

**EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

September 29, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

The ECCA Vice President, Jill Flamm, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roger introduced the speaker – JoAnn Birrell, District 3 Cobb County Commissioner. She shared some information about herself and the district:

- First elected in 2011
- 11<sup>th</sup> year serving, third term
- Serve nearly all of East Cobb
  - Bounds are redrawn every 10years to align with census
  - Each district must be equal (+-1%)
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the redistricting date
- Board is all female for the first time ever
- Three District 3 Community Impact Projects
  - Shaw Park Repurpose \$4M
  - Ebenezer Downs \$3M
  - Veterans Memorial \$1M
- 5 Year Update Comp Plan Stakeholders
  - Commissioner Birrell still needs one citizen and one business person (must reside in district)
- November 6 Free COVID-19 vaccinations honoring Women Veterans
- Keep It In Cobb
  - Seminars for businesses
  - Incenting businesses in Cobb county
- Superior Pets for Patriotic Vets
  - Vets able to adopt an animal from the Cobb County Animal Shelter for free through donations
- Election is November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commissioner Birrell then answered questions from the members.

**Programs – Roger Phelps**

The October speaker will be Major Brian Batterton Precinct 4 Commander

**Minutes – Jill Flamm**

August meeting minutes were approved

**Financial Status – Marvin Shams**

We have 95 members that includes 34 individual members, and positive cash flow \$2,700 YTD.

**Adopt-A-Mile – Helga Hong**

October 16<sup>th</sup> 10am meeting at Woodlawn Shopping Center, Jill requested photos be taken for potential publication.

**Election Committee – Kris Killough**

No report.

**Communications – Jill Flamm**

The new logo was featured in the agenda and the website redesign will be updated in the coming weeks.

**Public Servant Appreciation – Chris Lindstrom (reporting for Kelly Ryan)**

The September 9th luncheon at Fire Station 15 Oak Lane was a success. The next event is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station 20 Sewell Mill Rd & Hilton Drive. Additional participation and support is welcomed.

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

All September zonings have been rolled over to October.

- **Z-72 (2020)** – Case Manager: Jill Flamm. Location: Shallowford Road & Johnson Ferry. The applicant is North Point Ministries and they would like to build a large church, parking lot, and townhomes. This was initially filed last December. In August the Planning Commission recommended approval with three pages of stipulations including single family homes/town homes (slightly over 5.62 unit/acre and 15ft buffers), no drive-thru restaurant and Waterfront Dr being rerouted. At the Board of Commissioners they were presented with this and four pages of ECCA recommendations, it failed because density was desired to be 5 units/acre. Revised plan brought down the density to 4.99 but added back drive-thru and closed Waterfront Dr. We are awaiting a new plan.
- **Z-26** – Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom. Location: On Sewell Mill Road, backs up to Piedmont YMCA. They would like to build unsupported RSL connected homes on the 3.5acre site. The request has moved from 17 to 14 units. There are several issues, including a lack of sidewalks and poor entrance/egress. Commissioner Richardson has suggested 10 homes. It is currently zoned R20 and that is our preference, and RSL should not be used to circumvent density continuity.
- **Z-31** – Case Manager: Chris Lindstrom Location: Ebenezer Rd. Horse Farm. The 49acre plot was sold to Pulte homes. Several site plans have been developed and presented. There are significant storm water management issues and two lake that are proposed to be drained. Commissioner Birrell has formed a committee that has been able to develop some conditions including R15 and some reasonable requests. The next scheduled meeting is Monday.

**Other Business -**

None

The next meeting will be October 27th at 7pm and we are currently searching for an in-person venue. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully,  
Chris Ensley  
Secretary