

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

February 23, 2022

Virtual via Zoom

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

Ric Grome, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roger Phelps introduced our speaker Melissa Alterio, Director of Emergency Communications at Cobb County 911. She shared a lot of information about the 911 program and the accolades earned by the Cobb County program. After her presentation Director Alterio answered questions from the members.

#### **Minutes – Ric Grome**

January minutes were not yet complete and would be voted on during the March meeting along with the February minutes.

#### **Financial Status – Marvin Shams**

Invoices have gone out to the membership; we have 42 members of which 21 are individual. Our cash balance is \$900.

#### **Invoices – Jill Flamm**

First round of invoices went out at the beginning of the month. The second round will go out the beginning of next month. Jill requested those that had not yet paid their dues to do so as soon as possible. If the invoice has not been received she requested members email [president@ecca.com](mailto:president@ecca.com) to request a new one.

#### **Program – Roger Phelps**

Next month's speaker will be Chris Ragsdale, Superintendent of Cobb County schools.

#### **Code Amendments – Jill Flamm & Ric Grome**

The first round of code amendments was at the end of January, the second round was the beginning of this month. The proposed code amendments were never really revised from the first to the second meetings. We restated our positions and expressed our dissatisfaction with not being able to hear the Commissioner's opinion on the amendments. The session was very long. The noise restriction was too restrictive and was held. The shot-term rental had code issues and it was also held. Park smoking ban was also held. RA-6 was passed and were told RA-4 was already allowed by the code. ECCA researched and found that some sections allowed it while others did not. RSL wording was also approved. There was not a timeline provided for the held code, and we are not certain when they will come back.

#### **Zonings, Variances and OBIs – Chris Lindstrom**

ECCA has no recommendations for March or April zonings. OBIs have not been published for April and one variance was published today.

- **OB-75** – Case Manager: Ric Grome. Location: Mt. Bethel Christian Academy. Originally presented December of 2021. The applicant has requested to relocate an existing and accepted field house, relocate parking and add an additional 31 spaces. The site plan shows several other things. They were supposed to come before the Board of Commissioners with an updated site plan. They have requested

it be held till March. Our response was that we were okay with it being held till March, expecting the updated siteplan and details be provided as soon as possible.

- Ric and Jill met with Kevin Moore (their Attorney) regarding the other items. We have requested an additional detail on structures, an elevation, and to schedule a meeting with the neighboring homeowners. The applicant has been told in the past to provide a complete site plan and this latest application is in violation of that requirement. **Recommendation: Hold**
- **V-23** – Case Manager: Ric Grome. Location: Indian Hills. The batting cage and basketball court were built over a drainage easement and in the 35ft setback. The applicant is claiming a hardship, in actuality too much is being placed on the lot. **Recommendation: Denial**

#### **Other Business -**

A Loch Highland member asked whether the ECCA would be involved in a storm water management proposal that would levy additional tax on excessive impervious surfaces for a storm water management repair fund. Ric committed to researching it.

Additionally the potential impact of the City of East Cobb on ECCA was discussed. While not discussed by the board, the initial thought if it passed we would continue to support our area regardless of government construct.

Ric reminded everyone that the next meeting will be March 30th at 7pm and will be virtual. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully,  
Chris Ensley  
Secretary