

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 30, 2024
Wellstar East Cobb Health Park
3747 Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30062

Membership Meeting Minutes

Ric Grome brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roger introduced the speaker Martin Jackson, investigative supervisor for the Cobb County Medical Examiner's office. Some highlights of his presentation include:

- The Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office works in parallel with law enforcement:
 - Scene is the responsibility of the police department.
 - The body is responsibility of the Medical Examiner's office.
 - Over the course of the examination the Medical Examiner's Office investigator is sharing information with the police.
 - Ninety percent (90%) of the time they conclude a time and manner of death.
 - Sixty percent (60%) of cases involve autopsies when additional answers are needed (approximately 24-48-hour turnaround).
- All cases are investigated as homicide until determined otherwise.
- The Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office investigates deaths under the following circumstances:
 - Caused by trauma.
 - It happens suddenly, when apparently in good health.
 - Unattended by a doctor.
 - Suspicious or unusual, particularly to those 16 years old and younger.
 - After birth but before the age of seven (7).
 - In custody of the state, county, or city penal institution or Police.
 - In hospital less than 24hrs, especially if unconscious.
- Medical Examiner is a:
 - Medical Doctor
 - Board Certified Forensic Pathologist
 - Appointed by Board of Commissioners
 - Four (4) offices in Georgia
 - Cobb
 - Gwinnett
 - Fulton
 - Dekalb
- Coroner:
 - No specific training required.

- He/she must be at least 25yrs old.
- Live in the county.
- Never convicted of a felony.
- GBI does their autopsies (approximately a 3-week turnaround).
- Forensic Investigator
 - Representative of the Medical Examiner.
 - Trained in death investigation, law enforcement background.
 - Liaise with police, hospitals, families, media, etc.
 - Provides official time of death.
 - Testify in court proceedings.
- Forensic Technicians
 - Background in funeral or health services
 - Assistant to Medical Examiner in the lab.
 - Removes organs.
 - Photographs and x-rays the body.
 - Collects evidence.
- In Georgia, the location of death determines who is responsible for the examination, not where the body is found.
- Five Manners of Death
 - Accident
 - Suicide
 - Homicide
 - Natural (most common)
 - Undetermined

Minutes – Ric Grome

September meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report & Membership – Jill Flamm

Positive cash flow of \$3,200. We currently have ninety-one (91) members, thirty-three (33) of which are individual. Slightly ahead of last year.

Code Amendments & UDC – Jill Flamm

Amendments are out and ECCA will be making a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on November 5th. Jill called out impervious surfaces (should be at the lot-level). Additionally charging stations being restricted not by residential designation as apartments and condominiums fall under that classification. Plumbing requirements were also discussed including faucets, showerheads, dishwashers and ECCA's position is that this is unenforceable and a bit of an overreach. There was also a proposed shift from two unrelated adults in a home to three.

Ric represents Commissioner Richardson and Jill represents Commissioner Birrell on the UDC. ECCA comments were received and will be taken into consideration. The code is complex, and Jill encouraged the membership to read and provide feedback.

Program – Roger Phelps

There will be no speaker in December. The January speaker is Michael Brantley, Director of Cobb County parks.

Elections – Chris Ensley

The Nomination process closes at the end of October, the slate will be sent to members in November. The election will be finalized around the middle of November.

First Responder Appreciation Luncheon – Ric Grome

First responder luncheon will be scheduled before Thanksgiving for Station 14 by Mountain View Library. Ric encouraged members to attend to show support.

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

- **V-120 – Recommendation/Disposition: Held till next session.**
- **V-128 – Recommendation/Disposition: Held till next session.**
- **V-130 – Recommendation/Disposition: Held till next session.**
- **OBI-63 – Recommendation/Disposition: Waiting for stipulation letter, expect postponement for another month.**
- **OBI-64 – Recommendation/Disposition: Waiting for stipulation letter, expect postponement for another month.**

Other Business -

- No additional business was presented.

Ric concluded sharing the next general membership meeting is December 4th at Wellstar East Cobb Health Park. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully,
Chris Ensley
Secretary