

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 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. 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 November Meeting were approved as presented. The President and the Board thanked the secretary for publishing the Annual Report for 2007.
4. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. The current balance in the account is \$8069.40.
5. Carla Jackson reported for the Office on Neighborhood & Community Relations.
 - a. She announced the *Meet & Greet* with Tampa Police District Majors; Irv Lee, Director of Public Works, and Tony Rodriguez, Transportation Division Manager. This event will be held at the Kate Jackson Recreation Center, 821 S. Rome Ave., from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17. RSVP before January 14, 274-7835.
 - b. Mayor Iorio is hoping for a good year, but will continue with her initiative *Changing the Business of Government* in response to the challenge of reduced revenues.
 - c. The *Neighborhood Registry* should be kept current with our information, including pictures and meeting information. Phone the office with updates. Access the registry at www.tampagov.net/neighborhoods.
 - d. The office is still holding checks for neighborhoods that won grants. Please pick them up.
 - e. The Mayor's Beautification Program is separate from the city. For information, www.mbptree.org.
 - f. *Paint-Your-Heart-Out, Tampa* continues to look for houses.
6. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that the committee had met at her house. The members attending were: Sally Flynn, Richard Formica, Susan Long, Bill Duvall, and Spencer Cass. The committee presented the following three recommendations:
 - a. That S1 (Administratively approved Wet Zonings) only be granted for temporary use. If this is not acceptable for large venues (500,000 sq. ft. or more), then footnote #16 on Table E 41 should add, "If R (Restaurant) classification or less."
 - b. Section 27-140 on Crematoriums (Section 1 a) currently states that these cannot be within 500 feet of a historic district. The committee wants "or residential use" added.
 - c. On Section 27-132, the committee recommends removing the requirement for access walkways from trash cans to the street.

MOTION: THAN supports these three recommendations.
(Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Bill Duvall. Passed unanimously.)

Other information given:

- Cathy Coyle told Mrs. Vizzi that all bonus density provision transfers would go into downtown Tampa, but not anywhere else.
- The committee recommends that affordable/workforce housing provisions in multifamily developments be monitored closely by the city.

- The committee recommended that no request for total Wet Zoning of a large scale property (over 500,000 sq. ft.) include a request for an S 1 Zoning. Such a request would have to go to City Council.
 - Hearing times and dates for Council to consider changes to Chapter 27 (July 2007 Cycle) are February 14 at 5:30 p.m. and March 6 at 9:30 a.m.
 - [Information obtained after the January Meeting: Councilwoman Linda Saul-Sena sponsored a Special Discussion meeting on the Green Ordinance to be held next Wednesday, January 16, from noon till 2:00 p.m. in the Mascotte Room. Further, Council will hold a Workshop on this matter on Thursday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers.]
7. Richard Formica reported as THAN's liaison to the Riverwalk Project and the Green Building Committee. The Riverwalk is progressing on schedule. The Green Ordinance is being presented to Council by Councilman John Dingfelder. The purpose of Tampa's Green Ordinance is to encourage resource conservation and increase energy efficiency. Builders are encouraged to meet certain well-defined standards. Reduced fees and an expedited approval process are being used as incentives. A very controversial set of incentives affecting Zoning is the granting of up to a 25% increase in density bonuses for compliant buildings. The Zoning Administration decides if such increased density is consistent with the neighborhood. This is an administrative process only. Richard asks, should we be concerned?
 8. Bill Duvall reported that although *Paint-Your-Heart-Out, Tampa* will be on April 19, so far only 50 of the 100 houses needed to be painted have been selected. As only 1 in 3 houses nominated is chosen, they need about 150 suggested houses. Further, contributions from neighborhoods are welcome and encouraged.
 9. Charter changes were discussed. Any such changes must be voted on by the public. Bill Duvall asserted that the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations should be in the Charter.
 10. President Johnson asked for suggestions on how to celebrate THAN's Twentieth Anniversary. Sue Lyon and Margaret Vizzi volunteered to head this Celebration Committee.
 11. President Johnson solicited neighborhood reports. Several board members discussed achievements, frustrations and problems of their associations.
 12. The proposed Green Building Ordinance was again discussed with the suggestion that we invite Councilman John Dingfelder to meet with us at our February Meeting.
 13. President Johnson initiated a discussion on the structure of THAN Meetings. Randy Baron suggested we have exchanges of ideas with pertinent officials who would be invited to attend. Margaret Vizzi continued this thought by saying that as issues arise, we invite the people who know about them to a discussion. A general conversation ensued.
 14. President Johnson informed us that the Fireworks Recommendations from the Consumer Fireworks Taskforce are due to the Legislature on January 15. These are more restrictive than those currently in effect.
 15. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next THAN Meeting is on Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary

