

MARKHAM WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEETING MINUTES
4/04/2011

Board Members in attendance: John Higgins, Ken Jones, Satish Mahajan, Jack Hannahs, Bob Turnage, Bob Cushman and Cindy Haller. The following guests present were: Bob Beitel and Don Epps.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed and approved. A treasurer's report was given by Mr. Mahajan. Mr. Glen Cox, a CPA and active Markham Woods Association member, has agreed to audit the treasurer's books and produce a report pro bono.

Several topics were covered under old business including Mr. Jones updating the board on membership. As it has been in the past, about 5% of members are associate members. About 15% paid their annual membership dues via the newly added paypal option which equated to approximately 60 members. Some appreciated the new payment method. So far there are 11 new homes in Veramonte and they have been sent MWA info.

Mr. Turnage agreed to look into setting up a MWA page or group. Possibly FB could be a liability consideration. Since MWA is a civic organization, it holds no assets, however E & O insurance is being looked into to protect from unintentional libel. Mr. Higgins agreed to look into quotes for the E & O insurance.

Regarding septic, SB 1698 has had many changes. Mr. Hannahs reported that SB 550 could be repealed. The counties are facing budget cuts and do not have the resources to deal with the septic issue, but Tri-City HELP is active and staying on top of it. Mr. Beitel is a member of the Research Review and Advisory Committee (RRAC) and mentioned attending a meeting of Senator Bryan Nelson's where a lengthy discussion of passive active vs conventional systems went on. A few local residents have submitted their homes to be considered as part of a field study by Hazen & Sawyer, a 3-5 year study entitled, "Florida Onsite Sewage Nitrogen Reduction Strategies".

Alaqua Reserve was brought up under Development Watchdog and the current and preliminary proposals are different; now 35 homes close together with a septic treatment system of some kind. Some MWA board members are planning to meet with Mr. Shassian on Wednesday, 4/06/11.

Mr. Jones reviewed the MWA web site updates, also sharing that there have been increased hits on it. He also had sent a recent e-mail requesting directors' bio info so it could be added to the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7 pm to be held at Neighborhood Alliance Church.