. Comprehensive Land Use Map, presented by Jill Flamm: The CLU Map was adopted with the two recommendations of denial for ZD-4 & ZD-11 made by ECCA
- E. Code Amendments, presented by Jill Flamm: County Codes are open for review and amendment. ECCA has some recommendations for changes:
 - a. When applying for a variance, the applicant must notify all contiguous neighbors via certified mail
 - b. Accessory structures within five feet of property line shall not exceed 144 sq. ft, nor a height of 15 feet to top of structure.
 - c. When applying for digital signage/billboard, notification must be sent to all residence within 500 feet, via certified letter.
 - d. When defining order of priority of stipulations, Court orders shall have precedent, followed by ruling of BOC. Staff opinion, Applicant, and Opposition stipulations shall have equal weighting. In the event of conflicting stipulations, they shall be up for review by the Board for reconciliation.
- A. Financial Report, presented by Marvin Shams:
 - a. Invoices for 2012 dues were sent out via email on January 22nd.
 - b. 2012 Cash Flow: \$3982.36
 - c. Cash Balance of \$24,763.63

II Zoning Hearings

- A. LUP-3 Refinish Firearms, presented by Eric Jacobsen: After a lengthy and detailed presentation, a motion was made by Eric for "No Action" with additional stipulations, and a second followed by discussion. Motioned carries.
- B. LUP-7 Accounting practice, presented by Lee O'Neal: After a brief presentation, a motion was made from the floor for "Oppose", a second, discussion. Motion carries

- C. LUP-8 Renewal for pre-school, Presented by Jill Flamm: After a brief presentation, a motion was made by Jill to “approve” subject to the applicants stipulation letter and circulation plan, a second, discussion. Motion carries
- D. V13: Presented by Steve Markey: A presentation was made. An addition to the house would encroach the setback requirement. To comply with the code, the addition would create undue hardship on the neighbor. The neighbor supports the variance request. A motion was made from the floor for “no Action”, a second, a discussion. Motion carries
- E. V-15, Presented by Eric Jacobsen, a petition to request a variance to waive the rear setback and the side setback of an existing tennis court. The owner of the property, identified as 4561 Columns Drive, wants to sell the property to his neighbor who lives at 4571 Columns Drive who wants to buy the property. The buyer also wants to move the property line to enlarge the size of her existing property and to reduce the size of the property she is purchasing. However, in order to move the property line, a variance, which was not required at the time the tennis court was constructed, must be approved based upon the current rules. Following a discussion, the recommendation by Eric Jacobsen, Case Manager, was for "No Action". A motion was made for "No Action" which was seconded. Following the review of the present and future property lines, and a discussion with respect to whether it may be more appropriate to "Support" this petition, the question was called, and the motion to take "No Action" was approved."

III Old Business

- A. December Minutes were approved.

IV New Business

V Announcements

V Adjournment

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 29th 2012, at East Cobb Library. Meeting will begin at 7:00pm and end promptly by 9:00pm

There being no further business to come before the membership at this time, upon proper motion, seconded, and adopted unanimously, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee O'Neal