

## **East Cobb Civic Association General Meeting Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

President David Hong called the meeting to order @ 7:05 PM.

Trish Steiner introduced Herbert Ames, Lyle Darnall, Julie Culbreath and Jim McKinny from Edens and Avant Development. Lyle Darnall the Managing Director gave a brief overview of the company that now owns Merchants Walk. The company was founded 43 years ago and is one of the major shopping center developers on the East Coast from Boston to Florida. Mr. Darnall then proceeded to highlight the changes for the Merchants Walk shopping area.

The main focus of the new center will be a Whole Foods store coming in at 45,000 sq. feet. Steinmart, Old Navy, Kohl's Office Max and Petsmart will remain in the center but with a new look. New single level shops will be constructed after the removal of the archway along the driveway to the theaters allowing for better access to the movie theaters. There will be a cross access to the adjacent shopping center so as to utilize a second access point on Johnson Ferry with a traffic light. The developer is adding landscaping along Johnson Ferry as well as islands throughout the center. The center will be a mix of national, regional and local retailers. Once the library moves to Parkaire, construction will begin with a estimated completion date of Spring 2011. Demolition of some of the vacant sites will begin this summer in preparation of the construction.

A question and answer period followed the presentation which was well received by all in attendance.

### **Business Portion**

#### **Committee Reports**

Speakers: Roger Phelps announced that William J. Higgins, P.E. Division Manager Storm Water Management will be the June speaker. He is firming up dates with Sam Olens and Elizabeth Weaver for July and August.

#### **Zonings and Variances**

David Hong presented the Zonings and Variances for June that were discussed at the ECCA Board meeting

SLUP -18 (2008) Oppose

V-49 No Action

V-50 No Action

V-52 No Action

#### **Minutes**

The April minutes were approved and submitted for the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$5,319.55 Net cash flow

\$18,450.12 Ending cash balance

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**New Business**

None at this time

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah Brand*