

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2009
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. He then asked the members and guests to introduce themselves.
2. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The February Minutes were approved as presented. He also reported that four associations renewed their membership in the past month bringing the total THAN membership to 42 neighborhood associations. An up-to-date list of THAN members is on our website, www.tampathan.org.
3. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. As February began, the treasury contained \$6738.15 of which \$1025 is the Mike Flynn Memorial Fund. Three members joined in February, for a total deposit of \$75. The balance, then, going into March was \$6813.15, or \$5788.15 plus \$1025 in the Mike Flynn Memorial Fund.
4. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. [The highlights of her report were sent to the THAN list soon after the meeting.]
5. Our guest speaker was Bonnie Wise, Director of Finance, accompanied by Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, and assisted by Dennis Rogero. Ms. Wise discussed general governmental operations and the three-year economic outlook of the city. She emphasized the policy of *Investing in Neighborhoods*. A long discussion followed. Details of the budget can be found on the city website, www.tampagov.net, look under "Budget". In answer to a request by a member, Ms. Wise stated that, unless there was an objection from the legal department, organizational charts of the various departments, where such organizational charts exist, would be provided to THAN.
6. Committee Reports.
 - a. In the absence of its chair, Margaret Vizzi, Spencer Kass reported for the Zoning Committee. He said that the Variance Review Board (VRB) will be discussing rules of procedure. The Zoning Committee will probably review these. Randy Baron, Sue Lyon and Steve LaBour are the THAN members on the VRB. Its next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, in City Council Chambers.
 - b. Randy Baron reported that the Wet Zoning Workshop is scheduled for March 26, in City Council Chambers, on the same day as the Workshop on the Vendor Issue.
 - c. Randy asked about *Community Gardens*, a favorite issue with Councilwoman Mary Mulhern. Can THAN devise a consistent position? Do we support? Not support? Support with conditions?
 - d. Richard Formica's report on the Riverwalk Project and the Greenbuilding Project were attached to the Announcement of the draft of the March Minutes.
7. President Johnson asked for a THAN representative to the Clean City Committee.