

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2008
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 asked for a moment of silence to reflect on our mission and to remember our troops, wherever they may be. He then asked that we pledge allegiance to the flag.
2. He asked the members and guests present to introduce themselves.
3. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. Her report is attached.
4. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. On July 31, the account balance was \$5037.69. Parenthetically, he noted that the corporate filing papers for THAN are dated May 12, 1988, justifying our 20th Anniversary Celebration in May.
5. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the June Meeting were approved as presented. The Secretary also reported that approximately half the members of THAN had rejoined this year. He will send reminders to the others soon.
6. Jerry Ulcek and Kim Silva of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) discussed the transition from analog to digital television which will take place on February 17, 2009. For TV's that need them, the U.S. Government is offering two \$40 coupons per household to help pay for converter boxes. For more information, the printed matter they distributed asks us to call 1-888-CALL-FCC or visit www.dtv.gov. However, Mr. Ulcek gave 1-888-388-2009, www.dtv2009.gov and his office number, (813) 348-1741. The question of the disposal of unwanted TV's was raised. Shannon Edge reported that Tonja Brickhouse, the city's new solid Waste Director, and her staff are working on a plan to be announced before the conversion date. The Solid Waste Department can be reached at (813) 348-1148, email: Tonja.Brickhouse@tampagov.net. A neighborhood association that wants a presentation at a membership meeting is invited to contact Jerry Ulcek.
7. Margaret Vizzi gave a report on the 4th draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Disagreement still exists concerning in-fill development. The Planning Commission wants to form a committee to decide the issue and invites THAN to send 5 of its members and its president for this group. After discussion, it was decided that Sue Lyon, Margaret Vizzi, Randy Baron, Richard Formica, Spencer Kass and Wofford Johnson will represent THAN. The first meeting of this group will be on Tuesday, August 26.
8. Wendy Nero of Utility Capital Improvements Projects (UCIP) told of the improvements to Tampa's underground infrastructure that her organization is doing. These involve four major projects, the first of which is the replacement of a long line of pipes, some over a century old, in the heart of the city. Another group, Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) is currently studying three large areas of underground infrastructure to determine

if they can support increased development. UCAP can be reached at (813) 777-9222, or www.tampa-ucap.com. A neighborhood association that wants a presentation at a membership meeting is invited to contact Wendy Nero.

9. Richard Formica reported on the status of the Riverwalk Project. The Platt Street Underpass opened with a ceremony on April 28. The construction of the Curtis Hixon Park segment by the Art Museum is ongoing; the estimated completion date is December, 2009. The City and the Downtown Partnership are working to get new signage in place in time for the Super Bowl next February. The section by the future History Museum is slated to be completed by next January.
10. President Johnson thanked Bill Duvall and Randy Baron for their missionary work in Largo. THAN had been asked to send advisors to help in neighborhood organization and Bill and Randy volunteered. After a discussion in which it was agreed that this was a laudable activity for THAN, Wofford asked for volunteers to work with Shannon as an Outreach Committee to offer help in neighborhood organization. Randy Baron, Bill Duvall, and Steve LaBour volunteered and others are welcome to join them. Steve wrote talking points for this meeting that Wofford thought might be expanded to "Guiding Principals of THAN". Such a document could be used at such meetings in the future and to explain THAN's mission to other associations. Wofford asked the Outreach Committee to formulate these into a document we can use to explain THAN. He asked that this document be ready by our October Meeting.
11. Richard Formica referred to Tampa Electric Company's announced 30% rate increase. After discussion:

MOTION: That THAN request President Johnson to send a letter to the Public Service Commission protesting this large increase.
(Richard Formica, seconded by Steve LaBour. Passed unanimously.) Steve LaBour will draft this letter.

To expand this protest:

MOTION: That President Johnson also send a letter to the Mayor and to Council encouraging them to use their efforts against this increase.
(Spencer Kass, seconded by Margaret Vizzi. Passed unanimously.) Randy Baron will draft this letter.

12. Under Neighborhood Reports, it was noted that Melanie Higgins has moved outside the city and so must resign from the Variance Review Board. As we would like a THAN person to hold this seat, President Johnson asked for volunteers to replace her. As none was forthcoming, the request is still open.
13. Also under Neighborhood Reports, Jeff Haarmon, VP of Old Seminole Heights NA, asked about the procedure by which a portion of an association can break away and form an independent association. Shannon Edge had no definite answer but strongly indicated that the city hoped the matter might be resolved without city interference.

14. Norbert Holz invited all members of THAN, designees and interested parties to participate in two city wide organizations. Please attend yourself, assign a designee from your organization and invite the members of your group to attend and participate.

Neighbors United Against Crime in Tampa (NUACT) is the successor organization to *Tampa Neighborhood Watch Association* (TNWA). It meets on the first Monday of every month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Tampa Police Department District offices on a rotating schedule. The next meeting will be on September 8 at TPD District 1, at 3818 W. Tampa Bay BL, 33614. This is the second Monday in September as the first is Labor Day.

The *Tampa Code Enforcement Citizens Advisory Committee's* next meeting is on September 15, at 8:00 p.m. at the Free Library Building, 102 E. 107th Av, 33602.

Norbert Holz is the founding president of NUACTION and Chairman of the Code Enforcement CAC. He can be reached at NorbertHolz@tampabay.rr.com.

14. The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Our next meeting, on Wednesday, September 10, will be held at the Kate Jackson Center in Hyde Park from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m. (NOTE the earlier time). Our guest will be Mayor Pam Iorio.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary

Appendix: The Report of the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations.