

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2010
HELD AT THE 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. The Minutes of the March Meeting were approved as presented.
3. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in our account at the beginning of March was \$6153.37, consisting of THAN's treasury, \$5128.37, and the Mike Flynn Fund, \$1025. During March, two membership fees were deposited, \$50. An expense of \$100 to the ACS Relay for Life in memory of Shirley Miranda was made. The balance at the end of March was \$6103.37, including \$5078.37 in THAN's account and \$1025 in the Mike Flynn Fund
4. Our guest, Randy Goers, discussed Transportation Review and Mitigation Procedures that the city will use in evaluating new developments. The aim is to encourage as much growth as possible be located in the business centers where mass transit is in place. These include locales slated to be serviced by light rail. To protect existing neighborhoods, new developments in these areas will be made deliberately difficult. Developers who propose building in business centers will face fewer challenges. Among the rules is that transit routes must be easily accessible for pedestrians and that the developers must tell how much projects impact neighborhoods. Residential areas are to be protected as much as possible. Mr. Goers assured us that this process is only just beginning. Margaret Vizzi and Randy Baron suggested that THAN hold a Saturday Morning Workshop to explore the ramifications of this issue.
5. Bill Duvall reported for *Paint-Your-Heart-Out, Tampa* that they do have 100 houses to be painted. He reported that *Meals-on-Wheels* is a new partner.
6. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that she, Sue Lyon and Wofford Johnson attended Council Meetings and inform us of the following:
 - a. The discussion concerning Electric Fences has been postponed until the July Cycle of Zoning changes.
 - b. A workshop will be held on the Digital Billboard issue.
 - c. While THAN is generally supportive of the concept of locating Community Gardens in vacant lots in a neighborhood, concerns have been expressed about the expense involved and how a parking increase affects the neighborhood. No discussions have been held on locating these gardens in City Parks.
 - d. Animal rescue of abandoned pets in residentially zoned property have raised questions because of the 6 foot fence necessary.

- e. On May 6, the Newspaper Rack issue will be heard. We are concerned about their placement in front of residences. How do we keep them out of neighborhoods?

MOTION: (To City Council) THAN requests that before Council passes the proposed ordinance concerning the placement of newspaper racks in residential zoned neighborhoods, a study be made to determine appropriate zones or corridors for their location.

(Spencer Kass, seconded by Patt Fosnaught. Passed unanimously.)

7. Patt Fosnaught presented the revised version of THAN's stationery. It was accepted by acclimation with thanks to the artist.
8. Bobbie AnnTarcza reported that the By Laws Committee had come to no conclusion on the issue of allowing former THAN presidents to retain membership in THAN.
9. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. A copy of her report was given to the THAN Representatives.
10. Richard Formica reported on the Riverwalk Project. He discussed the River Tour available to neighborhood groups.
11. Fredric Zerla announced that he and Margaret Vizzi are proposing an amendment to the By Laws to allow former presidents of THAN to remain members of THAN in the same way as Founding Members do. The required written announcement will be e-mailed to the THAN list and mailed to those THAN Representatives without e-mail capacity. This proposed amendment will be voted on by the THAN Representatives at the May Meeting.
12. President Johnson appointed the Nominating Committee for the election of THAN officers. He requested that they present a slate at the May Meeting at which time the election of officers will begin. Those appointed to this committee are Margaret Vizzi, Martha Jean Lorenzo, Sally Flynn, Sue Lyon and Joseph Robinson.
13. Fredric Zerla reported that he had sent a letter to City Council requesting that Neighborhoods of Record be permitted 10 minutes to present their views in zoning cases instead of the present 3 minutes. Council responded by scheduling a workshop on the issue on June 17, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers.
14. Martha Jean Lorenzo. Chair of the Outreach Committee, wants to form a group to welcome new people into THAN.
15. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary

