

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 27, 2025

7:00 pm

Wellstar East Cobb Health Park

3747 Roswell Road

Marietta, GA 30062

Membership Meeting Minutes

Ric Grome brought the meeting to order at 7pm. Roger introduced the speaker, the Chief of Police for Cobb County Chief - Stuart VanHoozer. Roger shared with the group that the Chief is retiring after 35 years. Some highlights from the Chief's presentation follow:

- The Chief introduced his Deputy Chief Ben Cohen
- Chief VanHoozer announced on February 11th, his 35th anniversary, that he would be retiring April 30th
- Three CCPD priorities remain
 - Safety
 - Mental, Emotional, Financial, Physical Wellness
 - Staffing
- Almost 2k fewer victims of crime in Cobb County from 2023 to 2024
- There were 12 homicides last year
- Cobb County trends very favorably against the other metro Atlanta counties
- Technology has been a major tool in improving results and tackling staffing challenges
- Cobb County is the most educated county in the state which also helps in lowering crime.
- Launching a mental health program with KSU that is being provided free of charge (for both the officers and county)
- Staffing/hiring is improving. Recruiting has increased 58% with 71 recruits in training now. There is also greater diversity.
- Precinct 6 is opening soon with a ribbon-cutting on April 6th.

Minutes – Ric Grome

The minutes were not completed in time for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report & Membership – Ric Grome (On behalf of Jill Flamm)

Positive cash flow of over \$3,000. We have signed up all but 30 members from last year.

Adopt-a-Mile – Helga Hong

The next session will be April 26th, 10:00 am at Woodlawn shopping center.

Program – Roger Phelps

Roger expects confirmation of April's speaker shortly.

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

- **V-43 – Recommendation: No recommendation on this request**
- **V-48 – Recommendation: No recommendation on this request**
- **In May**
- **LUP-15 – Recommendation/Disposition: Waiting for more information**
- **V-58 – Recommendation/Disposition: Waiting for more information**
- **V-59 – Recommendation/Disposition: Waiting for more information**
- **V-60 – Recommendation/Disposition: Waiting for more information**

Other Business -

- None presented

Ric concluded sharing the next general membership meeting will be April 30th at Wellstar East Cobb Health Park. He noted there will not be a meeting in May. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully,
Chris Ensley
Secretary