

**THAN**  
**TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 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 asked for a moment of silence to reflect on our mission and to remember our veterans and our troops deployed overseas. He then asked that we pledge allegiance to the flag.
2. He asked the members and guests present to introduce themselves.
3. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the October Meeting were approved as presented. After discussion, the Board formally requested that the secretary mail a copy of the membership list to each THAN Representative. This list contains the names, addresses and e-mail addresses of the presidents and THAN representatives. Should no e-mail address be provided, the telephone number is given, if known. The secretary will do this in December.
4. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations.
  - a. Mayor Pam Iorio held a press conference announcing a new initiative, *Changing the Business of Government*.
  - b. Their website, [www.tampagov.net/neighborhoods](http://www.tampagov.net/neighborhoods) was nationally recognized on the cover of the Transformations, Alliance for Innovation Newsletter.
  - c. We are invited to review our neighborhood web page on this site under the link, "Find a Neighborhood".
  - d. They are still holding checks for associations who are recipients of the City of Tampa Neighborhood mini-grants.
  - e. Lee Hoffman, Riverwalk Development Manager, announces walking tours of the Riverwalk on December 1 and 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet at Cotanchobee Park on the Pier next to the Marriott Waterside Hotel.
  - f. We are invited to the Mayor's Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, from 6:00 till 8:00 p.m. at Union Station. RSVP to Viola Luke, 274-8611 or [viola.luke@tampagov.net](mailto:viola.luke@tampagov.net).
5. Jim Pickney, Division Manager, Clean City Division, announced that Clean City Day is on March 29, 2008, a Saturday. He discussed the division's beautification and education efforts. He has 50 trash cans to be placed throughout the city in an *Adopt a Trashcan* campaign @\$700. He also mentioned an *Adopt a Street* clean-up campaign. Cathy Bartolotti volunteered, and so was appointed, to represent THAN on the Clean City Committee.
6. Terry Cullen and Michele Ogilvie of the Hillsborough Planning Commission reported that the Tampa Comprehensive Plan update is nearing completion. A Tampa Study Group Open House on the update is scheduled for Monday, November 26, from 5 till 8 p.m. at the Seminole Heights Garden Center on Central Ave. The draft will be ready in January 2008, with Public Hearings in March. It should be adopted by September 2008.
7. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. As no activity occurred in the account in October, the balance remains \$8522.42.
8. Margaret Vizzi said that the Zoning Committee has no report. She noted that City Council had a workshop on amendments to Chapter 27, The Zoning Code. A discussion followed

centering on the difficulty of citizens to discover the issues being considered by several groups.

MOTION: That THAN send a letter to City Council with a copy to the Mayor requesting that the Variance Review Commission (VRC), the Architectural Review Commission (ARC), and the Barrio Latino Commission post the file information for their agenda items as is done with the City Council agenda.

(Spencer Kass, seconded by Margaret Vizzi. Passed unanimously.)

9. Richard Formica, our liaison to the Riverwalk Project and the Green Ordinance Task Force, told of meetings in which he participated on THAN's behalf. Items discussed at these meetings included:
  - Portland, Oregon's, efforts to reduce motor vehicle traffic in the city.
  - The requirements of establishing Green standards.
  - The efforts of utilities throughout the country to find sustainable and clean energy sources.
  - An update on the Riverwalk Project.
  - A report on how Green standards are being implemented across the country.
  - A discussion about how lawns, yards, and neighborhoods can be made Florida-friendly.
  - A goal to provide for water efficient homes in the Florida Water Star Program.Many of these reports and further information are available on the web at [tampagreen:092507@taftp.homeip.net](mailto:tampagreen:092507@taftp.homeip.net). Be careful about printing. The report is 1200 pages long.
10. Bill Duvall reported for *Paint-Your-Heart-Out, Tampa*. He requested THAN's help in locating about 50 houses to be painted. Paint Day is April 12, 2008.
11. The review of the City Charter was discussed. We saw no major issues to be addressed. Council might review it, but the Mayor said that as only minor changes were needed, the Charter would not be addressed now. Spencer Kass requested that we discuss changing the charter to allow citizens to have the right to place budget and salary issues on the ballot, a right which the current charter denies citizens.
12. Wofford Johnson gave the President's Report. The THAN officers and Sue Lyon, our city liaison, met with Mayor Iorio on November 14. We thanked her for continuing the Holiday Party. She said that it was a minor expense as most of the items were donated for promotional consideration. We asked about the Neighborhood Grants which cost the city \$15,000 last year. She is looking into ways to continue them. On fire hydrants that don't work, she reported they are repaired as quickly as they are discovered. She has not had enough information on the proposed controversial Fuel Pipeline to comment. She did say that she would be greatly displeased if it had a deleterious impact on neighborhoods.
13. Al Steenson presented a report on the proposed Kinder Morgan Jet Fuel Pipeline mentioned above. He gave a detailed report on the adverse impact this pipeline would have on neighborhoods and many other aspects of city life. He presented a report, promulgated by Councilwoman Mary Mulhern, from Donald F. Byrd, Director of Corporate Communications and Operations for the Tampa Pipeline Corporation emphatically denying that a second pipeline was needed from the Port of Tampa to Tampa International Airport. Mr. Byrd concluded that with a relatively minor hook-up from the Kinder Morgan facility on Hookers Point to the present pipeline in Port Tampa, both could use the existing pipeline. Discussion centered on the lack of information from Kinder Morgan, which made a decision as to THAN's response difficult. Finally we decided only to express our concern to council in the following motion:

MOTION: That THAN express to Mayor Iorio and to City Council its concern about the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline from Hookers Point to Tampa International Airport. We need to know more about the impact this project will have on neighborhoods and other city facilities in order to make intelligent comment.  
(Randy Baron, seconded by Al Steenson. Passed unanimously.)

- 14, Wofford Johnson reported that the Florida Legislature has established a Task Force on Fireworks to report at its next session. However, this Task Force is dominated by representatives from the fireworks industry. He asks that we access the public comment section of the Task Force web site to express our personal and neighborhood objection to any weakening of State Statute 791. Ask that they strengthen the statute by requiring permits to purchase any fireworks that explode or go into the air. Access the Task Force web site through a link on [www.banillegalfireworks.org](http://www.banillegalfireworks.org). Please, also write to the Task Force on your association letterhead and send to Michael Long, Chairman, Florida Division of Forestry, 3125 Conner BL, Tallahassee 32399-1650. Send a copy to Candace Huntley, Executive Director, Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation, County Center 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, 601 E. Kennedy BL, Tampa 33602. She will see that each member of the delegation receives a copy. Wofford invites people to join his e-mail list by contacting him at [Wjohns7@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Wjohns7@tampabay.rr.com).

MOTION: THAN reaffirms its longstanding opposition to all consumer fireworks.  
(Randy Baron, seconded by Sue Lyon. Passed unanimously.)

15. Margaret Vizzi reported that the artist who made the plaques THAN gave to outgoing presidents in years past is now making them again. She suggests we buy a large supply of these to give to past presidents who did not receive one and to store for future past-presidents. These plaques will cost not less \$60 and not more than \$100 apiece.

MOTION: That THAN obtain a supply of these plaques to be used as described above.  
(Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Spencer Kass. Passed unanimously.)

16. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Our December Meeting is pre-empted by the Mayor's Holiday Party. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Tampa Police Headquarters, 411 N. Franklin St. Parking should be available at the Jackson Street Parking Lot, just east of City Hall. Street parking north of Kennedy BL is free after 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary