

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF April 27, 2011

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

I Guest Speaker: Two Guest Speakers this month

- Mr. Phil Hogsed, Cobb County Assessment Office
 - o Phil discussed major changes and impacts of SB 346.
 - o Now value assessments are required to be sent to all property owners every year, where Cobb County was sending assessment notices to a third of property owners each year, thus an individual property would be assessed every three years.
 - o Now, Assessment notices are required to include tax estimates.
 - o This is a non-funded requirement

- Mr. Dana Johnson, Planning Division Manager for Cobb County
 - o Presented the Johnson Ferry Urban Design plan that will be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners.
 - o Plan Making Process
 - o What is Urban Design: The Art of Making Public Places
 - o Existing Conditions
 - o Development Alternatives
 - o Strategies: Short/Mid/Long term plans

- The scheduled Guest Speaker for next month is Commission Chairman Tim Lee

II Committee Reports

- A. Adopt-a-Mile, Helga Hong reported on current activities: Trash cleanup took place Saturday April 23rd.
- B. Legislative report, Karen Hallacy: There were several updates in Georgia Legislature, including:
 - \$60M cut from education budget and \$8M cut from transportation budget.
 - HB192 passed, create a committee to evaluate costs and funding of education
 - SB57 & 88, place cameras on school bus-stop arms and child restraint to 8yrs or 40lb
 - HB 92 7 158, Advance voting shortened to 21 days from 30 days and non-partisan elections moved to July primaries.
- C. WellStar Development, Lee O'Neal reported on current activities:
 - Design Steering Committee met April 27th to review design preferences. The Wellstar target style is a "Contemporary Lodge" inspired by Mission style architecture
 - Rough draft sketches were reviewed, reflecting a 188k to 240k s.f. 4-story building with 60k s.f. footprint
 - Oncology facility would be added at a later date, pending CON, with an additional 15K s.f. Oncology CONs are complicated with a long lead time because of such items as Linear Accelerators.
 - CON status: CON for ambulatory surgery was remanded back to issuing board for further review of need criteria.
 - Next Advisory meeting will be May 19th at 8:30am

- D. Finance: Marvin Shams presented.
- 2nd invoice notices were sent 4/3.
 - Received Dues checks from 71 members
 - Net cash flow YTD: \$4000
 - Ending Cash balance: \$24,000

II Zoning

- A. SLUP-3 was continued to the next hearing. With no substantive changes, ECCA determined to maintain previous position.
- B. V-36: Eric Jacobsen made a report on this Variance Petition.
A request for several variances pertaining to setbacks, buffers, and parking requirements. Upon review of the Petition a motion was made to “Support” based on current economic blight at the location, the need for economic re-development, existing structures out of compliance based on outdated codes, and no objections from neighbors to the property. The motion was seconded and after discussion, the motion was approved.

III Old Business

- A. March Minutes were approved with amendment to Speakers Q&A: “Hours of operation will be 7am-9pm or 10pm.”

VI Announcements

- A. Dues are due. notices sent out via email and USPS
- B. Adopt-a-mile clean up went well
- C. Taste of Marietta and Taste of East Cobb are coming soon.
- D. Shredding is this Saturday at Piedmont Church.

VIII Adjournment

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25th 2011, at East Cobb Government Center. Meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Scheduled guest speaker is Commission Chairman Tim Lee

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