

THAN

TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

MEETING OF March 9, 2011

HELD AT UNION STATION

1. President Jerry Frankhouser 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. A quorum of the members was present.

2. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The minutes of both the January and the February Meetings were approved as presented.

3. Our guest speaker was Kathy Beck, Natural Resource Coordinator, Parks & Recreation Division. She spoke about the urban forest program and how it ties in with the Tree Watch Program initiated by Wofford Johnson. She told of the educational grant request that the Hillsborough County Extension Service is applying for from the Florida Division of Forestry. This grant will allow Parks & Recreation to mobilize community support and increase the participation of Tampa residents in the stewardship of the urban forest using a community based social marketing approach.

4. Wofford Johnson officially began the Neighborhood Tree Watch Program (NTW). He thanked the planning committee consisting of Richard Formica, Ann Johnson, Sue Lyon, and Bobby Ann Tarza. He invited anyone who would like to serve on the committee to contact him. He is now enlisting Neighborhood Associations to implement the program within their boundaries. He plans to conduct a Saturday morning workshop for THAN members and for the Neighborhood Association NTW volunteers in May or June. He invites interested people to contact him at 837-8011. Because the Hillsborough County Extension Service grant request is so closely aligned with the NTW, he asked that THAN express its support.

MOTION: That THAN send a letter to the Florida Division of Forestry supporting the grant request of the Hillsborough County Extension Services.

(Worfford Johnson seconded. Passed unanimously.) [The secretary composed the letter and gave it to Kathy Beck on Monday, March 13, for inclusion in the grant request].

5. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. A copy of her report has been e-mailed to the THAN e-list. She urged neighborhood associations to apply for a CDBG even if its request does not quite fit the criteria. It may be that the city can honor the request with no formal grant. Once again, she urged that we look at our page on the Neighborhood Registry in order to make sure the information is still current.

6. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. As no activity occurred in the account in February, the balance remains \$5605.47. [The balance give in the February Minutes was incorrect. It should have been \$5605.47].

7. Richard Formica reported on several meetings he attended representing THAN. On February 22, he attended a meeting at the Patel Center for Global Solutions on the University of South Florida campus. Participants included Dutch government officials, engineers, scientists and advisors, advisors from the Department of Homeland Security, professors and researchers from USF, present and former representatives from local government and other interested parties. The discussion centered on the resiliency of the Tampa Bay region in coping with a large powerful hurricane (think *Katrina*). His extensive report is well worth reading. It has been sent to the THAN e-list. He also told of construction on the Riverwalk. He attended a community discussion on making Tampa a clean, green city. Held at Roosevelt 2.0 in Ybor City and hosted by The Bridge, its goal is the starting of a grass root effort to encourage the development of renewable energy sources in Tampa.

8. President Frankhouser then asked for open conversation among the members. One idea that emerged was the suggestion that we invite the new Council to a get-together in May.

9. Bill Duvall spoke about *Paint Your Heart Out, Tampa* occurring in April with THAN as a major sponsor.

MOTION: That THAN contribute \$500 to *Paint Your Heart Out, Tampa*. (Margaret Vizzi, seconded. Passed unanimously.)

10. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that changes to Wet Zoning Permitting are now before Council.

11. The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary