

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 25, 2011

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

Guests:

- JoAnn Birrell, District 3 County Commissioner
- Tim Lee, County Commission Chairman

I Guest Speaker:

- Cobb County Board of Commissioners Chairman Tim Lee
- o Cobb county has a reputation for doing more with less
 - o Lower taxes, lower budget, extensive services, AAA credit/bond rating
 - o Digest continued to grow, millage continued to drop
- o Recent Recession has had large impact on County Budget
 - o Digest declined 9%, property values have declined because of new State legislation that requires the inclusion of foreclosures and short-sales in the valuation of property.
 - o On \$829M budget, cut \$52M.
 - o Froze hiring, wages, 5 days furloughs for county employees, cut all department budgets
 - o Raised fees and used Reserve funds (drop form 10% to 9%)
- o 2012 budget projections, an additional \$15M shortfall
- o Two options: cut more or raise millage.
- o Plan to do:
 - o Citizens Committee reviewing budgets for ways to cut
 - o Categorize expenses into: Must do, need to do, should do, "come" to do (extra stuff like parks, library, Sr. Services/centers)
 - o Work with rating agencies to maintain AAA rating
 - o Get report from Citizens Committee
 - o Present budget in July for public comment
 - o If millage were increased; .8mill for General fund, .3mill for fire, .05 for debt service (total 1.15mills) would cover all budget shortfall and still be less than the decrease people have experienced due to decreased property value.
- o Working with Chamber to drive economic development
 - o Job growth drives demand for housing, which in turns drives property value, in turn drives county revenue
- District 3 Commissioner, JoAnn Birrell:
 - o BOC passed Urban Design Plan for Johnson Ferry Corridor
 - o BOC passed Mabry Park Plan
- The scheduled Guest Speaker for June is Post 6 Cobb School Board member Scott Sweeney
- For July, the guest speaker is scheduled to be Cobb County District 2 Commissioner Bob Ott

II Committee Reports

- A. Helga: June and July ECCA General Member meetings will be at East Cobb Government Center

B. WellStar Development, Lee O'Neal reported on current activities:

- Advisory Committee met May 19th 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
- Two parking facilities: 1) 300 space parking lot in front. 2) 600-900 space 3 story deck will be in back across the creek, with a pedestrian bridge connecting the main facility.
- CON status: Issued and under appeal by Northside
 - o Appeals Board remanded the CON to Georgia Department of Community Health for review under additional criteria.
 - o Georgia Department of Community Health determined that had the initial application for CON been submitted under "Ambulatory Surgery rules", the Dept would have denied the CON. However, because Wellstar submitted its application under "general rules" the CON was granted. Thus, the Dept. ruling for CON stands
 - o Appeals hearing is scheduled for August 8th 2012
- Schedule:
 - o Schematics available June 2011
 - o Construction to begin March 2012 – Aug 2013
 - o Target open date is August 2013
- Next Advisory meeting will be July

C. Trish Steiner: Urban Design Plan passed for Johnson Ferry Corridor

D. Finance: Marvin Shams presented.

- Received Dues checks from 85 members
- Net cash flow YTD: \$5700
- Ending Cash balance: \$28,800
- Registered with Secretary of State and with IRS

II Zoning

- A. Z-18: Roger Phelps presented as Case Manager. After presentation, a motion to "Deny", a second, discussion. Motion carried
- B. V-38: Eric Jacobsen presented as Case Manager. After presentation, a motion of "No Action", contingent the petitioner make necessary changes to walkways in order to comply with impervious surface requirements. Should petition not comply, then the action will be "Deny". A second, discussion. Motion carried
- C. V-39: Jill Flamm presented for Case Manager Tanya Roberts. After presentation, a motion of "No Action" was made, a second, discussion. Motion carried.
- D. V-41: Marvin Shams Case Manager. After presentation, a motion of "No Action" was made. A second, discussion. Motion carried
- E. V-44: Eric Jacobsen presented as Case Manager. After a presentation, a motion of "No Action" was made. A second, discussion. Motion carried

III Old Business

- A. April Minutes were approved

IV New Business

- A. September 10th is East Cobber Parade. Someone will need ot volunteer to organize for ECCA

B. Trish Steiner: Membership.

- i. Projected total membership expected to exceed 86, for net growth
- ii. 10 contacts outstanding for potential new members
- iii. Number of HOA in ECCA are is an estimated 200

V Adjournment

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 29th 2011, at East Cobb Government Center. Meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Scheduled guest speaker is Scott Sweeney

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