

East Cobb Civic Association General Meeting Wednesday, August 26, 2009

President David Hong called the meeting to order @ 7:10 PM.

Roger Phelps introduced Nelah Gabler, Coordinator of the Art Place at Mountain View which is part of the Cultural Affairs Division for Cobb County. Ms. Gabler gave a brief history of the cultural affairs division that in 1990 became part of the Parks Recreation Department. The Parks Recreation Department in Cobb County is the largest in the state of Georgia. The Department has cultural performance venues such as Andersen Theater, Mable House and three county Art Centers: Art Place at Mountain View, Mable House Art Center and Kennesaw Art Station at Big Shanty. Ms. Gabler also mentioned the free outdoor concert program which has become a big part of the division and is well received by everyone. She described the different art programs in the County that reach out to young adults. She talked of the correlation between the arts and success in young adults leading them to become better citizens.

At the end of her presentation, she gave away eight tickets to the "Smoke on the Mountain" musical at the Mable House Barnes Amphitheater September 18.

Business Portion

David Hong gave a summary from Commissioner Tim Lee's town hall meeting on August 17. The topics included discussion on the SPLOST and the bridge over Sewell Creek and the delay of projects due to a shortfall of \$66.8 million in revenue due to the economic downturn.

David mentioned that the FEMA maps were now on the county website. The Merchant's Walk library is moving in December to the Parkaire Shopping Center. Following up on an article in the Marietta Daily Journal, the ECCA may participate in the paper's search for eye sores throughout the county including both commercial and public properties. Marvin Shams suggested for everyone to think about it and come back next month to discuss it.

Committee Reports

Speakers

Sam Olens will be the September speaker.

Minutes

The July minutes were approved and submitted for the website.

Treasurer's Report

\$5,381.98 Net cash flow
\$18,512.55 Ending cash balance

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Zonings and Variances

Eric Jacobson presented the Zonings and Variances for August that were discussed at the ECCA Zoning Committee meeting:

V-66 Oppose
V-68 Support
V-70 No Action with stipulations
V-72 No Action with stipulations

New Business

A short discussion on the 11 acres at the corner of Providence Rd and Roswell Rd west of the Goddard School on Roswell Rd that has been purchased by Wellstar for a medical center. The center could be a non-emergency or limited emergency center. Concerns of the neighborhoods on Providence Rd is the potential for increased traffic, particularly on Providence Rd. More information hopefully will be available to discuss later and there is a possibility of a meeting with Wellstar.

JoAnn Birrell and Earl Stone two of the candidates running for Commissioner Tim Lee's District 3 seat were introduced and each made a brief statement highlighting their backgrounds.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Brand