

**THAN**  
**TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**MEETING OF May 12, 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. .Our guest at this meeting was Tonja Brickhouse, Director of the Solid Waste Division, who reported on the scheduling changes in Solid Waste collection. These are the first revisions since those done in 1986 and were necessitated by changes in the city's demographics, service commitment, trucks and other equipment improvements. In dividing the city into two zones for solid waste pickup, and each of these zones into two sub-zones for recycling and lawn waste pick-up, the number of routes run per day will decrease from 46 to 34. Customer service response time will be improved and yard waste recycling will increase form 45% of households to 100%. Carbon emissions will reduce by 500,000 lbs. per year with a concomitant reduction in the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The reduction of personnel and equipment needed will be 15%, while increasing the flexibility of route design. The reduction of vehicles on the highways will be 10% daily. Solid Waste is presently informing the public of these changes with an anticipated start date of June 7.
3. A discussion was held on the proposed by law amendment to allow former presidents to retain membership in THAN. It was decided to include this discussion in a comprehensive revision of the By Laws this summer. In the meantime, no change in the way THAN operates will be made. This agreement was made formal with the following:

MOTION: That THAN continue operating in the manner that has become traditional pending a comprehensive review of the By Laws this summer.

(Randy Baron, seconded by Al Steenson. Passed unanimously.)

4. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the April Meeting were approved as presented. With the addition of the Sunset Park Garden Club, THAN now has 44 members. The secretary will mail both the ballot for the election of THAN officers and the renewal of membership forms on Thursday, May 13, to the 44 THAN Representatives. Already, Palma Ceia West NA and Temple Crest CA have submitted membership renewal forms.
5. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. As there was no activity on the account in April, the balance remained \$6103.37, including \$5078.37 in THAN's account and \$1025 in the Mike Flynn Fund. Discussion ensued as to how this fund might be used. The possibility of having trees put into any of the parks along the Riverwalk was explored. Richard Formica will make enquiries.
6. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee.
  - a. The Transportation Workshop with City Council has been delayed till June as the issue is in flux. The Zoning Committee then met to discuss the issue and will bring back information to THAN.

- b. The Digital Billboard Agreement was passed much as THAN had wanted. It was a major improvement from the original.
- c. The Newspaper Rack zoning change passed on first reading but we want restrictions to be imposed at second reading. To this end, the following motion was adopted.

MOTION: THAN supports sending another letter to Council reiterating our concern about locating newspaper racks on the right-of-way of private residences.

(Margaret Vizzi, seconded by Bobbie Ann Tarcza. Passed unanimously.)

7. Richard Formica reported on the Riverwalk Project. The Riverwalk Boat Tour was held on Sunday, April 24, with several THAN members, their families and friends, aboard. Lee Hofmann, the City's Riverwalk Development Manager, provided running commentary.
8. Randy Baron reported about future Saturday workshops. He is trying to organize one about Cell Towers in neighborhoods. He wants to use these workshops to inculcate the workings of THAN on new association activists. He is considering a workshop on the issue of transportation in the city.
9. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Nomination Committee. The committee proposed the following slate of officers for 2010-2011. For President, Randy Baron; Vice President, Jerry Frankhouser; Secretary, Fred Zerla; Treasurer, Bill Duvall. No nominations were received from the floor.
10. President Johnson appointed the following to constitute the Committee to Review the By Laws: Sally Flynn, Randy Baron, Margaret Vizzi, Sue Lyon, Jerry Frankhouser, and Fredric Zerla. President Johnson, himself, will chair this committee. Because of her knowledge of parliamentary procedure, Bobby Ann Tarcza was invited to be a consultant to the committee.
11. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. A copy of her report was given to the THAN Representatives. Additionally, she emphasized that because of the extreme weather affecting the country, civic leaders need to be aware and involved in planning for emergencies. The Hurricane Expo will be held at MOSI on Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. She also noted that Mayor Pam Iorio will visit THAN on Wednesday, September 15, a week after THAN's usual September meeting day.
12. President Johnson announced that the THAN officers will meet with the Mayor at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9. He invited the members to suggest items of discussion to him.
13. President Johnson asked for Neighborhood Reports. Several were given and discussed.
14. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary

