

**THAN**  
**TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**MEETING OF JUNE 11, 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 also asked that we remember Mike Flynn, Sally's husband, who is quite ill. He then asked that we pledge allegiance to the flag.
2. He asked the members and guests present to introduce themselves.
3. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the account as April began was \$8051.77. He paid the corporate filing fee for THAN, \$61.25. After the expenses and income for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the account contained \$4639.89 on May 31. [Subsequent to the meeting, he reimbursed the Secretary \$385.15 for expenses incurred this year.]
4. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the April Meeting and those of the shortened May Meeting were approved as presented. The Secretary also reported that on May 15, he mailed ballots for the election of THAN officers to the THAN Representatives. He also sent membership renewal notices to the THAN Representatives and invitations to join to the 29 associations south of Fowler Ave. not members of THAN. He recognized the work of Shannon Edge and the Office of Neighborhood & Community Affairs for providing the Neighborhood Registry which he used to find the non-THAN associations.
5. Our guest this evening was Jake Slater, the new Director of the combined Department of Code Enforcement and Business Tax Collection. He reported that the city has some 40,000 businesses and collects about 10.8 million dollars annually in taxes from them. His department is also responsible for collecting taxes on rental property. He discussed the reorganization caused by the merging of the two areas. Discussion from the floor mentioned the impact that foreclosures will have on the city and the \$550 fine for code violations of a continual nature such as unauthorized tree removal.
6. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. The items she mentioned included the following:
  - The Budget Workshop on June 24 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.
  - The Tampa Police Department promotions and District changes occasioned by retirements of senior officers. These are extensive and should be on the TPD page of the city's web site shortly.
  - She urges all neighborhood associations to join the Neighborhood Registry and to submit the "Top Five Wish Lists" she requested. By comparing these lists, she can get a feeling for what the citizens of the city think are the city's needs.
  - She urged each association to submit by laws to her office.
  - SWEEP scheduled are listed on the city's web site or call (813) 348-1111, press 2. Communication problems with SWEEP were noted.

- Hurricane Season has begun. Information is available on the city's web site in the Department of emergency Management.
  - The Tampa Electric Customer Service Number is (813) 223-0800. Several members expressed chagrin at the way TECO is trimming trees around power lines.
7. The State Neighborhood Conference is being held in Tallahassee, June 26-28. The city is unable to help people attend but THAN will sponsor one or two participants at up to \$250 each. Contact President Johnson if you are interested.
8. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee. This group was asked to review the Planning Commission's proposed revisions. The following points were made:
- The Heritage District is a huge portion of the city and is extremely diverse.
  - Curb cuts for businesses that are on the corner of a main street and a smaller residential street must be on the side of the small street, not the main street.
  - On boundaries for neighborhoods with issues, the boundaries will be changed.
  - A requirement that at least half the property be covered with buildings will increase the density in the city.
- Steve LaBour presented a list of 39 recommendations that the committee endorsed on the fourth draft of the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Steve will send these to people who contact him. [slabour@aol.com](mailto:slabour@aol.com).

MOTION: THAN supports the committee's compilation of comments and recommendations on the MPO Comprehensive Plan revisions.  
(Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Joseph Robinson. Passed unanimously.)

Randy Baron urged that we pay attention to the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan as they might well impact our neighborhoods.

Jennifer Doerfel, Director of governmental Affairs for Tampa Bay Builders Association, was our guest. She said that the Builders also have a problem with the density increase requirement in the proposed Comprehensive Plan Revision.

On the revisions to Chapter 27 of the Zoning Code, Al Steenson wants the neighborhood to be informed in writing of any changes made in the site plan after the Good Neighbor notices have been sent. Randy Baron replied that we should phone the developer directly and discuss possible changes.

MOTION: THAN recommends that City Council move the discussion on the Good Neighborhood notice in the proposed revisions to Chapter 27, the Zoning Code, to the January cycle.  
(Spenser Kass, seconded by Margaret Vizzi. Passed unanimously.)

9. Margaret Vizzi reported on the financial aspect of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Expenses to date have been: Culinary Wizardry (catering) \$2775, Stetson (venue) \$300, Taylor Rental (tables and chairs) \$336.88, Wofford Johnson (linens and invitations) \$349.78 for a total of \$3761.66. The receipts were: sponsors \$1400, guest donations \$210, for a total of \$1610. The difference, \$2151.66, was charged to THAN. The cake was donated by the St. Pete Times. We all thanked Mrs. Wofford Johnson (Ann) for the flower arrangements on the tables.

10. Bill Duvall distributed plaques and T-shirts to the participants of *Paint-Your-Heart-Out, Tampa*.
11. President Johnson asked the Nominating Committee to serve as the Election Committee to count the ballots. Margaret Vizzi reported that 23 votes were received, 21 written and 2 oral. The proposed slate was elected unanimously. [The Secretary received one ballot in the mail two days after the election.] The officers for 2008-2009 are the same as those for the past year;  
President: Wofford Johnson  
Vice President: Randy Baron  
Treasurer: Bill Duvall  
Secretary: Fred Zerla.
12. Because of an impending storm, the meeting adjourned abruptly at 8:47 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary