

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 27, 2021
Virtual via Zoom

Membership Meeting Minutes

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

Roger introduced the speaker – Major Brian Batterton, Cobb County Police Precinct 4 Commander. Major Batterton has served with the Cobb County Police Department since 1995, as well as having served in the Alabama & Georgia National Guard. He earned a BS in Criminal Justice from Georgia State, has a law degree from John Marshall and is a member of the GA Bar. Major Batterton started by reviewing the questions submitted by ECCA members concerning:

- License plate cameras
 - Flock cameras are the main cameras used
 - Data can be shared with law enforcement
 - Have been useful in solving a variety of crimes
- Camera Registration (of personal residential security cameras)
 - Information on how to register your security camera is on the county website
 - Does not allow access, just notifies law enforcement that you have cameras available if needed
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
 - Like the fingerprint database for shell casings
- Facial recognition
 - It is not used at the precinct-level
- Shot spotter
 - Uses sensors to detect and locate gunshots
 - A real-time crime center will be manned by analysts that leverage cameras, shot spotter and other resources to aid officers
- Car break-ins
 - Primarily taking place in parks, driveways, shopping centers
 - Typically look in car for visible items (i.e. purses, wallets, weapons, packages.
 - Many vehicles broken into are unlocked
- Theft
 - Shoplifting will pick-up during holidays
 - Mail theft is also popular

- Street racing
 - Mostly blocking streets
 - Can be violent
- Staffing issues
 - 18 officers transferred to special units over the past few years
 - Many officers have left because of the negative press – three left in September
- Gang activity
 - Mostly from other counties coming into East Cobb
 - Car theft is typical activity found in Cobb County
- Security recommendations
 - Cameras/Alarm
 - Dog
 - Weapon (gun, as long as it is safely secured)

Minutes – Ric Grome

September meeting minutes were approved

Financial Status – Marvin Shams

We have 96 members that includes 35 individual members. The final payment was made on the updated website and we have positive cash flow \$1,500 YTD.

Adopt-A-Mile – Helga Hong

The event was rained out. We will start again in January.

Communications – Jill Flamm

The new website is up and is easier to use with enhanced viewing on a mobile phone. Jill requested any questions or requests be sent to Ric for compilation and forwarding.

Election Committee – Kris Killough

We have a slate of nine. The ballots will be printed and sent to the members soon. Kris asked if anyone is interested in participating in the board to reach out to him or Ric.

Public Safety Appreciation – Kelly Ryan

We have honored two fire stations and the next one is scheduled for Fire Station 3 Terrell Mill in November. Kelly shared that the events are very much appreciated by the stations.

Zonings, Variances and OBIs – Jill Flamm (for Chris Lindstrom)

The website has been updated including information on Z-72 (2020), Z-26, Z-31

- **Z-76** – Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom. Location: Lassiter Rd west of Johnson Ferry. It is zoned LRO and the applicant would like to build two houses on it changing the zoning to RA5. The lot size is acceptable, requests include installation of fencing that continues existing style, that the houses are sodded on all four sides, construction hours are limited and access is maintained. **Recommendation: Approval**
- **V-129** -Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom. Location: East Cobb Drive & Roswell Road. This is the site of the old BB&T bank; the applicant is converting the space to a restaurant and has applied to reduce the number of parking spots from 57 to 50. They are going to lease space with the shopping center. **Recommendation: No Action**
- **OB-68** – Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom. Location: Paper Mill Shopping Center. The applicant is the Retail Planning Corporation; they would like to close the entrance/exit on Johnson Ferry. The shopping center has a very active architectural control committee and they are in favor of the request. **Recommendation: No Action**

Other Business -

None

The next meeting will be December 8th at 7pm and we will advise on whether this will be an in-person or virtual meeting. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully,
Chris Ensley
Secretary