

## **East Cobb Civic Association General Meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2009**

President David Hong called the meeting to order @ 7:15 PM.

### **Business Portion:**

Commissioner Ott has established a new Citizen Group for his district. The first meeting was June 17th. ECCA will be involved with the Johnson Ferry corridor study.

Mr. Jeremy Redmond from the AJC was introduced and the concept of community eye sore was presented to him.

Member Survey will be coming soon.

Second membership notices have been sent out for subdivisions who have not paid and those notices will be followed up with a phone call.

An update was given on the Chattahoochee Pedestrian/Bike Bridge proposal.

### **Committee Reports**

Speakers: Roger Phelps announced that Elizabeth Weaver-Cobb County Cultural Affairs is the scheduled speaker for July.

The attached policy statement and was presented by Marvin Shams and approved by the membership.

### **Speaker:**

David Hong introduced Mr. Bill Higgins from Stormwater Management. He indicated that over 21% of Cobb County is in the floodplain. We also have 15,000 stormwater detention ponds, 600 miles of storm drain pipe, in which approx 20% needs replacement. Currently Cobb County replaces 2 miles/year.

30% of stormwater's work is on problems found during the inventory and the rest is on complaints.

Mr. Higgins than addressed questions that were submitted ahead of time:

- 1). Cobb County does not address retention ponds located on private property. They will help educate owners. Jamie Cint inspects private facilities.
- 2) .Storm water utility tax? Suggested a 1.5 cent/sq ft of impervious surface/year. However, a 2006 attempt to implement the tax failed.
- 3). How accurate are the new FEMA Maps? Good, but some areas need to be reassessed. People can visit the Stormwater Management office to review them or hire and independent consultant to help determine if they are in the flood plain. The maps are

available on FEMA's website ([www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)). The County is working to get it on their website with property lines. Work should be completed in July.

4). What should I do if a portion of my property is in the floodplain, but house is not and lending institution is requiring flood insurance? Contact the lending institution, get an elevation certificate, have RLS prepare an elevation certificate or find another lending institution.

5) What should I do if my lot is in the 100 year floodplain now? Review the map, contact the lending institution concerning Grandfathering status or get RLS to prepare and Elevation Certificate.

6). What happens in the building review process that determines if the impervious surface allowance is in compliance? Dave Breaden reviews the plans and then tells the applicant if rezoning or a variance is required.

7). Do we give a credit for pervious pavers? No more than 40% of the surface covered by the pavers and only if the footprint is over 5,000 sq. ft.

8). Who handles silt turbidity controls? Morgan Machen 770/813-3372. It is reviewed by Frank Gibson or Dave Breaden in Cobb County.

The county has bought out 72 homes with federal grants and 32 homes with county money that were in flood plains.

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

## **Business Portion Con't**

### **Zonings and Variances**

Jill Flamm presented the Zonings and Variances for July that were discussed at the ECCA Board meeting:

Z-18 No Action

Z-21 No Action

LUP-15 Continue for board (Oppose, sets precedent)

SLUP-12 Continued for board (No Action)

V-56 No Action

V-57 Continue for board (No Action, support some esthetic improvement)

V-58 No Action

V-59 Hold for board (No Action)

V-60 No Action

V-61 No Action

### **Minutes**

The May minutes were approved and submitted for the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$5564.55 Net cash flow

\$18,695.12 Ending cash balance

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**New Business**

None at this time

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jill Flamm for Sarah Brand*