

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 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 Vicki Polleya who is facing surgery. He then asked that we salute the flag.
2. He asked the members and guest present to introduce themselves.
3. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The minutes of the September Meeting were approved as presented.
4. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. He said that he deposited four checks @\$25 for membership dues from Lowry Park Central CA, Southeast Seminole Heights, Hyde Park Preservation, and Palma Ceia NA. The treasury balance at the end of September was \$8522.44.
5. Martin Shelby, City Council Attorney, was our guest. He said that Council takes seriously the observation expressed by THAN members about slow processes at meetings. He said the following steps have been taken to make meetings and dealings with the public more efficient.
 - a. The first and third Thursday morning meetings of the month are generally regular meetings.
 - b. The Calendar is always on line, although it is subject to change to adjust for holidays.
 - c. The Rules of Procedure are on line.
 - d. The morning meetings of the second Thursday of the month will concentrate on redevelopment issues.
 - e. The morning meetings of the fourth Thursday of the month are workshops.
 - f. Public Comment in the regular meetings will be moved to the start of the meeting with 30 minutes set aside for this purpose. Comments will first be solicited concerning items on the agenda or on items that had been considered at the last regular meeting. Should time remain, open comments will be allowed.
 - g. For quasi-judicial public hearings, the speaker must disclose how he/she is involved in the issue.
 - h. When asked if we prefer individual speaker cards as the County Commission uses, the general consensus was negative.
 - i. The time to present a petition has been decreased from 30 to 15 minutes.
 - j. A problem was noted that staff reports will follow Public Comment and so cannot be commented on. However, staff reports should be, as the name implies, reports with no formal action taken. The public can still speak at the end or at another meeting, even if the subject is not on the agenda.
 - k. The format for the evening meetings will not change other than the change of time to present and rebut.
6. Lorena Rivas and Carla Jackson reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations.
 - a. The Mayor thanks us for the turn out at our meeting with her in September.
 - b. We were also thanked for our participation in the minigrant process.
 - c. The Community Development Block (CDBG) letter will be coming soon.
 - d. They asked that we look at the web page they developed for us on their web site.
 - e. The *Day of Caring* at Sulphur Springs at which firemen will distribute smoke detectors will be on October 18.
 - f. Watch for the Free Pop Concerts in the parks.

- g. *Walk with the Mayor* on October 20.
 - h. The last Town Hall Meeting of the year with the Mayor is on Tuesday, October 16. Representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will also be there.
7. Lorena and Carla then presented their *Neighborhood Celebration* with suggestions on how to do fundraisers and other events to celebrate our neighborhoods.
 8. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that City Council will hold the following workshops, both in the City Council Chambers.
 - a. October 18 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the Tampa Comprehensive Plan.
 - b. October 25 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss Chapter 27 (The Zoning Code) July cycle Text amendments.
 9. We were informed that because of comments made at our September Meeting about solid waste pickup, Mark Wilfork, Director of Operations for the Solid Waste Department, invited us to contact him with our concerns at 348-1153.
 10. A discussion was held about newspaper boxes in residential neighborhoods. The Department of Transportation will remove them on written request if they are a nuisance. However, Margaret Vizzi felt that the neighborhoods should be asked even before they are permitted to be installed.

MOTION: Margaret Vizzi will ask the Transportation person on City Council that the permitting process to locate newspaper boxes in neighborhoods (not those in front of a business) include that the neighborhood association be asked for its opinion before the permit is issued. (Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Gail Matson, passed unanimously.)

11. President Johnson asked for the report of the Meeting Site Committee. Abby D'Ornzio, committee chair, with other members of the committee participating, said that several sites were considered. These include the Loretta Ingrahm Center, the Cyrus Greene Center, the Disabled American Veteran's Hall and Police Headquarters downtown where we used to meet. A discussion was held on the merits of each.

MOTION: Beginning with the January Meeting, 2008, THAN's primary meeting place will be at the main Police Station downtown [at One Police Center, 411 N. Franklin St., Tampa 33602]. (Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Jerry Frankhauser. The vote was 11 in favor, 7 opposed. The motion passed.) Lorena will ask that the parking lot east of City Hall (on Florida between Jackson and Kennedy) be open on our meeting nights.

12. President Johnson said that we now have a web site with a community calendar. The web address is www.TampaTHAN.org.
13. The Clean City Committee has started to meet and needs a liaison person from THAN.
14. As THAN was founded in 1988, next year will be our 20th year. We need some sort of celebration.
15. Sally Flynn distributed *40 mph on the Bayshore* bumper sticker.
16. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary