

## EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

January 26, 2022

Virtual via Zoom

### Membership Meeting Minutes

Ric Grome, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mike Boyce, passing along condolences to his family.

Roger Phelps introduced the Chairwoman Lisa Cupid, reviewing her background and experience as a public servant. Highlights from Chairwoman Cupid's speech include:

- Continued use of call center to reach seniors that have been hard to reach during COVID pandemic
- Allocation of American Rescue Plan funds
  - Courts
  - Food insecurity
  - Housing/rental assistance - helped 2,500 families as of October and the State has inquired about the County helping to support more applicants
- Exploration of public transit expansion
- Zoning code review
- Affordable housing
  - Median home values in 2020 were \$282k, in April \$308k and jumping to \$372k in December
- Policing, Social Justice & Equity
  - Instituted Step & Grade compensation policy
  - Opened DEI officer position
  - United Way 21 day education initiative - 300+ people in the county have participated
  - Georgia State is adopting the County for additional education opportunities
- Remaining comments included
  - Enhancing cybersecurity
  - Improving the stormwater system
  - Supporting the Veterans Memorial
  - Educating around the East Cobb cityhood initiative
  - The many partnerships leveraged in the county

After Chairwoman Cupid's presentation she answered questions from the members.

Ric began the business section of the meeting by reviewing the elected board members, officers, parliamentarian and members emeritus:

#### Board Officers

President - Ric Grome

First Vice President - Jill Flamm

Second Vice President - Chris Lindstrom

Treasurer - Marvin Shams

Secretary - Chris Ensley

### Additional Board Members

Linda Carver  
Helga Hong  
Kris Killough  
Kelly Ryan

### Parliamentarian

Roger Phelps

### Members Emeritus

Marvin Shams - 25+ yrs  
Helga Hong - 21+yrs  
Roger Phelps - 18+yrs  
Jill Flamm - 14yrs  
Linda Carver - 13yrs  
Kelly Ryan - 10+yrs

### **Minutes – Ric Grome**

December meeting minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Marvin Shams**

Marvin’s audio connection was problematic and he was unable to provide a report.

### **Community Committees – Ric Grome**

Unified Code Committee is not yet finalized but Commissioner Richardson has asked Ric to join once formed. The ECCA is represented by Ric and Chris Lindstrom on the 2040 Comprehensive Committee.

### **Adopt-A-Mile – Helga Hong**

We had our last event at Woodlawn shopping center at 10am on January 15<sup>th</sup>, six people attended and seven bags of trash were collected.

### **Meeting Speaker – Roger Phelps**

Melissa Alterio, Director of Emergency Communications - Cobb County 911 will be our February speaker.

### **Code Amendments – Jill Flamm**

The amendments were announced late and there were 65 pages in total. Jill reviewed the noise amendment stating the decibel rating was low, short-term rentals was also presented though the language was ambiguous and there were several onerous requirements. The next hearing is scheduled February 8th, we are not aware of when any changes will be made.

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

There are not any zoning recommendations for February or March. There are no new variances published for March. ECCA does not have any new OB recommendations for March.

- **V-12** – Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom. The applicant’s request is to change the rear and side setback to allow the building of a larger shed. They have the signed approval of their neighbors and the HOA. **Recommendation: No Action**
- **V-20** – Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom. The applicant is the Breckenridge HOA. The request is to reduce the setback for the neighborhood pavilion from 100ft to 12ft. The applicant acknowledged that the pavilion was built under the prior HOA board and a variance was not sought. The current board is seeking the variance to rectify the situation. The neighbors have provided written approval of the request. **Recommendation: No Action**
- **OB-75** – Case Manager: Ric Grome. Location: Mt. Bethel Christian Academy. The applicant has requested to relocate a previously approved field house, relocate parking and add an additional 39 spaces. The site plan shows several other modifications and is incomplete. Ric and Jill met with Kevin Moore (their Attorney) regarding the other items. We requested additional detail on structures and elevation. They did provide an updated site plan without an elevation of the retaining wall that ranges in height from 1-14ft. The information was provided approximately 5 days before the Board of Commissioners meeting. We suggested postponing, but the applicant decided to proceed to present to the Board. We pointed out the incomplete site plan and that the request was for more than what was stated. The Board of Commissioners decided to hold this over till February, instructing the applicant to provide a complete site plan with elevations and to meet with both the neighbors and the ECCA to discuss an acceptable solution. The ECCA position will be determined based on what is received by the applicant over the next three weeks. **Recommendation: If the aforementioned changes are not made the recommendation will be for denial. If received late then we recommend it be continued so the ECCA and the neighbors can review the information with no other holds being issued (Allowing 30 days to resolve). If the information is timely then we hold the recommendation for the case manager.**

**Other Business -**

No other business was presented.

Ric reminded everyone that the next meeting will be February 22nd. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

Respectfully,  
Chris Ensley  
Secretary