

**THAN**  
**TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**MEETING OF JUNE 10, 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 and 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. After the final version of the May Minutes had been promulgated, we corrected an error in Item 4, the Treasurer's Report. Two deposits had not been reported. These were a \$50 deposit for membership and a \$50 check for PYHOT mistakenly made out to THAN. This made the balance at the beginning of May, \$6908.57. The Secretary received 24 ballots in the election of THAN officers for the coming year. Membership renewal forms have been sent to the 42 members and invitations to membership to 20 associations on the Neighborhood Registry not in THAN. To date, 16 present members have renewed and 2 non-members accepted our invitation. Membership data will be reported at the August Meeting. The Secretary submitted a bill for yearly expenses of \$392.63, although he has \$40.72 in stamps remaining.
3. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance at the beginning of May was \$6908.57. A membership fee of \$25 was deposited and a withdrawal for expenses of \$9.60 was made. The balance in the account at the end of May was \$6923.97 of which \$1025 is the Mike Flynn Memorial Fund.
4. Our guest at the meeting was Ernest Mueller, Assistant City Attorney, who discussed the proposed Chapter 23.5 to the City Code on the imposition of Civil Citations to aid in the enforcement of the Zoning Code. He said that the State Legislature provided three zoning code enforcement tools. He listed these and discussed the merits and disadvantages of each. These are (1) The Code Enforcement Board, (2) Civil Citations, allowing fines of up to \$500 for zoning violations, and (3) Notice to appear before a County Criminal Court. He discussed the time limits for compliance with the Civil Citations, but said that instant citations occur for (1) repeat violations, (2) a serious threat to public health and safety, and (3) irreparable violations such as watering violations and tree cutting. The Board had some questions about Mr. Mueller's presentation. Finally, the Board saw the need for further clarification.

MOTION: That THAN ask City Council to delay a vote on the proposed Chapter 23.5 for 90 days to allow us to explore the revisions for possible unintended consequences.

(Spencer Kass, seconded by Randy Baron. Passed unanimously.)

5. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. She spoke extensively of the *All American City Awards* from June 17 till June 19. A copy of her report is attached.
6. President Johnson reported that the *Transportation Technical Manual* is in the process of being developed. The draft has been reviewed by the zoning committee which has no

strong disagreement with the proposed amendments. Most of the changes were pulled from existing codes and placed in the manual.

7. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that the proposed changes to Chapter 27 allow truck rentals in Commercial General (CG) zoning. This means that small 7-11 type neighborhood stores may now legally expand to truck rentals. The committee felt this would have a negative impact on neighborhoods.

MOTION: THAN opposes allowing truck rentals in Commercial General (CG) zoning. (Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Patt Fosnaught. Passed.)

8. President Johnson appointed Margaret Vizzi and Ruth McNair to constitute the Election Committee. They reported that 24 ballots had been cast in the election of THAN officers for the coming year. The results were that the following were elected to the indicated offices: Wofford Johnson, President; Randy Baron, Vice President; Bill Duvall, Treasurer and Fred Zerla, Secretary.
9. Richard Formica of the Green Building Committee told of a conference to be held at the Gibbons Alumni Center at the University of South Florida on Friday, June 12. The theme is *The Dutch Approach to Climate Change: A Dialogue with Tampa Bay*.
10. Randy Baron announced a THAN Workshop to be held on Saturday, July 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Gandy Civic Association Clubhouse, 4207 W. Oklahoma Ave, Tampa, 33616. The Board decided that *Code Enforcement* is the most pertinent topic. Randy plans to have these workshops quarterly rotating among the four corners of the city. He noted that our Wednesday evening meetings are too busy to sustain an in-depth conversation on an important issue.
11. President Johnson would like to put an Archives section on the THAN web site. He asked the long time members to provide him with a list of the THAN presidents with the dates of their terms of service.
12. Bill Duvall presented *Paint Your Heart Out, Tampa* plaques to the associations that sponsored PYHOT.
13. At this, the last meeting of our year, President Johnson thanked the officers for their service. He thanked the Zoning Committee, chaired by Margaret Vizzi, for its intense activity this year. He singled out Richard Formica for his work as a liaison to both the Riverwalk Project and the Green Building Committee. He thanked the Outreach Committee for its missionary activity, and, in particular, Randy Baron and Bill Duvall for helping the city of Largo organize neighborhoods. He mentioned that he had a long conference call with people in Jacksonville as they try to organize an association on the THAN model.
14. Under New Business, Steve LaBour, Randy Baron and Sue Lyon asked, "What does the city code say about electronic signs?" They noted that these signs did not exist when the code was written. This is a topic for future consideration.

15. Norbert Holz announced that the Code Enforcement Citizen's Board has disbanded. He also announced that a Tree Symposium will be held at Lowry Park Zoo School Auditorium on Thursday, July 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. As tree preservation has long been a goal of THAN, our members might well be interested.
16. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, at Union Station. Note that we do not meet in July, although the THAN Workshop on *Code Enforcement* is scheduled for July 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary