

EAST COBB CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 27, 2023
Fullers Park Recreation Center
3499 Robinson Road
Marietta, GA 30068

Membership Meeting Minutes

Jill Flamm brought the meeting to order at 7pm and started the meeting with a somber and respectful moment of remembrance for Marvin Shams. Roger Phelps introduced our speaker Stephen Hammond, Director of Animal Services. Some highlights of his presentation include:

- Personal background
 - 2010 started working for the Cobb County police officer in 2010
 - 2015 started the Animal Cruelty Investigation unit
 - 2019 joined the Animal Shelter in a civilian role
 - 2022 promoted to the Director role
- Animal Services has an Open Admission shelter, they accept all animals
- Currently investigating 30 criminal cases
- Facility built in 1995, 35,000 sq. ft.
 - Capacity for 141 dogs and 66 cats
 - Max is 249 dogs and 112 cats
- This morning they were housing 280 dogs (some paired and litters)
- 2022 SPLOST included a line item for a new 50,000 sq. ft. facility
 - \$30M building with current budget allocation of \$15M
 - While capacity is not increased, the flow will be improved
- Superior Plumbing sponsors a program for Vets
- Animal Services has taken in 5,258 animals so far this year, a 17% increase, projected for 7,800 this year
 - Adoptions up 38%, they are down 30% nationwide
 - 872 euthanized this year, this includes injured, sick and aggressive animals, all are incinerated
 - On track for 13,700 field visits this year performed by 10 vans (shifting to a truck platform)
 - 55K calls per year
- Animal control board consists of three interested citizens, two veterinarians, and one commission chair appointee.
- The organization is 25 officers short, staffing is supplemented by the support of 134 volunteers (1K+ hours per month)
- 80-85% of animals housed at the facility are altered, it is included in the adoption fee
- Recently begun an inmate animal trainee program

- Expanding the foster-to-adopt program

Minutes – Jill Flamm

August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Jill Flamm

We have 85 members, 27 individual. Currently we have approximately \$1,050 in positive cash flow. Jill is projecting a between break even small deficit due to a projector purchase and accounting software.

Program – Roger Phelps

The October speaker will be Jenny Jang, a representative of TK Elevator.

Adopt-A-Mile – Helga Hong

The next Adopt-A-Mile will be October 21st. Many people have used this as an opportunity for community service. This coming Saturday there will be electronics recycling at Six Flags.

Public Service Appreciation – Jill Flamm

The next scheduled luncheon will be for Precinct 4 on October 4th, at Noon.

UDC – Jill Flamm

Meeting rescheduled tentatively for end of September/early October

Code Amendments – Jill Flamm

Jill spent two hours watching recorded sessions. Section 2 addressed the Cobb Galleria area and we did not provide any comments. Section 10 referred to Animal Control, the environment section outlined Stormwater Management, and last the Noise Ordinance section was better defined.

Zonings, Variances and OBIs – Jill Flamm

- **V-99 – Recommendation: No Action**
- **V-102 – Recommendation: Denial**
- **Z-44 – Recommendation: Held until next month**
- **Z-49 – Recommendation: Held until next month**

Other Business -

- Jerica Richardson is hosting a transportation town hall meeting tomorrow.

- The next General Membership meeting will be held at 7pm on October 25th at Fullers Park Recreation Center. There being no additional business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully,
Chris Ensley
Secretary