

**THAN**  
**TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2007**  
**HELD AT UNION STATION**

The members and guests present are listed on the attendance roster.

1. President Wofford Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He called for a moment of silence to reflect on our purpose and to remember our troops overseas. He then asked that we salute the flag.
2. He asked that the members and guests introduce themselves.
3. Shannon Edge spoke briefly for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations.
  - a. She reminded us that the Mayor's Budget Lunch was the next day, Thursday, August 9, at Ragan Community Center.
  - b. She congratulated Wofford Johnson on his election as THAN president and told that they had met to discuss neighborhood issues.
4. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The minutes of the June Meeting were approved as presented. He noted problems with the e-mail list. Should he get a bounce-back from the president or THAN representative of a member, he contacts them by post. He cannot contact other people whose e-mail will not go through as he has no way to do so.
5. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. The treasury contained \$7497.44 when he took office. He deposited \$850 from membership dues and so the treasury now contains \$8347.44.
6. Our guest speaker at the meeting was Julia Cole, Assistant City Attorney, who specializes in Land Development (Zoning) issues. She prefaced her remarks by stating:

When City Council takes action on a request for a zoning change, special use permit or wet-zoning, City Council is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. In order to uphold a quasi-judicial decision of City Council, a Circuit Court will review the record to determine: 1) whether the administrative finding and judgment of City Council are supported by competent substantial evidence, 2) whether procedural due process was afforded and 3) whether the essential requirements of law have been observed.

She advises Council on the legal implications of this process. She explained to our members how to present a case on a zoning issue to Council so that it meets legal requirements.
7. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that Council will consider the Sign Code on Thursday mornings, August 30 and September 20. They will discuss the move of Wet Zoning from Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, to Chapter 27, the Zoning Code, in the city Code of Ordinances, in the Mascotte Room (first floor) of City Hall, on Wednesdays August 29 and September 5, from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. We are invited to call Cathy Coyle or Rebecca Kert for more details.
8. Spencer Kass reported for the City Budget Committee of his concerns that water fees are being raised gradually until in five years they will be double the present rate. The

ostensible reason for this increase is to pay for pipe repair and replacement, building Reclaimed Water facilities, the Hillsborough River Flush, and the operational capacity to handle these.

9. Along the lines of the budget cuts, President Johnson noted that the city can no longer afford the annual Holiday Party in mid-December. Discussion centered around the question of how THAN might hold a smaller party for its members or join with the mayor in sponsoring a version of the party.
10. The officers of THAN will meet with the mayor on Wednesday, August 15. They ask the members to suggest items to discuss with her.
11. Richard Formica reporting as our Riverwalk Project liaison repeated his request for comment on the removal or non-removal of graffiti on the bridges near the mouth of the river.
12. President Johnson, with the approbation of the Board, appointed Sue Lyon our liaison to the city and its bureaucracy.

**MOTION:** THAN will reimburse Margaret Vizzi and Sue Lyon for parking fees incurred in representing THAN to government bodies.

(Joseph Robinson, seconded by Randy Baron. Passed unanimously.)

13. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The September Meeting, Wednesday, September 12, will be a conversation with Mayor Iorio. It will be held at Cyrus Greene Community Center, 2007 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. between 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets. As this facility closes precisely at 9:00 p.m., our meeting will be from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m. We may linger after the meeting, but must be physically out of the building by 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary