

Civic Association of West Lake Brantley



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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

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The May Meeting of the Civic Association of West Lake Brantley was called to order at 7:09pm Wednesday evening of May 4th, 2011 at 2130 Terrace Blvd.

In attendance were board members Chuck Hiley, Alison Cody, Sharon Chamness, Farrell Culberson, Cathy Garrett, Steve Saker, Sandra Mackenzie, and Joyce Cole. Absent from the board was Mike Delahoz, Jimmy Hepp, Kyra Sopinka, and Gary Fowler. Guests included members Kelly Levinson and Tri-County Association Officials Andrea Samson, Maureen Golmont, Joe Elum, and Bill Smalley.

Kelly Levinson introduced Andrea Samson, President of the Tri-County Association. This organization was formed to represent Seminole, Orange, and Lake Counties to fight against unfair Septic Tank Mandates being proposed by the State of Florida. The Markham Woods Association started this battle and Andrea began this group so that she can fight the state while representing these three counties.

Andrea launched the sludgerport (online) 2 years ago and this is her editorial website. Within the tri-county association there are potentially 55K homeowners involved. Back in the beginning of this fight the Markham Woods Association paid \$30,000 to send a lobbyist to Tallahassee.

The issue involves making it mandatory to have a Performance Based System when selling or constructing on a home. This system is based on a Nitrogen Reduction Study and in order to keep your current system it would have to pass this Nitrogen Reduction test.

The proposed mandatory inspection would occur every 5 years. The protests over this got loud and therefore the Department of Health called a special session to delay the inspectors.

The current amendment they're working on involves having a permit to own and operate a septic system that transfers with the house. Apparently you wouldn't be able to sell your home without replacing the septic system.

Steve Saker has one of these Performance Based Systems and said it was required when he built the house. Kelly Levinson says that is also what Jerry Baughman said regarding his home under current construction as Jerry had to get the Performance Based System as well.

This was news to Andrea and the rest of the tri-county association and they wanted more information on the contractors involved.

The worst case scenario is that the bill #1698 passes in the house. The tri-county association is trying to pass amendments to this bill. If all of the bills die we end up with bill #550.

Andrea passed out membership applications. Soon you can also go to www.tricountyassociation.org to join. Membership is \$10 and allows Andrea and the TCA to represent you in Tallahassee on this issue.

Andrea@tricountyassociation.org – can email her to get involved.

Right now they are looking for 2 people from each county to represent them and hold regional meetings within their own county.

**Secretary had to leave and this is where the minutes currently leave off... until the rest are added on.