

## **EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

December 6, 2023  
Fullers Park Recreation Center  
3499 Robinson Road  
Marietta, GA 30068

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

Ric Grome brought the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed everyone to ECCA's Annual Planning Meeting and Holiday Party. Ric invited everyone to partake during the business meeting. A special thank you was extended to those volunteers that took care in getting together the food and drinks for tonight.

#### **MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING:**

Ric reminded everyone that the 2024 ECCA General Membership Meeting dates and the Adopt-A-Mile dates were sent to the membership with tonight's meeting information.

#### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **October General Membership Meeting Minutes** were approved.
- **Treasurer's report** – Jill Flamm could not make the meeting tonight. Ric reported that
  - ECCA has just about broken even for fiscal 2023.
  - ECCA incurred additional expenses in 2023 for
    - A new projector, and
    - Higher costs for our meeting venue
- **Adopt-A-Mile** – Helga Hong reported that the next clean –up is Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:00pm. We meet at the Publix parking lot at Woodlawn and Johnson Ferry Road.
- **Upcoming Speaker** – Roger Phelps reported that a speaker for January has not been scheduled yet.  
He then invited the Membership to make suggestions for speakers for 2024. A list of eleven (11) different speakers and/or topics was compiled.
- **Election Committee** – Chris Ensley could not be with us tonight. Ric announced that tonight was the last day to cast your ballot either at this meeting or post marked by tonight.
  - US Mail is taking up to a week for local delivery.
  - Elected Board Members will be announced in mid-December by email and on ECCA's website

- **Cobb County Unified Development Code (UDC)** – Ric Grome reported that the consultants (Clarion Associates) have produced a document UDC Code Assessment Public Draft, November 2023, for review and comment. The County is having a Second Round of Public Hearings for comments on the proposed formatting and content of this Draft. ECCA urges everyone to read the Draft Document and attend one of the Public Meetings.

Upon reading the above Public Draft,

- ECCA is concerned with the proposed increase in Zoning Districts in the Categories of Low Density Residential (LDR) housing , Medium Density Residential (MDR) housing and High Density Residential (HDR) housing increasing the density and intensity of housing in the County. Thus tending toward a more urban environ versus the suburban density we move to the county to enjoy.
  - We feel this is an attempt to fulfill demand for more housing, and
  - An attempt to fulfill the demand for less expensive housing

Our fear is all it will do is urbanize Cobb County to the detriment of the existing LDR home owners.

ECCA was told that the UDC was **not intended to change the code to increase density.**

- **Zonings, Variances and OBIs:**

<u>CASE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
○ Z-49	Approval with stipulation of a DOT Traffic Study
○ OB-67	Denial
○ OB-68	Approval pending acceptable stipulations
○ V-5 (2024)	To be determined

- **Other Business:**

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at 7pm on January 31, 2024 at Fullers Park Recreation Center.

There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.