

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 29, 2011

I

President Jill Flamm opened the meeting at 7:00 P. M. and Roger Phelps introduced the speaker, Mr. Scott Sweeney, Post Six Representative to the Cobb County School Board & Vice Chairman of the Cobb County School Board. A summary of his presentation is as follows:

- A. The New School Superintendent was previously the School Superintendent of a school District in Texas which is one of the largest the nation with a very large budget, and brings with him a wealth of experience.
- B. The Budget will be the largest issue that will confront the School Board. Personnel costs represent 90% of the budget. Due to the funds provided from the SLOST, the Board has been able to balance the budget and maintain the current millage rate.
- C. The School Calendar alternatives, suggested by special interests, is not nearly the most important issue as is the issue of what happens during the 180 days of school activities.
- D. National and State testing requirements are taking away time from education. The previous concept of an "integrated curriculum" is being forward toward a "traditional" curriculum.
- E. Other topics that were covered included the challenges with regard to the turnover in schools, the number of different languages spoken in schools, as well as the number of new students that have no previous school experience. This includes the Federal Mandate that requires the School District to provide an education to illegal aliens.
- F. Following Mr. Sweeney's remarks he responded to a number of questions from the audience regarding these and other issues of concern.

II

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A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Helga Hong announced that the Adopt a Mile Activity is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, and members were encouraged to participate.
- 2. Marvin Shams reported that the Current Cash Balance is \$26,681.00 with a positive cash flow.
- 3. Trish Steiner reported that there were new members enrolled during the period, but no new members enrolled in the last week.

III

ZONING

President Flamm then closed the business meeting and introduced Eric Jacobsen to conduct the Zoning & Variance review for the July Petitions. The ECCA recommendations are:

A. Zoning Petitions

1. Z-23 - Denial and support the comments of the Northeast Cobb Homeowner's Group & NECC;
2. Z-24 – Hold for further review.

B. Variance Petitions

1. V-48 - No Action
2. V-53 - No Action if the applicant has the consent of the neighbors and an easement from Atlanta Country Club;
3. V-54 - No Action subject to the stipulations that (i) no residence or business allowed, that (ii) the impervious surface to remain at 35% per Cobb County Code, and (iii) landscaping to be put in between the neighborhood to the west and the garage.

IV

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jacobsen