

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF June 9, 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 first guests represented HART. Olga Gonzalez, HART Manager of Executive Policy & Board Relations, and Steven Taylor, HART Director of Fleet Maintenance, discussed the Rapid Transit Investment Plan. The Plan is to implement transit improvements throughout the county by enhancing existing services, developing circulators in activity areas, instituting Bus Rapid Transit (Metro Rapid) and inaugurating light rail. Details may be found on HART's web site, www.goHART.org/whytransit.
3. Our second guest was Bernadine White King, Partnership Specialist, Field Divisions of the U.S. Census 2010. Ms. King said the mail census has been completed. The census is now in the follow-up phase with workers going door-to-door seeking people who did not submit a complete form. This phase will end on July 10. She emphasized that we need a complete count. Census data are used to determine the need for highways, hospitals, schools and other civic necessities. Anyone not yet counted is asked to phone 866-872-6868 (English) or 866-928-2010 (Spanish).
4. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the May Meeting were accepted in the revised version sent to the members a week ago. The secretary submitted the annual bill for expenses, \$265.30. In addition to the two associations mentioned in the May Minutes, the following 13 associations have renewed membership: Beach Park, Bon Air, Forest Hills, Gandy/Sunbay South, Historic Hyde Park, Hyde Park Preservation, South Seminole Heights, Sulpher Springs Action League, Sunset Park Garden Club, University Square, Virginia Park, Westshore Palms, and West Riverfront.
5. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. April began with \$6103.37 in the account, including \$5078.37 in THAN's portion and \$1025 in the Mike Flynn Fund. During the month, membership renewals totaling \$75 were deposited. With no expenses, the month closed with \$6178.37 in the account, including \$5153.37 in THAN's portion and \$1025 in the Mike Flynn Fund.
6. Richard Formica reported that because of Legislative inaction on renewable energy legislation, the Public Service Commission rejected the bid of Energy 5.0 to team with TECO to build a sun generated electrical power plant in Polk County. Energy 5.0 is now seeking projects in other states where energy policies are better defined. This leaves the Sunshine State with no commercial effort to harvest solar energy. The news from the Riverwalk is better. It is being used for charity events including a family walk on Fathers' Day to benefit a Moffitt Hospital Research Project. The Brorein Street Underpass portion has been permitted and funded. Construction bids are being submitted. An easement is being sought to build

the portion by the old Trump Tower Property on land rather than over the water, saving over a million dollars. A bike rental kiosk has opened under the bridge to Harbour Island at the Marriott Hotel.

7. Our third guest was Andrea Hildebran of Green Florida who discussed the establishment of community gardens. While the discussion was generally positive and supportive for these gardens, questions persist on how they impact neighborhood zoning.
8. Margaret Vizzi reported that the Zoning Committee continues to monitor the Community Gardens and Newspaper Rack issues. The January Cycle just went to the Planning Commission. Randy Baron told that the Transportation Concurrency Policy is being changed to encourage development in particular areas. We need more information on the details of this effort. The ordinance should be distributed in lay terms. We would also like to see a holistic view of how all the many transportation initiatives work together.

MOTION: THAN requests that City Council **not** schedule the first reading of the manual on Transportation Concurrency till such time as the city provides all interested parties with case studies with an opportunity to review such studies.

(Randy Baron, seconded by Margaret Vizzi. Passed unanimously.)

9. The Zoning Committee has concerns about the proposal to make Wet Zoning an administrative decision. We need information on possible revisions for Wet Zoning. For instance, if the distance requirement between establishments serving alcoholic beverages is too great, small shopping centers would be restricted to just one such establishment. What regulations would there be concerning hours of operation? What do we want neighborhood criteria to be?
10. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. A copy of her report was given to the THAN Representatives. In particular, she encouraged us to attend the **Florida Neighborhood Conference** at the Hilton Bayfront in St. Petersburg, July 8-10. She regretted that the city can no longer afford to help with our travel or other expenses, but the conference is well worth our effort. Details can be found at www.stpete.org/fnc . She noted that Mayor Iorio gave Wofford Johnson, our soon-to-be Past President, a picture plaque to thank him for his many years of service to THAN and, in particular, for his three years as its President. She noted that on Thursday, June 24, at 9:00 a.m., City Council will also thank Wofford for his service.
11. Randy Baron said that he continues trying to set up a Saturday Morning Session concerning Cell Towers. He wants Land Development and Legal included.
12. President Johnson would like the By Laws Committee, established at the May Meeting, to meet in the next two weeks.
13. President Johnson asked for Neighborhood Reports and several were given. During these, a problem encountered by a group was noted. This led to the following:

MOTION: That THAN ask the Mayor and the members of City Council that they accept an association's by laws if they conform to federal and state requirements.

(Spencer Kass, seconded by Wesley Warren. President Johnson tabled the motion until the August Meeting.)

MOTION: THAN wants to be involved in any discussion concerning revision of the city's Neighborhood Guidelines. (Lisa Monteleone, seconded by Sencer Kass. Passed unanimously.)

14. Outgoing President Johnson thanked the many members of THAN who contribute to the success of the organization.
15. City Council will hold a Workshop on the time allotted to neighborhood associations of record to respond to proposals of zoning changes on June 17. This issue was considered by THAN at its March Meeting (March Minutes, item #11).
16. Margaret Vizzi, serving as the Elections Committee, announced the results of the election of officers. President, Randy Baron; Vice President, Jerry Frankhouser; Secretary Fred Zerla; Treasurer, Bill Duvall.
17. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. As THAN does not meet in July, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary