

# THE MEMBERS VS THE METROWEST MASTER ASSOCIATION

I've been reading the filings now posted on the Metrowest Master Association website and again I am shocked at the nerve of Kevin Azzouz. (I know, I shouldn't be) I think it's raining again. I feel it wet and warm running down my back.

First Azzouz said, he (as Veranda Partners) is not subject to FSS 720 and therefore his lawsuit is not a SLAPP suit. Everything I read, newspaper articles, the Economic Incentive Agreement with the City of Orlando, and Azzouz's comments referred to Veranda Partners as "the developer". Changing the name of Metrowest to Veranda Park, as well as renaming Metrowest Blvd. and receiving the tax rebate was assigned to Veranda Partners LLC and Westpointe LLC.

Now it seems Veranda Partners LLC, although it hasn't been dissolved or filed for bankruptcy, no longer has assets and is not the developer. The City of Orlando doesn't seem to know this as no written request to change the Incentive Agreement has been filed. At least not that they admit to in a Public Information request.

So let's see. It was reported that Shakarian is the new "developer" of Metrowest, and therefore able to appoint the controlling three members of the Master Board. But amazingly, Kevin Azzouz is still on this board and able to direct the actions of Taylor and Carls, the Board Attorneys, in defending his control as a developer, speaking as a "board member" against the members of the Association.

It appears the original action filed was in August 2009 and it's been a barrage of legal filings to stall, confuse, dismiss, and drive up the legal costs. It's been all legal mumbo-jumbo so far, that not even the judges can understand, because now they are assigning it to the Complex Business Litigation Court. The old adage, the one with the most money wins, seems to be in play. We know that outcome though since they are fighting the members with their own money, and Azzouz will have none of his own money invested in legal fees. He can't lose.

So let's understand this. Rosenberg and Biddle are paying attorneys fees to fight for the control of the board by it's members. They want a process we are familiar with called "an election of the board by the members". The Master Association Board, of which three members are appointed (controlled) by Shakarian, Azzouz, or whatever Corporate entity he feels like using at the time by just referring to it as "the developer", is using Master Association monies to pay the Association lawyers, to defend their position, to maintain control of a board that represents 95% of the members that were there before this "developer" even thought of taking over.

If this doesn't make sense, you should read the legal filings.

I count 13 legal filings so far and it seems like it will be January of 2010 before they even have a hearing to decide who is going to hear it. In the meantime, Azzouz has control.

I would like to know how much of Association dues has been spent paying Taylor and Carls legal fees for attorney opinions and frivolous filings over the past three years.

The Saga continues.....