

**MARKHAM WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**4/6/09**

Board Members in attendance: Jack Hannahs, John Higgins, Ken Jones, Teresa Lyons, Jack Fitch, Doug Ronning, and Kent Powers.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved.

The bulk of the meeting dealt with the ongoing issue of onsite wastewater systems in the Wekiva Study Area as outlined in the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act passed in 2004. Mr. Hannahs stated that Kim Ornberg, Principal Engineer from the Seminole County Public Works Department, has been providing assistance concerning the septic system issue. He indicated that Ms. Ornberg would be providing the Markham Woods Association with an information package concerning this matter.

A recap of a recent trip to Tallahassee to attend a special legislative committee meeting on the septic system topic was given by Mr. Hannahs and by Mr. Higgins. The meeting was called by Representative Trudi Williams, an environmental engineer from Ft. Myers, in order to hear comments from the public. The consensus of opinion from those who spoke was that the Department of Health was moving too rapidly in the implementation of the proposed new septic system rules, particularly since a state funded study on this very issue has yet to be completed. After hearing statements from a representative of the Department of Health present at the meeting, Mr. Higgins indicated that most panel members were appalled at the arrogance in which the DOH was planning to move forward on this issue. One panel member indicated that the State Legislature would consider taking action to stop DOH's plan by either entering corrective legislation on the floor or by reducing the DOH's existing operating budget. A summary of the meeting is offered by Orange County Commissioner Fred Brummer in the following [video clip](#).

Legal representation was discussed as a possible way to dissuade the DOH's intended agenda. A meeting with attorney Tom Feeney in Commissioner Brenda Carey's office is scheduled for 4/13/09. Jack Hannahs, John Higgins, and Ken Jones are scheduled to attend.

A motion concerning monetary reimbursement to Board Members for traveling expenses was approved. Board Members are to be reimbursed for mileage expenses incurred while attending public meetings outside of Seminole County on behalf of the Association at the current IRS mileage rate plus any appropriate out of pocket expenses. This motion is to be made retroactive to January 1, 2009. The attached expense form will be used for accounting such expenses and will be submitted to the Board for approval.

A suggestion was given by Mr. Higgins that whenever possible, Board Members should attempt to carpool to public meetings on behalf of the Association in order to reduce traveling expenses.

Doug Ronning provided an update on the status of road development along the Markham Woods Road corridor. Mr. Ronning indicated that the approved eight separate turn lane projects along Markham Woods Road are scheduled to start in mid June 2009. Bids for the resurfacing of Markham Woods Road from Lake Mary Bl. To Markham Road are to go out late this year. Also Mr. Ronning stated that the planned widening of State Road 434 from Montgomery Road to I-4 has begun.

Mr. Ronning also indicated that the Lake Mary branch office of the Seminole County Sheriff located at 805 Primera Blvd. would be conducting a meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM on how to start a local neighborhood watch program.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30PM. Next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2009 at 7PM.