

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

December 14, 2016

East Cobb Government Center

General Meeting Minutes

Following some time for food and socializing, the meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Doug Davis, who explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to plan for 2017. The following information and committee reports were then presented.

- Election Results/Bylaws Approval – Trish Steiner
 - The following people have been elected to the board of directors for 2017: Libby Barnett, Linda Carver, Doug Davis, Jill Flamm, Helga Hong, Eric Jacobsen, Gus Makris, Lee O’Neal, Kelly Ryan, Marvin Shams, and Trish Steiner. The Board will meet prior to the January general meeting to elect officers.
 - The amended Bylaws as sent to members with their ballots were approved, and will be changed out on the ECCA website.
- Meeting Dates for 2017 – Doug Davis
 - General membership meetings are set for the last Wednesday of January through October. There will be no meeting in November, and the annual planning meeting will be on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Members are encouraged to check the ECCA website for information on specific meeting dates and locations.
- Speaker Recommendations – Doug Davis
 - Ideas were solicited from ECCA members. See the list at the end of the minutes on page 3.
 - In addition, members offered several additional ideas for membership growth in participation: (1) a Facebook page, (2) attendance at homeowners association meetings to talk about ECCA, and (3) a networking and informational event for subdivision reps
- Committee Recommendations – Doug Davis
 - Proposed list of committees with current members (see pages 4 and 5) was presented, and ECCA members were asked to reach out to current committee members if they are interested in joining a committee. No changes to the committee list were proposed by ECCA members present at the meeting.

- Committee members were thanked for their participation on the committees in 2016.
- Programs – Roger Phelps
 - January – Mike Boyce, new Cobb County Commission Chairman
 - February – Sam Olens, former State Attorney General and now President of Kennesaw State University
 - Both meetings will be held at the East Cobb Government Services Center.
- Financial Status – Marvin Shams
 - Finished the year at 97 members and \$3,000+ cash flow.
 - Motion made and passed to maintain dues for 2017 at current levels.
- Adopt-A-Mile – Helga Hong
 - January 21 at 10 a.m., April 15 at 10 a.m., July 15 at 9 a.m. (different time from the rest), and October 21 at 10 a.m.
 - Doug Davis will look into purchasing sign(s) to be used during clean-up that lets drivers passing by know who is doing the work.
- Membership Invoices – Jill Flamm
 - Will go out in early January by email to subdivision representatives and individual members, followed later by two hard copy reminders as needed
- Braves – Marvin Shams
 - At November Board of Commissioners meeting, a vote to transfer funds for stadium construction overruns was held; members were urged to find out more.
- Comprehensive Plan – Jill Flamm
 - Link to information will be put on ECCA website.
- Zonings and Variances – Jill Flamm
 - No zonings for January.
 - V-2 – Held for more information.

Old Business:

- Minutes of October 26 general meeting approved as presented.

Other Business/Announcements:

- Doug Davis said he would put together an informational sheet on residential codes that would include a link to a chart on the county's website.

- Davis announced that lunch would be delivered to the Police Department on Friday, December 16, courtesy of ECCA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carver
Secretary

Suggestions for 2017 Speakers and Topics:

Cobb DOT
Code Enforcement
Parks and Recreation
East Cobb Citizen of the Year (Major Quan of police dept.)
Variance Committee representative
State Representative and/or Senator
Animal Control
Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Fire Department
Chattahoochee River Keepers

ECCA 2017 COMMITTEES

ADOPT-A-MILE/MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Interface with county on Adopt-a-Mile dates and arrange for pickup of bags. Store the ECCA vest and bags used in the pickup. Inform Membership of other Keep Cobb Beautiful events. Reserve room at East Cobb Government Center or East Cobb Library on first day possible for Board and General meetings. Arrange for refreshments (coffee and/or water and cookies) for General meeting. Alert PCT 4 if speaker is government official and/or likely to draw a capacity crowd.

Chairperson: Helga Hong

Members: Jill Flamm

BYLAWS

Review Bylaws and determine if ECCA actions and procedures are in compliance. Recommend changes and oversee that changes are properly authorized and legislatively compliant.

Chairperson: Roger Phelps

Members: Linda Carver, Eric Jacobsen, Gus Makris, Marvin Shams

BRAVES

Keep ECCA membership apprised of any issues and progress of the Brave's move to Cobb County.

Chairperson: Marvin Shams

Members: Gus Makris, Lee O'Neal, Eric Jacobsen

CODE AMENDMENTS

Distribute code amendments to board when county proposes code changes, usually twice a year. Make initial recommendation on changes to board for discussion. Lead discussion at general membership meeting. Present recommendations to commissioners.

Chairperson: Jill Flamm

Members: Doug Davis, Eric Jacobsen, Gus Makris, Trish Steiner

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Distribute Comprehensive Plan amendments to ECCA board, and make initial recommendations for discussion. Present recommendations to Board of Commissioners.

Chairperson: Jill Flamm

Members: Doug Davis, Trish Steiner

CORRIDOR STUDIES

Represent ECCA in any studies in our area or any proposed updates of existing studies or plans.

POWERS FERRY MASTER PLAN

Chairperson: Eric Jacobsen

Members: Linda Carver

JOHNSON FERRY URBAN DESIGN

Chairperson: Trish Steiner

Members: Jill Flamm

MEMBERSHIP

Maintain membership database, send out annual membership invoices, mail director elections ballots and update new member application.

Chairperson: Trish Steiner

Members: Doug Davis, Kelly Ryan

PROGRAMS

Schedule speakers for the general meetings and introduce speakers at the meetings.

Chairperson: Roger Phelps

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Promote ECCA meetings via various news outlets, and inform community of key county activities through the monthly email blast. Update and maintain website. Provide advice and counsel on media relations matters.

Chairperson: Bill Carver

Members: Linda Carver

SCHOOLS/LEGISLATURE

Keep ECCA membership apprised of what is going on in East Cobb Schools, Board of Education, and the State Legislative that may affect our community.

Chairperson: Karen Hallacy

STORMWATER

Keep ECCA membership apprised of stormwater issues and updates.

Chairperson: Roger Phelps

Members: Eric Jacobsen

TRANSPORTATION

Represent ECCA in any transportation studies sponsored by DOT. Keep ECCA board and membership apprised of any upcoming issues.

Chairperson: Jill Flamm

Members: Lee O'Neal

ZONING/VARIANCES

Review monthly zonings/variances/other business items and select which ones ECCA will take a position on and assigning case managers. Write summaries and distribute the summaries and preliminary analysis to all zoning committee members. Lead the zoning/variance discussion at the general meeting. Present our position at the planning and Board of Commissioners meetings if the case manager is not available.

Chairperson: Trish Steiner

Members: Doug Davis, Eric Jacobsen, Roger Phelps, Tanya Roberts, Marvin Shams, Gus Makris, Lee O'Neal, Jill Flamm (zoning updates on website)