

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

February 28, 2024
Wellstar East Cobb Health Park
3747 Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30062

Membership Meeting Minutes

Ric Grome brought the meeting to order at 7pm. Roger Phelps introduced our speaker Stuart VanHoozer, Cobb County Chief of Police. Chief VanHoozer introduced two of his leadership team members and shared a presentation, some highlights include:

- Started his career as a uniform patrol officer and many roles since joining the force
- BS from Kennesaw State University in Public and Social Services and Criminal Justice
- 34 years as a police officer in Cobb County
- Importance and effectiveness of community policing, policing was not forgotten in Cobb County
- Officer support is needed and we are currently short-handed
- Recruiting remains difficult due to compensation and public perception
- Cobb County has 766k people and 20 homicides, well below other counties
- 100% of the county's homicides were solved
- Drone usage and license plate readers have been very helpful as a force multiplier

Minutes – Ric Grome

January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jill Flamm

Jill thanked those that paid their invoices and offered to collect funds from those that are ready to do so today. Second invoices have been sent, March 31st is the deadline for payment without penalty. We have a positive surplus of approximately \$3,000. We have approximately 56 paid members 24 of which are individual the renewal rate is 65% so far.

Adopt-A-Mile – Helga Hong

The next session will be April 20th, 10am at Woodlawn Shopping Center.

Program – Roger Phelps

Our next speaker will be Judy Jones, Director of Cobb County Water.

Zonings, Variances and OBIs – Ric Grome (on behalf of Jacqueline Bettadapur)

- OB-68 – Recommendation: **Postponed till March**
- V-42 – Recommendation: **Hold for additional information**
- Z-5 – Disposition: **Approved**
- LUP-4 – Disposition: **Approved**

- OB-5 – Disposition: **Approved**
- V-18 – Disposition: **Approved**
- V-19 – Disposition: **Approved**

Other Business -

- None

There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully,
Chris Ensley
Secretary